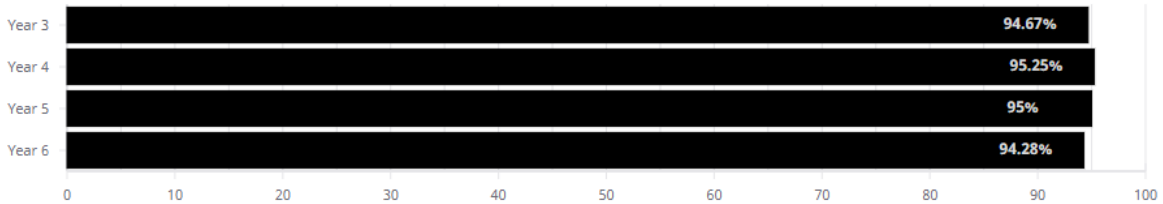


Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a wonderful start to the year and are really pleased that so many of our children have been in school, on time, each and every day. Our attendance for September is at almost 95% which is a great start considering the last two years. This is an increase on almost 4% more than last year. The best attending year group is currently Year 4, closely followed by Year 5!



There are so many great things planned for each year group, I am sure all children will want to be in school. Attend every day or you will miss out!

Mr Sharp

School Priorities

We are always looking for ways that we can improve our school learning - this year we are focussing on:

- Attendance
- Reading
- Communication (Oracy)
- Inclusive Practice

Please see pages 2 and 3 for what this means and how you can help!

Uniform

It is important that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school. Our expectations are shown below.

Uniform

Look smart: Be the part

Your child is expected to wear uniform everyday

Wearing uniform will give you a sense of belonging and pride



PE Kit

Get fit and wear your kit!

Your child should wear school PE kit on their PE days. This should be blue, white and black!



What are our school priorities?

**ATTENDANCE – IN SCHOOL, ON
TIME, EVERY DAY**



All children should have good attendance and be in school everyday

**READING – OPEN A BOOK, OPEN
YOUR MIND, OPEN DOORS**

All children should develop their reading skills and love to read



**ORACY – EVERY CHILD SHARES
THEIR VOICE**



All children should develop their vocabulary and have an opportunity to talk

All children should access quality first teaching and be well included in all lessons

**INCLUSIVE PRACTICE – AMBITION
FOR ALL!**



WHAT?

What actions will we take to make our school better?



Attendance



- Daily monitoring
- Sharing key messages around the importance of attending school
- New pupil rewards

How can you help?

Give your child the best chance and make sure they are in school every day.

Reading



- Access to a range of reading materials
- Reading assemblies
- Class and school libraries
- Excellent phonics teaching

How can you help?

Encourage your child to read every day. Share books and literature with your child

Oracy

- Talk opportunities in all lessons
- Develop teacher's knowledge of the best practice
- Oracy Assemblies

How can you help?

Ask your child what they have done at school and help them with their talk home learning

Inclusive Practice

- Know each child and provide personal learning
- Create excellent environments
- Provide models and resources

How can you help?

Help your child with their learning at home. Check their Jigsaw home learning book every day



Helping your child to be ready for school

Attendance

- Please make sure that your child is in school everyday. **GROW AND FLOURISH**
- On time everyday! **READY – RESPECTFUL – RESPONSIBLE**
- Regular attendance and punctuality are vital for effective learning!
- Children who attend regularly do better in their learning!
- Your child will miss key knowledge if they're not in school less enrichment opportunities too!
- Build your learning – build your future prospects!

The impact of school attendance is noted below:

98-100%	95-97%	90-94%	85-89%	Below 85%
<p>Absent for fewer than 5 days across the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Attendance Hero * Excellent learning development * Strong friendships * Lots of enrichment opportunities * Confident children * Strong teamwork skills * Increased job opportunities in the future 	<p>Absent for fewer than 10 days across the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Great learning development * Strong friendships * Fewer enrichment opportunities * May feel less Confident * Good teamwork skills * Many job opportunities 	<p>Missing up to 20 days a year <u>One whole month!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Good learning development * May have fewer friendships * Limited enrichment * May feel less confident * May have poor teamwork skills * May have fewer job opportunities 	<p>Missing up to 30 days a year <u>That is 6 whole weeks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Poor learning development * Harder to make friends * Very few enrichment opportunities * Lack confidence * Poor teamwork skills * Limited job opportunities 	<p>You need to act now!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Very poor learning development * May struggle to make friends * Very few enrichments opportunities * Poor confidence and self esteem * Very limited job opportunities

Attendance HERO
Here
Everyday
Ready to learn
On time

**NEVER
 TOO LATE
 TO START
 LEARNING**



Helping your child to grow and flourish

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's learning. **You can get your child off to a great start...**

Children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school!

What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – and it's never too late to start reading together

Support your child by hearing them read every day.

Our focus this year is to have the children reading as much as possible. This will help them to read more quickly, while also improving their background knowledge. We will do this by:

- Leading our curriculum with high quality texts
- Sharing books everyday
- Visits to the school and local library
- Having weekly reading assemblies
- Holding a school competition to read as many books as possible.

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

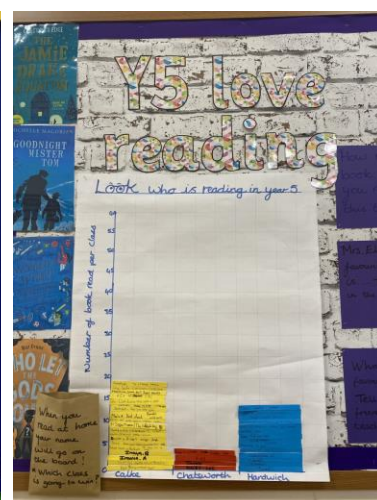
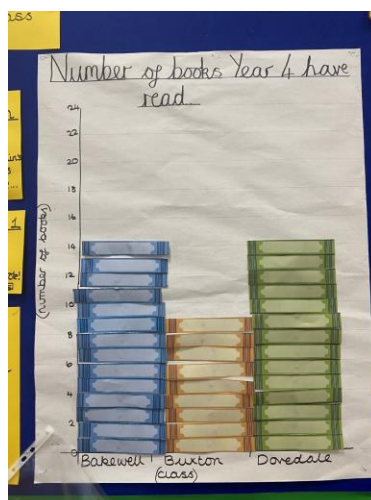
-- Dr. Seuss



I do believe
something magical
can happen when
you read a book.

J.K Rowling

Reading Competition Charts



Self Isolation

The rules on when you have to self-isolated have changed.

If you or your child is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and they will instruct you on what to do next.

The link below contains the current government guidance for you to follow:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Adults who have had both vaccines are not required to self-isolate, unless they have symptoms or test positive. Please consider being vaccinated if you have not been already!

Message from Jill Wilkinson (Chair of Governors)

Meeting with the School Council

On Tuesday 28 September, I met with the School Council and they told me that they are currently looking at the behaviour policy in terms of the rewards system for the whole school and that their priority for this year is the school environment. They told me about the garden area which is being developed and will be known as a 'reflection garden' to remember those who are no longer with us; and about the allotments where I understand carrots, broccoli and even a pumpkin are growing!

They were also able to tell me about things they are currently learning and why. For example they told me that in Science they were learning about volcanoes and they knew that there is currently an active volcano in Spain – another child added that they have also learnt volcanoes in history – citing Pompeii! They said they want to know more so that they can get better jobs – a nurse, a scientist and a Police Officer were some examples.

Jill Wilkinson, Chair of Governors



Dates for the Diary 2021 -22

Friday 22nd October	End of Autumn term 1 – half term
Monday 1 st November	Children Return to School for the start of Autumn 2 term
Friday 12 th November W/B 15 th November	Children in Need Anti-Bullying week (One Kind Word)
Thursday 23 December	End of Autumn term 2 - half term (Break up for the Christmas Holidays)

OFFICE REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are really excited by the start of our breakfast club on Monday 4th October. If your child is eligible for free school meals then there is no charge, for all other children the charge will be £1.00 per day. A breakfast and activity will be provided between 8am and 8.50 each day. Please make sure that you make a booking in advance by submitting the information requested on <https://forms.office.com/r/CEWAuQnb5K>

Payments should be made each morning or on a Monday at the school office

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money should be submitted to the school office each Monday morning and placed in an envelope with your child's name and class .

The daily charge for a meal is £2.20 or £11.00 per week.

Menus choices for the Autumn term are available on the school website





PEAR TREE
COMMUNITY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

With trust & care we will grow & flourish

