



# Autumn 2023 Newsletter



## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter. It is a lovely time of year as we lead up to Christmas and we look forward to all of the activities we have planned for the rest of the term.

## Dates for your Diary...

Event	Date	Time
Halloween Parties	EYFS and KS1 Thursday 26 October 2023 KS2 Friday 27 October 2023	In school time.
Class 3 Family Assembly	Friday 27 October 2023	2.40pm
School closes for Half term	Friday 27 October 2023	3.15pm
School reopens	Tuesday 7 November 2023	8.55am
Children In Need Day- non school uniform	Friday 17 November 2023	In school time. £1 donation.
Class 2 Family Assembly	Friday 24 November 2023	2.40pm
Parents' Evening	Monday 27 November 2023 Tuesday 28th November 2023	Times will be sent out after half term.
Class 1 Life Centre Trip	Thursday 30 November 2023	Class 1 at school for 8.45am.
Christingle Service at St Philip and St James' Church	Friday 1 December 2023	2.45pm
Christmas Dinner for pupils and staff.	Wednesday 6 December 2023 Pupils can wear non uniform, party wear.	12pm -1pm
Class 2 Trip to Beamish	Tuesday 12 December 2023	In school time.
Nativity Play—EYFS and KS1	Friday 15 December 2023	9.15am £1 entry fee.
Christmas Parties	EYFS/KS1 Friday 15 December 2023 KS2 Tuesday 19 December 2023 Pupils can wear Christmas Jumpers.	In school time.
Christmas Fayre Raffle tickets will be sent out after half term.	Friday 8 December 2023	1.30pm.
Celebrations Assembly	Monday 18 December 2023	2pm-3.15pm
EYFS/KS1 Train to Christmas Town	Tuesday 19 December 2023	In school time.
Christmas Holidays start	Tuesday 19 December 2023	3.15pm



## Attendance

Our target for the whole school attendance is 96%, however it currently stands at 93.7%.

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks.

**Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts.**

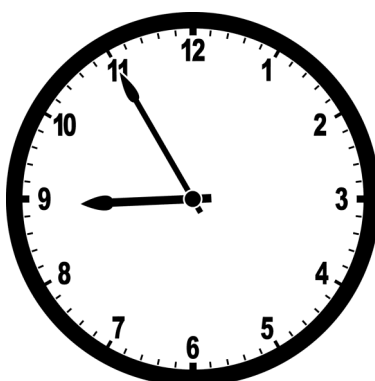
**Don't be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.**



<b>100% Attendance</b>	<b>0 days missed</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>95% Attendance</b>	<b>Up to 9 days of absence Potentially 1 week and 4 days of learning missed</b>	<b>Requires Improvement</b>
<b>90% Attendance</b>	<b>19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed</b>	<b>Poor – defined as “Persistent Absence”</b>
<b>85% Attendance</b>	<b>28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
<b>75% Attendance</b>	<b>46 days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<b>50% Attendance</b>	<b>Half of all days in school missed</b>	<b>Severe Absence</b>

## Lates

We would just like to thank you for supporting us with lateness. The number of children coming to school late has greatly reduced. We appreciate your support.



## School Holidays 2023 / 2024

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2023 (6 weeks 1 day)	Friday 21 July 23	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Autumn Half-Term 2023 (1 week 1 day)	Friday 27 October 23	Tuesday 7 November 2023
Christmas 2023 (2 weeks 2 days)	Tuesday 19 December 23	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Spring Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 16 February 24	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024 (2 weeks 2 days)	Wednesday 27 March 24	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day 2024 (1 day)	Friday 3 May 24	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 24 May 24	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024 (6 weeks 2 days)	Friday 19 July 24	Wednesday 4 September 2024

**Important note:** the following dates have been agreed as INSET Days for school staff and the school will be closed to pupils:

Monday 6 November 2023

Monday 22 July 2024

Thursday 28 March 2023

Tuesday 23 July 2024

NB- Leave of absence in term time will not be granted unless there are circumstances deemed exceptional by the Headteacher. For all absence requests, a Leave of Absence form must be completed prior to the time requested. Please note that holidays during term time will not be granted.

# AfterSchool club

### After School Clubs

Clubs will start week commencing Monday 13th November 2023 and run until 16th February 2024, with the exception of the 2 weeks at Christmas as stated on the letter. Please return all reply slips before Wednesday 8th November.

### Swimming - Class 1

Swimming for Class 1 will start Friday 10th November. Children who will be attending swimming from Class 1 will receive a separate letter explaining the new arrangements.

### Nursery Places

We have spaces in our Nursery for 15 and 30-hour places for children aged 3+. Please contact the office for an application form or if you have any questions. All children who attend for 30-hours get a free school meal every day.

## **Reminder**

Can we remind all parents/carers that abuse of any kind will not be tolerated to any member of staff. All telephone calls are recorded for monitoring purposes.

## **Uniform**

If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown or is no longer needed and is in good condition please bring this in to school so we can recycle it. All our uniform will be put out on display periodically or pop in to the office and the staff will be happy to help you find the sizes you need.

Tots to Teams Website- <https://totstoteams.com/schools/tow-law-millennium-primary-school>.

## **Halloween Parties**

Halloween parties will take place in school time on the dates shown on the front page. Your child should come dressed in their Halloween costume (if they wish to wear one). If your child does not want to be involved in the party alternative arrangements will be made to support them. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns or questions.



## **Infant Free School Meals**

All pupils in Class 3 and 4 are entitled to a free school meal. Our meals are all freshly made on the premises with a choice of 4 options a day.

When your child moves into Key Stage 2, Classes 1 and 2, if you feel that they should be entitled to continue on free school meals, please contact the school office who can let you know. If your child/children aren't currently down as being eligible for free school meals, please call in the office for a form and we can re-check this. Meals cost £2.50 per day and are paid for via Parent Pay.