



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter

Summer 1 - May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather is due to become warmer over the half term holidays. Yippee, we hope that it lasts! With this in mind, please could sunscreen be applied to your child in the mornings before school and also consider packing a hat for school with their name in it. Hopefully this will help keep them cool and protected from the sun.

Mrs Rawcliffe—Attendance Lead

Attendance - September to May

Whole school attendance since the beginning of the school year is 94.74%. We are still aiming for 96% however, if school was able to finish on 95%, this would be a fantastic achievement for everyone. If school ends the year on 95% attendance, this would be in line with primary schools average across the country.



100% attendance

School has 76 pupils with 100% attendance. This is another huge fantastic win for pupils and parents. Research shows that primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard. Every day really counts as well as creating positive habits for high school and for one day, the world of work.

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



Leave in Term Time

This Summer Term 1, there has been a fall in the number of pupils taking leave in term time compared to last year. There has been a decrease in the number pupil taking leave in term time, which is brilliant and is helping us move towards our target. It also means that the number lost school days has dropped from 90 days to 56 this year. This is brilliant, thank you. However, we still need to work together to keep children attending school as the numbers of pupils taking leave in term time is the same as last year. On a positive note, the lost days have reduced from 639 last year to 592 this year.

Punctuality - September to May

Since 13th April, which was the beginning of the Summer 1 Term, 212 pupils were late 829 times. This means that there were 77 fewer pupils late this year compared to the same term last year. Also, the number of late marks has reduced by 55% compared to last year. Well done everyone, that's a fantastic achievement.



