

Winhills Primary Academy Attendance Termly Newsletter

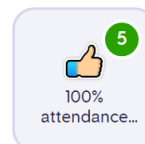
Spring Term 2025

There was a new statutory duty for attendance (starting from 19th August 2024). A letter from our CEO (Mrs Connell) was sent out at the end of last academic year which is currently being actioned in school. If you need another copy of this, please contact the school office.



Attendance for the AUTUMN TERM

Children who have 100% attendance for a half term period receive 5 Class Dojo points.



During a Monday assembly, class attendance from the previous week is shared and the class with the highest attendance receive extra playtime as a reward.

A huge congratulations to the **66 children with 100% attendance** for the Autumn Term (this is an increase of 15 children compared to the previous academic years Autumn Term). These 66 children received a certificate for being in school every day. For the Autumn Term, there were another **81 children who achieved over 96% attendance** (this is the percentage for our school attendance target). With 248 children currently on roll, we had 59.3% of our pupils meeting our attendance target of 96%+ for the Autumn Term.

From our Ofsted inspection (May 2024), it was identified that “too many pupils are persistently absent from school. This means they miss important learning, making it more difficult for them to catch up.”

What was the attendance for each class during the Autumn Term?

Einstein (EYFS)	92.71%	Attenborough (Y3.4)	96.86%
Coleman (Y1.2)	96.53%	Frank (Y3.4)	98.38%
Rashford (Y1.2)	95.81%	Nightingale (Y3.4)	93.06%
		Armstrong (Y5)	96.51%
		Jordan (Y6)	91.63%

This covers the 2024/25 academic year up to 20 December 2024.

Headline facts and figures - 2024

Overall attendance in the UK was 93.5%

Winhills overall attendance for the Autumn Term was 95%

The overall UK absence rate, therefore, was 6.5% across all schools

Winhills overall absence rate was 5%

At Winhills, we were above the national average for attendance and below for absences!



Punctuality

Our school regards punctuality as the utmost importance and lateness, when ever possible, should be avoided. Being late has a big impact on a child and can be detrimental to their learning—particularly if they are missing the same key session each day. Over time it builds up—**15 minutes late everyday** is the equivalent of missing **10 whole school days per year**.

School gates open at 8:30am and children are expected to be in class for the start of the school day 8:40am.

In the Autumn Term, across the school we had **75 pupils with a total of 331 late marks**—this was 4 children less than compared to the Summer Term and 83 late marks less recorded on Arbor.

There were 173 children with no late marks recorded for the Autumn Term (totaling 70% of children on roll).

What to do if your child is unable to attend school

Frequent absence will inevitably impact on your child’s learning, both academically and socially. If your child is unable to attend school **you must contact the school office before 9am**. You can leave an email or voice message to inform us of the absence. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you. If we cannot contact you, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**. If we have not heard from you, please expect to receive a home visit from a member of staff. Repeated unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices.

What should I do if my child is unwell?

We fully understand that children become unwell and know that it can be a hard decision whether to send them in. With this in mind, this reference guide could be of help:

Red: Stay at home

Sickness and diarrhoea

24 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school.

Amber: Seek advice

Severe headaches, stomach aches, feeling sick

Children can often feel these symptoms when they are anxious or worried. Please contact us if you feel this could be a concern.

Green: Come to school

Mild cough, mild sore throat, feeling tired

If your child has these mild symptoms, please send them in and we will contact you if they get worse during the school day.