

Dear Parents and Carers

All of the staff at Eastwood Primary and Nursery would like to thank you for your support to improve our school attendance.

The following table highlights the school attendance percentage for each term this academic year. It also shows the percentage of children who were classified as persistently absent. The Local Authority states that any attendance which is 90% or below is classified as persistent absence.

Unauthorised holidays taken, during the summer term, has had an substantial impact on both our overall attendance and persistent absence figures.

	2017-2018 academic year (Reception to Year 6)	
	Overall attendance percentage	Persistent absences
Autumn term	95.3%	14.62%
Spring term	95.5%	11.03%
Summer term	94.9%	14.1%

We are extremely grateful for your continued support and acknowledge that our progress has been down to the parents and carers ongoing collaboration to improve attendance. We are positive that with the continued support of the community we should be able to achieve our school target of 96.5%.

Attendance reward 2017 - 2018 academic year

All children whose attendance was 95.5% or higher for this academic year, were going to have a water fight with the local fire service on Tuesday 17th July. Due to the current water restrictions in place, the decision has been made to postpone this reward until the start of the new academic year. If the water restrictions are still in place in September then an alternative activity will be arranged. A letter will be sent out in the new academic year with all the relevant information.

The current year 6 children, who's attendance is 96.5% or above, will have an alternative attendance reward before the end of this academic year.

Thank you once again.

Mrs Shorten
Attendance Lead