



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term
Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to share with you a new county attendance campaign which provides practical and supportive advice to families.

Why is attendance at school so important? School isn't just learning about subjects; it's where our young people forge friendships, find passions for hobbies and have access to opportunities that are not available elsewhere, such as participating in school sports competitions, using the latest technologies and school trips to various locations.

What if my child is too ill to attend school? We know that when children are unwell they need to be at home to get better. The Government provides guidance to help make those difficult decisions of when they should be off school and when they shouldn't. Please use this [NHS site](#) to see the full guidance.

For more information please visit our school website [here](#) or Initio Learning Trust website [here](#).

The graphic features a purple background with white hand-drawn icons like hearts, stars, and a crown. On the left, a speech bubble contains the text "Talk to us if you're worried about getting your child to school." In the center, five people (three women and two men) are smiling; one man is holding a soccer ball. On the right, a white oval contains the text "In this together" above a black box with "School Attendance" in white. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the Dorset Council logo, the text "Struggling to get your child to school? Help is available – find out more: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-attendance", a white arrow pointing right, and a QR code.

Please arrange to speak to us if you would like to talk about your child's attendance or if there is any support you would like. We are here to work in partnership with you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Isabella BM	Isabelle N Zack M	Ollie G Harvey W	Nancy A Oliver S	Elarna C Eva S	Adam N Lottie F
Fruit of the spirit Award		Remi Jayne Phoebe G	Harry D Dexter C	Idunn C Hope H	Ethan J Kane WD	Sophie R George R

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day . Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session.

This week's attendance

Oak Base	94.64%
Sycamore Base	95.1%
Beech Base	95.41%
Willow Base	94.37%
Ash Base	94.49%

Car Park - Authorised vehicles only

This is a polite reminder that only those people who are authorised to come into the site car park, drive in to drop off or collect children. All other cars should be parked legally and safely. Please be vigilant of children and families. Once pedestrians start crossing a road they have the right of way and vehicles should stop. Thank you for ensuring that everyone's safety is prioritised.

Dates for your Diary

Please see our website for calendar dates by clicking [here](#), a reminder that you can subscribe to this on your device, dates are then added to your own calendar, which will automatically update when new dates are added. Please click on the subscribe button and follow the instructions.