



HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely, festive holiday and wish you every health and happiness for all of 2024.

ATTENDANCE

With your support we continue to have aspirational goals for our attendance as a school, as classes and for individual children.

On Monday the Department for Education gave a press release announcing their National Drive to Improve School Attendance, which can be read [here](#).

The importance of children attending school can not be understated and there is NHS guidance which aims to help parents to decide whether to keep their child off school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Beyond the usual childhood illnesses, there has been a National increase in children experiencing **Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)**. We would always encourage parents to strive to ensure that their child attends school whilst communicating any difficulties they may have so that we can work towards a solution. Information about Wirral's approach to EBSA, through the EBSA project is now available on the Family Toolbox for Wirral families. These pages are designed specifically for the audience of parents, carers, and families. The links are below:

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/resource-list/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebasa/> (general advice and guidance)

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/resource-list/wirral-support-for-emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebasa/> (an overview of the Wirral project which will be updated regularly moving forwards).

If you have any concerns or questions regarding any aspect of attendance please do not hesitate to contact school and thank you for your continued support.

DATES 2023/24

School closes 16.02.24

HALF TERM

School opens 26.02.24

School closes 28.03.24

EASTER HOLIDAY

INSET DAY 15/04/24

School opens 16/04/24

School closes 24/05/24

HALF TERM

INSET 03/06/24

School opens 04/06/24

School closes 23/07/24

DATES FOR THE DIARY

12/01/24 Life Education Caravan (F2-Y3)

15/01/24 History Week Assembly

16/01/24 Curriculum & Standards Governor Meeting

5/02/24 Children's Mental Health Week

6/02/24 Safer Internet day

7/02/24 Finance Governor Meeting

9/02/24 Wear Your Scarf to School Day

13&15/02/24 Parents' Evening

7/03/24 World Book Day

15/03/24 Y4-6 Cross Country

15/03/24 Comic Relief Event

18/03/24 Y5/6 Tag Rugby

19/03/24 Full Governing Body Meeting

22/03/24 F2/Y1 Tam

O'Shanter Farm Visit

25/03/24 Y4-6 Cross Country

Please check the calendar www.irbyprimary.com for further information and dates.

CURRICULUM

The History or Geography focus for the Spring 1 half term is as below with the significant individual to be studied in brackets:

Red Class - Wonderful Winter

Y1 - Significant People in Space (H Sharman/T Peake)

Y2 - Victorian Transport (Queen Victoria)

Y3 - Ancient Egypt (Howard Carter)

Y4 - Slave Trade (W. Wilberforce)

Y5 - Crime and Punishment

Y6 - WWII: Life in Britain (W Churchill)

Please reference the school website for more information.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School attendance for the Autumn Term was:

96.5%

Please demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time.

Further information can be found on our website (under the tab 'Parent Hub').

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The highest attendance this year to the end of the last week of last half term (22/12/23) was:

YEAR 3 with 97.80%

A huge well done to everyone in Year 3 and all of the other classes who were very close.