



**ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER**  
**SCHOOL TARGET 96% ATTENDANCE**

**St Mark's Catholic Primary school**  
**Autumn Term 2023**  
*In a caring Christian community, together we Love, Learn, Laugh and Achieve.*

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Our attendance this academic year to date is 94%, which is an improvement on last academic year but is still below our school target of 95%. We hope to continue to work with our families to ensure this percentage increases. Many congratulations to all of our pupils and families who strive to attend school every day. Please keep up the good work.

**Our approach:**

We are part of the Knowsley Attendance Strategy and wish to work in partnership with parents and carers. We are seeking your full support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time. We are always pleased to work with parents and carers to look at barriers to children attending school every day and we are committed to improving attendance at St Mark's Catholic Primary.

Poor attendance at school is the greatest barrier to learning that our pupils experience and limits opportunities for learning and achievement, as well as preventing personal growth and development, both socially and emotionally.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

**Every Day Counts**



**Attendance:**

**September 2023 – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Our grades are:

- Red** Below 90%
- Amber** 90% - 92.4%
- Yellow** 92.5% - 95.9%
- Green** 96% - 100%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Rec	96%
Y1	90%
Y2	94%
Y3	94%
Y4	92%
Y5	93%
Y6	94%
<b>Whole school</b>	94%

**For last half term 100% attendance certificates will be received by:**

- Reception – pupils 12
- Year 1 – pupils 10
- Year 2 – pupils 10
- Year 3 – pupils 12
- Year 4 – pupils 10
- Year 5 – pupils 12
- Year 6 – pupils 12



**The class with the best attendance last half term was:**  
**Reception with 96%!!!**

Attending school every day is really important for our pupil's mental health and wellbeing. We understand that some children / classes have been affected by illness such as Chicken Pox and this can't be helped. Please continue to keep us updated on individual circumstances.

### Important reminders:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and at their own entrance. If your child is going to be absent due to sickness please contact the school office before 9.15am via the school app or telephone. If we have not heard from you by 9.15am we will respond with a call and if no contact can be made a home visit may be carried out. If you have recently changed your address or telephone number please let us know.



### Punctuality:

Did you know that 10 minutes late each day equals 33 hours lost learning each year. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts their start to their day. Please help your child to arrive at school on time.

### Starts time reminders:

Nursery	8.30am
Reception	8.45am
Year 1	8.45am
Year 2	8.45am
Year 3	8.45am
Year 4	8.45am
Year 5	8.45am
Year 6	8.45am

**All late arrivals will be recorded in the school late books and closely monitored.**



### Toast:

Punctuality will be rewarded and any class with no 'lates' for a week will receive toast at break time the following week.

### Medical appointments:

Where possible all medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours. If it is absolutely necessary for an appointment to be within the school day, please provide a copy of the appointment letter to your child's class teacher or to the school office.

### The Legal Stuff School:

*Attendance is important for all areas of your child's development and because the law requires it! As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend every day.*

### Attendance ambassadors:

Our attendance ambassadors for this term are:

Year 1 – Jack

Year 2 – Rayah

Year 3 – Kiera

Year 4 – Jake

Year 5 – Alice

Year 6 – Olivia Mae

One of the roles of the ambassadors will be to seek ideas from their peers about what attendance rewards they would like and how we can improve attendance in our school. They will feed back in our school attendance meeting with Miss Bradshaw and Mrs Sellers.



### How is your mental health today?

If you or any of you family are struggling with mental health please see our Mental Health and Wellbeing section of our school website for further documents and useful website links:

<https://stmarkshalewood.org.uk/information/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

*Thanks for your continued support,*

*Miss Bradshaw – Headteacher*

*Mrs Sellers – Learning Mentor*

