



17th January 2025

Dear Families,

Attendance Week ending 10th January 2025

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
91.8%	83.6%	83.3%	96.6%	89.2%	93.5%	95.8%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95.5%	91.5%	96.3%	97.4%	97.1%	96.2%	95.4%

The attendance figures are looking a lot more promising this week, with 5 classes achieving figures over 96% (the level expected by the government). We hope to see these figures continue to improve going forward.

We are here to support you with any concerns that you have about your child's attendance. Our aim is always to make Summerswood a safe and happy environment in which the children are excited to learn. If your child is showing any signs of hesitancy about coming in to school, please do let us know so that we can address any issues that they may be experiencing.

You can email: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk, call 0208 359 3139 or speak to your class teacher or our Attendance Champion, in person

Lateness

We are still seeing a lot of children arriving late in to school on a daily basis. Please remember that **registers open at 8.40 am and close at 8.50am.**

If you have any concerns with getting your child in to school on time in please do get in touch and we will be happy to discuss these with you.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

Rewards for good attendance- and ideas

In an upcoming school Parlaiment session, the children will discuss attendance- what motivates them to attend, what they enjoy about coming to school and what rewards they might enjoy when excellent attendance is achieved. We would also be really interested to hear your constructive ideas about how we can work together to improve attendance. Please do email these over to: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk

When should I keep my child off of school?

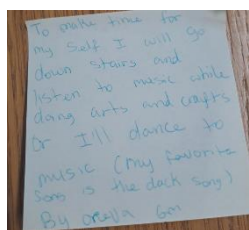
Please see information from the NHS here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) This is a useful reference when deciding whether or not your child is able to come in to school.

Please note that we do not expect your child to come in to school if they are too unwell to do so, but many mild illnesses such as coughs and colds feel better as the day goes on, and we will always give you a call if symptoms worsen.

Accessing treatment for common illnesses

For some common illnesses, your child can recive tratment at your local pharmacy: [How pharmacies can help - NHS](#) we know that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get Doctor's appointments, so this might be a quicker way to get your child treatment.

World Mental Health Day



For world mental health day, last year we asked children, staff and parents how you make time for yourselves. This week's great idea is:

"I will go downstairs and listen to music while doing arts and crafts or I'll dance to music (my favourite song is the duck song)"

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 29th January	5S Class Assembly- 9am
Wednesday 5th February	5B Class Assembly- 9am
Wednesday 12th February	4T Class Assembly- 9am
Thursday 13th February	Spring Disco- details and times to be confirmed
Friday 14th February 2025	School finishes at Normal times for Half Term
Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 1st April 2025	Class and Year 6 individual photographs for Autograph books
Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School

Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 23rd May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in school
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23rd July 2024	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm

Free Workshop for Parents and Carers



We've had a good response to our Free workshops (funded by HCC) 'All Feelings Matter'. The workshops are running next week and the closing date for registration is next Monday 20th January.

Parents and carers can choose:

- **21st January 9.30am – 11.30am and 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

Dads and male carers only:

- **23rd January 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

The workshops are open to parents and carers across Hertfordshire.

Professionals can refer, and parents can self-refer by using the button below or the QR code.

[Click here to register](#)



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