

Wingrove Primary School

Attendance Newsletter – Spring Term 2026



'You can't achieve your dreams if you don't show up to chase them.'

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring students achieve their full potential. Being in school every day helps them build strong learning habits, keep up with their subjects, and stay connected with peers and teachers. But it also does something even more significant: it shapes the routines and behaviours that prepare young people for life beyond school.

Although the world of work may feel like a lifetime away, it will be here before they know it. Employers consistently emphasise the importance of reliability, punctuality, and commitment. Turning up every day, ready to take part, is a skill and it begins with good attendance at school. By developing these habits now, students set themselves up for a positive future, whether that's further study, apprenticeships, or employment.

'Success is earned one day at a time. Start by showing up.'

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child attend school regularly and on time. Every day really does make a difference.

Now to the BEST part of my job—CELEBRATING attendance!

Thirty Key Stage 1 pupils with AMAZING attendance won a trip to the VUE Cinema in Cramlington, where we watched *Dog Man*. The children loved every minute and had so much fun! But we didn't stop there! We then took thirty Key Stage 2 pupils to the VUE in Gateshead to watch *Pets on a Train*.

It's always a pleasure taking our pupils on trips, and I am bursting with pride at their behaviour, their respect for others, and how truly grateful they are for being given these opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe spring break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th April at 08:35am. DON'T BE LATE!

Hayley Paxton - Attendance & Welfare Officer

Overall attendance

Children in primary school are expected to have attendance of above 96%. The government has set this target of **96%** for all schools and we are expected to reach that each term. This term January 2026 – April 2026, **Whole School Attendance is 93.7%** which is significantly lower, so we need to work together to improve this.



The Local Authority have introduced a stepped approach to Fixed Penalties on unauthorised leave during term-term.

*Each penalty is per parent per child. The stepped approach to fixed penalties applies within a rolling **3-year period**.



1st Offence - £160 fine, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

2nd Offence - £160 with no reduction for early payment.

3rd Offence – referral to court.

If your child is absent you **must** call the absence line -

0191 2735466

OR

0191 2735842

PLEASE PRESS 1.

To speak to me, or to leave a message on the absence line, **SELECT OPTION 1** when prompted to do so. Please state your child's full name, name of their teacher and the reason for their absence. Although we strive for good attendance for all children, we understand that anyone can be ill. If your child is too unwell to come school, then please phone to let us know.



Illness

All children at some point are ill, which means that they cannot attend school.

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea then they cannot attend school for **48 hours**.

However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose or sore throat, then they should attend school. We find, in most cases, that children are so busy in school that they tend to forget their little illnesses very quickly.

If you need help or advice on whether your child should stay off school you can always use the Healthier Together App – A great place to find accurate and trusted NHS healthcare advice in the North East. All the information on the site has been checked by clinicians, to ensure they offer the best advice for parents, carers, young people and health professionals.

Holiday and leave of absence

We continue to work closely with the local authority in relation to issuing fines for holidays taken during term time. This is an increasing problem, and we feel our pupils should not miss valuable education. This term we had **30 children** each missing on average nearly **2 weeks** of their education due to **unauthorised absence**.

Please look at the school term calendar and plan your time away during school holiday time. **Penalty fines will be enforced accordingly.**

The calendars are available from the school office and are on the school website and in noticeboards.



April 2026

The doors will open from **0835** each morning. Reception to Year 6 pupils should be in class ready for registration at **0845** prompt. Anyone who arrives after **0845** is late and should report to the school office. Morning nursery doors open **0840** and close **0845** Afternoon doors open at **1225** and close at **1230**. Bring children to school on time and they will be prepared for an exciting day of learning.



At the end of the school day Picking your children up on time at the end of the day is just as important as getting them to school on time. **Please remember, school finishes at 1515. Afternoon nursery at 1530.** If you think you might be late picking up your child, please ring the school office on 01912735466 and we can let your child know.

Attendance Reward. When a class comes in every day, Monday to Friday, the whole class will get to enjoy ice lollies.



We love to reward good attendance 100% Attendance Draw

All children who achieve **100%** attendance, and are on time every day, each term, will have their name entered in the prize draw. A name is drawn out in Gold Assembly and the winner is awarded a collection of prizes. The children with **96%** or above each half term have their names in a prize draw and the winner is awarded a book.

Do you know your child's attendance?

Your child's attendance is important. Keep your child in the green zone, aim for above 96% attendance. If you would like to know your child's attendance, please speak to me. I will be happy to help you with all your attendance needs.



Film and Nacho Party

The children love to try and achieve the best attendance for their class. Every half term, the classes in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with the best attendance, win a film afternoon complete with nachos.



Golden Time

The class who has the fewest '**lates**' has Golden Time, once a week.



Spring Term 2a –

'Dog Man' -Vue Cinema, Cramlington

Zain 1LJ – Adam 1LJ – Kiswah 1LJ – Anaya 1LJ – Haniya 1LJ – Dereck 1LJ – Jawad 1LJ – Razi 1LJ – Ayira 1SC
– Omar 1SC – Azaan 1SC – Shajjullah 1SC – Anabia 1SC – Eesah 1SC – Omar 1SC –
Noon 1SC – Judy 2AH – Daniyal 2AH – Minha 2AH – Hasnain 2AH – Kawsar 2AH – Iosif 2AH –
Leyna 2AH – Hussain 2EA – Muhammad 2EA – Philip 2EA – Eileen 2EA – Taif 2EA –
Hanis 2EA – Amela 2EA

'Pets on a Train' – Vue Cinema, Gateshead

Timotei 2AH – Jana 3CL – Lorin 3CL – Jamine 3CL – Matei 3HLP-EH – Ali 4JMC – Hasan 4JMC – Taskeen 4JMC –
Daniel 4JM – Kevin 4JMC – Mohammed 4JM – Zain 5AM – Afnan 6BR – Delia 6RR – Daria 6RR – Maisie 6BR –
Mya-Rose 2EA – Miruna 6RR – Rahela 6RR – Daniel 6RR – Ana 6RR –
Raissa 6KS – Rahela 6KS – Abdallah 6KS

Whole Class Attendance Spring Term 2026

LATES Spring Term 2026

Nursery am	90.8%	Nursery am	28
Nursery pm	87.3%	Nursery pm	70
Rec SB	92.5%	Rec SB	57
Rec CH	90.4%	Rec CH	69
Year 1 LJ/SK	93.8%	1LJ/ SK	73
Year 1 SC	94.5%	1SC	94
Year 2 AH	95.2%	2AH	113
Year 2 EA	94.2%	2EA	90
Year 3 CL	92.0%	3CL	71
Year 3 HLP/EH	94.4%	3HLP/EH	80
Year 4 JMc	93.6%	4JMc	64
Year 4 JM	96.7%	4JM	72
Year 5 TB	93.1%	5TB	80
Year 5 AM	96.0%	5AM	25
Year 6 KS	95.7%	6KS	58
Year 6 BR	93.4%	6BR	106
Year 6 RR	95.3%	6RR	69

Whole School

93.7%

Whole School 1219

Well, what a term this has been, culminating with Ofsted on 16th March. We will be sharing the report with you soon, when we receive it. Looking at our attendance data for last week, up to 30th March, I am very pleased to see that Miss Reay's class were all in all week and therefore got 100%. Mrs Mulhearn's class were a close second at 99.3%, followed by Ms McCarthy's class with 98%. I am very disheartened to see eight classes in the amber category with under 96% attendance and two classes who were below 90%. We can do better than this and I hope you can all try to get your child to school more regularly for the final term. I also must mention the number of pupils who arrive after the gates have closed and the buzzer has sounded at 0845. This lateness really affects the children, as they hate being late and, more importantly, they miss out on assemblies which is a time for celebration, or they are missing the vital phonics sessions which take place first thing in the morning. Everyone can have a struggle once in a while and turn up late on the odd occasion, but I am seeing more of the same families coming up to the main office reporting late for school. It has a huge impact on the children, and I really hope we can work hard to eliminate lateness.

Mrs Mullarkey