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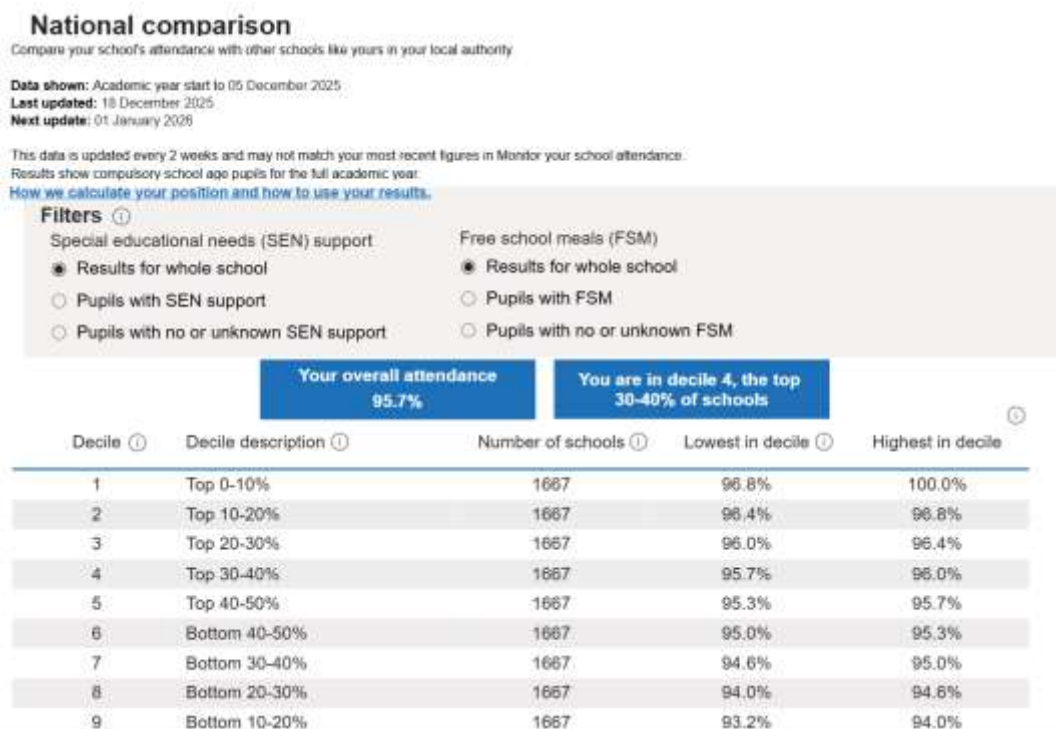
Dear Parents /Carers,

## Re: School Attendance – Positive Progress

We are writing to share some encouraging news about school attendance and to thank families for the improvements we have seen this year.

So far this academic year, our overall attendance stands at 95.7%, which represents an improvement on last year. This places our school in the **top 30–40% of schools nationally**, meaning attendance is now better than around two-thirds of schools across England. Within our local authority, we are also securely placed within the upper half of schools.

This improvement reflects the commitment of many parents and carers who ensure their children attend school regularly and on time, and we would like to thank you sincerely for your support.





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### Why attendance continues to matter

Despite this positive progress, attendance remains a key priority for the school. Regular attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

### Impact on children

- Academic achievement: Each day in school builds on the last. Missing lessons can lead to gaps in learning that are difficult to close.
- Social development: School supports friendships, confidence and communication skills through daily interaction.
- Routine and security: Consistent attendance helps children feel settled, safe and ready to learn.

### Impact on the school community

- Strong attendance supports high-quality teaching and learning for all pupils.
- It ensures school resources are used effectively.
- It contributes positively to how the school is viewed by the local authority and Ofsted.

### Areas we are still working on

While overall attendance has improved, we continue to see:

- A small number of pupils whose attendance is **persistent** (below 90%) or **severely low**
- Occasional term-time holidays
- Regular late arrivals, which disrupt learning for the child and their class

We understand that illness and exceptional circumstances do occur. However, we ask families to avoid term-time holidays wherever possible and to ensure children arrive at school punctually every day.

### Support and information for families

Parents can monitor their child's attendance at any time via the school app MCAS, rather than waiting for termly reports.

Further national guidance for parents can be found on the Department for Education's Parent Hub:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

### Working together





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We ask all families to continue working with us to strengthen a culture of regular attendance and commitment to education. Where concerns arise, early communication with the school is key. We remain committed to working collaboratively with parents and carers. Support is available through meetings, early intervention and guidance where attendance becomes a concern. Letters are sent when attendance reaches key thresholds to ensure families are informed and supported early. Miss Sanusi and Miss Ghaderi are always ready to help – please reach out to them if you need support.

Finally, we would like to thank those parents and carers who consistently ensure their children attend school regularly and on time. Your commitment makes a real difference to your child's success and to our wider school community, and it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,  
Karen Kondo

William Rollason

**Headteacher**

**Chair of Governors**

