

Spring term 2024



2023-24 Whole school attendance (September 23-April 24) = **96.9%**

Whole School Spring term attendance = **97.1%**

Summer term attendance target = **+97.1%**

Spring term attendance by year group – Congratulations to Year 2 (Hameln) who recorded the highest attendance

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.5%	97.5%	98.4%	97.1%	96.7%	94.9%	94.1%

Congratulations to our 100% Attendance Club for Autumn term 2023 & Spring term 2024

Grayson Crammond, Anna Parkinson, Daniel Parkinson, Annabelle Shinn, Poppy Shinn, Elsie Thompson, Finley Ingram and William Thompson.

Reminder of DCS Policy: DCS Attendance Directive 3.2.6 (which can be found on our Safeguarding and School Policies tabs on the school website)

Please find attached to this Attendance Matters, Annex E from the above directive to all DCS Schools overseas. I would strongly encourage all parents to consider the following information regarding unauthorised absence

Repeat Unauthorised Absences & Persistent Lateness

- If attendance is **above 98%** and pupil has two separate unauthorised absences: School to monitor attendance.
- If attendance is **above 96%** and pupil has two separate unauthorised absences: T/C from schools to discuss absence and consider invite to informal meeting with EWO and school.
- If attendance is **below 96%** or **3** separate unauthorised absences: Referral to EWO and parents/carers invited in for MOD Attendance Review (MOR).

Exceptional term time leave – information from Directive 3.2.6

Valid reasons for **authorised absence** include:

- a. Illness and medical/dental appointments.
- b. Religious observance – where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong. If necessary, the school will seek advice from the parents' religious body to confirm whether the day is set apart.
- c. Post Operational Leave.
- d. Family terminal illness or bereavement.

*Family holidays are not justified reasons for authorised absence during term time and will be registered as authorised absence. Exception: when in year amendments to the school's published academic calendar are made.

*POL and Exceptional Leave request forms can be collected from the Main Office. They are also available via DCS Attendance Directive 3.2.6 on our website (Annex B and C).



Key dates for the remainder of our academic school year

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May 2024: Year 6 SATS Assessments (Monday: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling – Papers 1 & 2) (Tuesday: Reading Paper) (Wednesday: Mathematics Papers 1 & 2) and (Thursday: Mathematics Paper 3).

Wednesday 22nd May: Garrison Health Fair (class visits)

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May: Summer half-term holiday

Monday 3rd June – Monday 8th July: Summer term after-school clubs (Monday 1500-1600hrs)

Monday 3rd June – Friday 14th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessment window

Monday 10th June – Friday 14th June: Year 1 and Year 2 re-sit Phonics Screening

Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June: Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 Assessments in school.

Friday 5th July: Attenborough Families afternoon (1200-1500hrs)

Friday 12th July: End of year reports (FS1-Y6) / including pupil results in Phonics screening, Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 2 and Year 6 SATS papers.

Monday 15th July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly (pm)

Friday 19th July: Mufti-day and school closes for summer holidays at 1315hrs

Please see 2024/25 School Calendar attached also



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School Calendar 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

First Day of Term	Thursday 5 th September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November 2024
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 18 th December 2024 (1315hrs finish)

Spring Term 2025

First Day of Term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025
Last day of Term	Tuesday 8 th April 2025 (1315hrs finish)

Summer Term 2025

First Day of Term	Thursday 24 th April 2025
UK May Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025 (School closed)
Half Term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Last Day of Term	Thursday 24 th July 2025 (1315hrs finish)

Attenborough School closure days due to professional learning

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 2nd May 2025