



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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Welcome back to our wonderful school community after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. It's lovely to see all our pupils back in school, ready and eager to embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in these final weeks of the academic year. Our Gospel assembly theme this week, 'Holy is His Name', reminds us that together in hope, we are called to continue Jesus' work, to make God known to all. This message feels particularly relevant as we witness our pupils growing in faith, knowledge, and understanding each day.

This week marks a particularly special time for our Year 6 pupils as they embark on their residential trip to Hilltop. This experience represents so much more than just a few days away from home – it's an opportunity for our oldest pupils to develop independence, build lasting friendships, and create memories that will stay with them long after they leave us. I know they will represent our schools beautifully and make the most of every moment. We also have some important assessments taking place that I wanted to bring to your attention. Our Year 4 children will be undertaking their multiplication check, whilst our Year 1 pupils will be completing their phonics screening check. These assessments are wonderful opportunities for our pupils to demonstrate the progress they have made, and I have every confidence they will approach them with the positive attitude and determination that characterises our school community. We wish them all the very best of luck.

I'm delighted to share that we look forward to welcoming Miss Bicker back from her maternity leave on Monday 7th July. Her return will be warmly received by pupils and staff alike.

Looking ahead, I wanted to ensure you're aware of several important dates. Sports Day will take place on 8th July for St Benet's and 10th July for St Edmund's – timings will follow shortly. Our pupils will have their move up day on 17th July, giving those moving into new classrooms the chance to familiarise themselves with their new environment. School reports will be distributed during the week beginning 7th July, allowing you time to read them thoroughly and arrange appointments with teachers should you wish to discuss them further.

Finally, Rowan Class families are warmly invited to their Stay and Pray session on Tuesday 10th June at 2:30, and Oak class on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30 – all are welcome to join us for this special time of reflection and community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Samantha Barlow  
Executive Head



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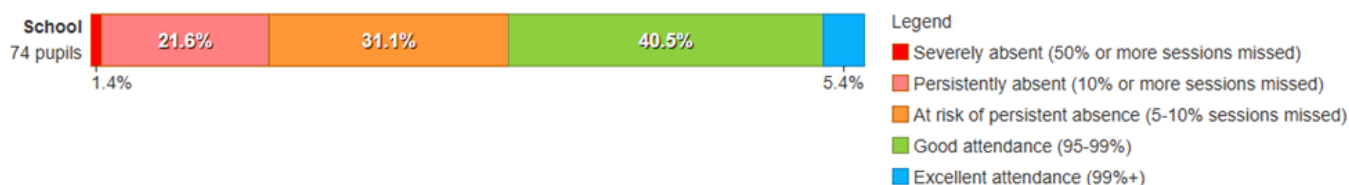


## Attendance Matters

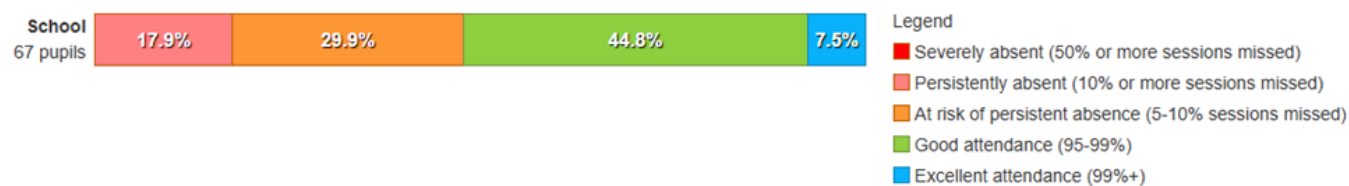
National Attendance: 94.9%

Local Authority: 94.9%

St Benet's – 90.6%



St Edmund's – 93.8%



## The Importance of School Attendance: Every Day Counts!

Did you know that regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success? When students attend school consistently, they gain the full benefits of classroom learning, social interaction, and developmental opportunities. Here's why every day matters:

- Improved Learning Outcomes:** Missing even a few days of school can cause pupils to fall behind in critical subjects like maths and reading. Regular attendance ensures they stay on track and achieve their full potential.

- **Building Strong Habits:** Attending school daily helps students develop responsibility and time management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.
- **Social Connections:** Being in class allows students to engage with peers, make friends, and build a strong support network.
- **Increased Opportunities:** Students with good attendance are more likely to succeed academically, graduate on time, and have access to better career opportunities in the future.

### What Families Can Do

You play a crucial role in your child's attendance. Here are some tips to help:

- **Establish Routines:** Set regular bedtimes and morning routines to ensure your child is ready and on time for school.
- **Communicate with School Staff:** If your child is facing challenges or has health concerns, let us know—we're here to help!
- **Celebrate Attendance:** Recognise and reward your child for attending school regularly.

Let's work together to ensure every student has the best chance to succeed. Remember:  
**Every day in school is a step toward a brighter future!**

### Forest School dates

12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6      19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3      26<sup>th</sup> June – Years R & 1

### Other upcoming dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Rowan class stay and pray – 2.30pm  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Oak class stay and pray – 2.30pm  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Rowan class trip to West Stow  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Bikeability  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Beech class trip to Time and Tide museum  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 mass at St Mary's  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – School Disco after school  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 taster day at Bungay High School  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fete

### Summer Fete

We are looking for volunteers – especially if there's anyone who is willing to run our BBQ – this would be fantastic! Please contact the school office or let Shelley know if you are able to help.

**\*\*Heart of Gold will return next week\*\***



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