The Pochin School

Attendance Newsletter

AUTUMN 2 TERM 2026

Note to Parents & Families

As always, thank you to our families for continuing to work with us to ensure that all children have the best possible attendance.

Our whole school attendance for the first half term of the academic year was **98%!**

Winter Illness

As we head into the colder months, we understand that children may experience seasonal coughs and colds. If your child is generally well - eating, playing, and able to manage their day - they should attend school.

We will keep a close eye on their wellbeing throughout the day. Being in school helps maintain routine, learning, and connection with friends.

Please keep your child at home only if they have a high temperature, are too unwell to manage the day, or have been advised to stay off by a medical professional.

Appointments

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that pupil learning time is protected.

Please arrange medical and other appointments outside of the school day—either after school or during the school holidays.

Punctuality Reminder

08:30 Gates open.

08:50 Gates close. Pupils are now late and must be signed in at the office by an adult with a valid reason given.

Although children are not classed as late until 8:51 am, they are missing the start of the school day which includes feedback on the previous day's learning, wellbeing check in, basic skills such as handwriting lessons.

Autumn 1 Attendance

Days of learning lost to:

- Holidays: 16.5 days
- Illness: 113.5 days
- Other unauthorised: 7.5 days
- Medical appointments: 8.5 days
- Lates: 33 (before register closes)
- Lates: 0 (after register closes)

After School Activities

- Monday - Clay Creators
- Tuesday - Young Voices (Lunch)
- Wednesday - Arts & Crafts
- Friday - Laser Tag/Kids with Bricks

#miss school #miss out



Planned activities for Autumn 2 Term to enhance learning

Safety Week
Year 5 and 6 Football
Year 4, 5 and 6 Girls Football
Year 6 Visit to Warning Zone
Rock Steady Music
Brass Whole Class Music Tuition
Diwali Dance Workshops
Diwali and Bandi Chorr Diwas Celebrations
Year 6 Visit to Newarke House
Anti Bullying Week
Enterprise Week

To share as a school community

Stirring the Pudding
Festive Market
KS1 Nativity
Christmas Dinner
Pantomime at De Montfort Hall
Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church

Reminder about Absence Procedures

- Please inform the school office before 8:30 am if your child will be absent from school
- You may be asked to supply medical evidence such as medication or appointment letters
- Please arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible
- If you have not contacted school, Miss Shilton will contact you to find out the reason for absence

Term-time Holidays

Taking holidays during term time can significantly disrupt your child's learning. As well as missing vital English and maths lessons, which build sequentially and underpin future progress, your child will also miss at least one full unit of a foundation subject such as science, history, or design technology. These units are carefully planned to develop key knowledge and skills, and missing them can lead to lasting gaps in understanding. Every lesson matters.

Multi-Tiered System of Support

To guarantee a comprehensive approach to attendance, we implement a Multi-Tiered System of Support. A Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for school attendance involves three tiers of intervention, with roles for teachers, the school, children, parents, and external agencies – including the Local Authority. Data-driven decision-making and training requirements are pivotal to the implementation of the system. The system aligns with the Department for Education's (DFE) "Working Together to Improve School Attendance" guidelines.

