



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me

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School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter Spring 2 - March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our Spring 2 edition of the School Attendance Matters Newsletter.

Thank you to parents, carers and pupils for arriving to school on time this term.

School attendance between September to the middle of March is **95.1%**. We are working hard to make small improvements to reach our school target of 96%.



Year 1 & Year 3 8.35am Class Challenge



Monday 14th March to Friday 4th April



Target 1

Arrive for school at 8.35am every day and each class will receive a handful of pasta for their class 'Jar of Joy' each Friday.



Target 2

Arrive for school at 8.35am each day for 2 weeks and each pupil will receive a chocolate treat.



Target 3

Arrive for school at 8.35am each day for 3 weeks and each pupil will receive an extra playtime.



Maximum 3 late marks allowed per class per week to qualify.

100% Attendance 28th March 2025

Currently, our school has 341 pupils achieving 100% attendance this term. We're now past the half way point of the school year and there are 44 pupils that have 100% since September.



Over 96% attendance

This is our school target which still allows for illness. Since September, 55.5% of pupils have at least 96% attendance. Well done!



Punctuality

A tremendous 79% of pupils have been on time for most of the year. These pupils have been late no more than three times. If you would like to beat the traffic, Go Noodle dance is available in the school hall from 8.15am free of charge.



Keeping Healthy & Promoting Recovery

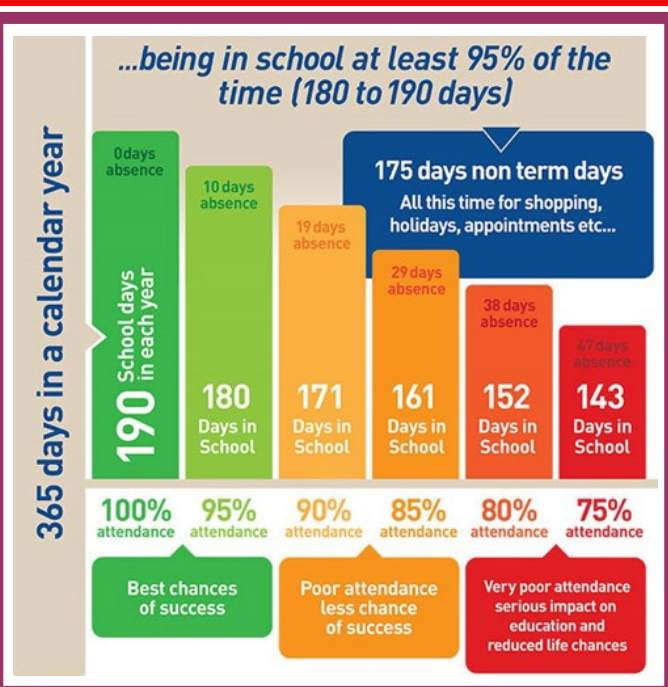
Did you know that there are 8 vitamins in the vitamin B family. They all have a specific job to do to help the body convert food into energy (metabolism), create new blood cells, and maintain healthy skin cells, brain cells, and other body tissues. They cannot be stored in the body so it's important that they are eaten regularly. Vitamin B can be found in meats and fish, plant based foods such as green leafy vegetables, mushrooms, beans and fortified foods like bread and cereals. A lack of vitamin B can lead to fatigue.



VITAMIN B 12

National Walking Day—Wednesday 2nd April

Have you thought about swapping your car for your feet for the journey to school for just one day? **If you can, you could benefit from exercise and fresh air, which boosts good mood hormones and improves mental health. It could allow you to beat the traffic and gives a sense of achievement.**



ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4 **2ND TIME**
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Leave in Term Time

School has seen a 34% drop in the number of pupils taking Leave in Term Time since September in comparison to the same period last year. Also, school has seen a 40% drop in the number of school days lost to Leave in Term Time. So far this year, 9 pupils have taken Excessive Leave for 15 days or more, which is down from 20 for the same period last year meaning that school is making progress.

Punctuality—Most on Time Class September 2024 to March 2025



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| 1) Eagles—13 lates | 8) Jays—34 lates |
| 2) Swans—14 lates | 9) Woodpeckers—40 lates |
| 3) Eaglets 21 lates | 10) Puffins—40 lates |
| 4) Owlets—27 lates | 11) Robins—51 lates |
| 5) Pipets—31 lates | 12) Kestrels—67 lates |
| 6) Swallows—32 lates | 13) Sparrows—68 lates |
| 7) Jays—34 lates | 14) Wagtails—77 lates |