

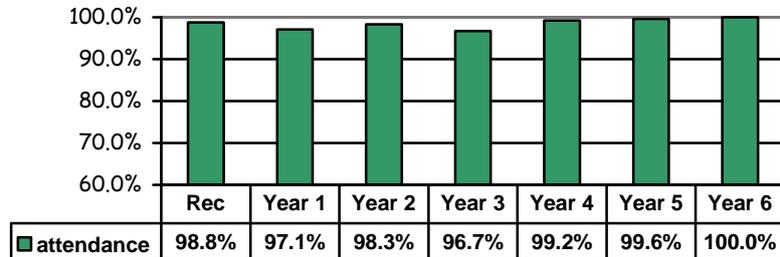
School Journey

There will be a meeting for Parents of Year 6 children who are going on School Journey on **Thursday 19th May at 3:45pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out a little bit more about the week and what the children will be required to bring with them. The school can now confirm that Miss Jodoin, Mr Challens, Mrs Hicks and Miss Betts will be accompanying the children to Devon. Year 1 and Year 2 will be taught by other teachers while Mr Challens and Mrs Hicks are away.

Dates

Please see the column on the other page for new dates for the rest of the term (class trips not included) Due to the availability of Battersea Stadium, junior sports day is (unusually!) the day before we break up. This being the traditional day for leavers' Mass for Years 5 and 6, we are hoping to be able to confirm with Fr Edward that leavers' Mass will be on Wednesday 13th July at 2pm.

Congratulations to Year 6 with 100% attendance last week!



No early holidays please!

It is nearing the time when you may be thinking about booking a summer holiday. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Friday 15th July**. It is a legal requirement that children attend school right up until 3.30pm on the last day of term. Please do not book holidays or flights before the end of the school year. Holidays should not be taken during school time, they will not be authorised. The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few weeks are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. We are grateful for your cooperation. Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate. The Local Authority can issue penalty notices for poor attendance.

Attendance

It has been shown that there is a clear link between achievement and attendance/punctuality and in this area we rely greatly on the co-operation of parents. However, if your child is unwell, please telephone the office before 9am to report your child absent, clearly stating the exact reason for the illness. For this purpose, sick or unwell are insufficient. If no-one is available to take your call, please leave a message on the answer machine. A letter, addressed to the school office, **MUST** accompany your child on their return to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Quiz Night: 26th May, 7pm-9pm

The preparations for this year's quiz night are in full swing, and you can purchase tickets from Mrs Miller in the playground each morning or from class reps after school. It is always a great opportunity to mix with other parents in a relaxed atmosphere, and hope that many of you will be able to come.

- Tickets £5 in advance or £7.50 on the door
- Drinks will be available. Please bring nibbles to share with your team
- Please invite friends and past parents
- Over 16s only
- All funds go to the school

Important Reminder: Leavers

Please let the school know *immediately and in writing* if your child is leaving at the end of this academic year. The school needs to plan for next academic year and we are currently in the process of offering places to other children on our waiting list. Thank you to the parents who have already advised us of their plans.