### William Stukeley Church of England Primary School



Our whole school attendance so far this academic year...

94%



# **ATTENDANCE**

#### March 2024

Our aim is to positively promote the importance of attendance at school, so that children can enjoy the very best education.

We have shared this important message with the children in an assembly.

#### **Targets & Figures**

• Term	•	Government     Target	William     Stukeley
<ul><li>Autumn 1 (Sept – Oct)</li></ul>	•	• 95%	• 94.23%
<ul><li>Autumn 2 (Nov – Dec)</li></ul>	•	• 95%	• 93.20%

The following government categories for attendance are as follows:

95% and above Expected

91-94% At Risk of Persistent Absence

80-90% Persistent Absence

51-79% At Risk of Severe Absence

Less than 50%
 Severe Absence

# **FACT**

365 days in a calendar year 190 School days,

175 non-school days for shopping, holidays and appointments

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# **Arriving late for school:**

5 minutes late every day

= 3 days lost

10 minutes late each day

= 33 hours lost in one year

- 15 minutes late every day
- = 2 weeks a year
- 30 minutes late every day
- = 19 days a year

- 19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance
- 90% attendance through school life is equal to a whole year of school being missed!

## Reminders

Medical, Dental and Hospital Appointments and Absences

Where possible, we encourage appointments to take place out of school time, in order not to disrupt the child's education; every effort should be made to arrange medical appointments outside school hours. Whilst we appreciate that medical appointments are unavoidable and the times not always flexible, such absences usually only take up part of a day so children, for example, could be brought into school for morning registration and return to school following the appointment. School should be informed of such absences in writing in advance, and we also require proof i.e. copy of appointment letter / text message reminder.

Absence messages

If you need to leave an absence message on the school answerphone, please can we remind parents/carers to leave a specific reason for absence i.e. give details if ill. To ensure the safety of all the children in school we do need to know more than 'feeling unwell' or 'not very well'.

Please be reminded that our policy is 48 hours absence from school following any episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

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