



Attendance Newsletter

Summer Term 2026



Not long until the 6 weeks holidays, I am sure we will all be ready for it!

As a school our current attendance is **92.9%** which is below the national figure of **94.9%**.

As we head into the summer term, there are several key events on the horizon, including **Health and Wellbeing Week**. These events not only provide valuable learning experiences but also foster a sense of community and belonging among our pupils. It is essential that children attend school regularly to fully participate in these activities.

We appreciate that some absences can't be avoided (eg illnesses). Taking holidays during term time can disrupt a child's education – this year an exceptionally high number of holiday requests have been made and have resulted in Penalty Notices/Fines as stated in statutory guidelines. We have issued 26 penalty notices to both parents.

1st Holiday* = Penalty Notice of £160 per parent (Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)

2nd Holiday* = Penalty Notice of £160 per parent (No reduction)

3rd Holiday* = Prosecution in court which may result in a fine of up to £2,500 * within a 3-year period

We encourage families to plan holidays during school breaks to ensure that children do not miss out on crucial learning and social experiences.

Lates - We have also noticed an increase in children being late for school this academic year. Please remember that children should be in school by **8.45 am** ready to start lessons at 9.00 am.

Who can support me?

- Our school attendance champion is Mrs Emma Faulkner (efaulkner@sjjs.dgat.org.uk)
- You can speak to your child's teacher about attendance at any time.
- You can speak to anyone at school who will be pleased to advise and help you ensure your child attends school regularly.

Attendance Team

