

Eastlands Primary School

February 2018

EPS Attendance
Target **96.5%**

R— 95.5%

Y1— 94.3%

Y2— 95.4%

Y3— 96.7%

Y4— 94.1%

Y5— 95.5%

Y6— 91.6%

Overall attendance
for the whole
school for
January was aver-
aging at **95.5%**.

**This is below
our target.**

Please help us to
raise this % by en-
suring your child
attendance is good
or better.

**Is your child's
class**

**"On time at
5 to 9" ?**

School opens at
8.45am when chil-
dren can go to their
classrooms and get
ready for the start
of the school day.
Please make sure
that your child is in
their class, ready to
work by **8.55am** at
the latest.

Congratulations to our school choir

The EPS school choir were
amongst nearly 7,000 chil-
dren who performed at the
Young Voices 2018 concert at
the Genting Arena on Friday



12th January.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and were amaz-
ing. They performed along with Natalie Williams, The
M4gnets, Alfie Sheard. Please take a look at the
www.youngvoices.co.uk website

Term dates. -

12th February— Termly Learning Confer-
ences (TLC's) - Years R,1,2,3T

15th February—Termly Learning Confer-
ences (TLC's) Years 3R, 4,5,6. Please
book your appointment.

28th February - Story time—6.00—7.00.

1st March—World Book day

7th March—Class Photographs

19th March—science week

28th March —school closes for Easter.

29th March—Staff Science training day.

School closed to pupils. Monday 16th April
- School opens for summer term.

Happy Birthday to all our
children who celebrate their
birthdays in February:

Rec; Oscar, Polina, Portia
1: Nissanth
2: Darcey, Tobias, Zain,
Charlotte, C'Jai, Minnie
3: Lacey, William
4: Finlay, Hector
5: Max, Daniel
6: Meredith,

Public Health Guides—[Understanding your Child.](#)

Please explore these useful links to Understanding your
Child (0-18 Years olds), Understanding Your Baby
(newborn), Understanding your pregnancy.

[Free online guide for parents](#)—resource pack

Guides designed by
the 'Solihull Approach'
programme, which is
proven to strengthen
parent-child relationships.



Thank you to staff and visitors who volunteered their own
time to run clubs last term.

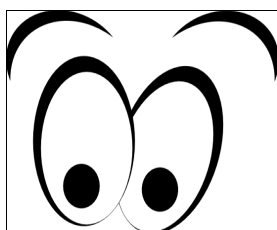
Mrs Goff ran a board games club. Miss Prendergast &
Mrs Butlin ran film club, Miss Towers ran an art club and
the Rotarians and Mrs Edwards ran Rotakids and Kids In
the Community.

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Eastlands Primary School

Lansdowne Place, Rugby CV21 3RY Tel: 01788 57328

Eastlands Primary School



LOOK OUT FOR:

⇒ Parents Maths Workshops Monday 29th for KS1 at 2.50 & KS2 at 3.20. Details were texted out.

⇒ Safer Internet Day in February 6th.

School Vision In Action

One school aim is to celebrate perseverance; resilience and risk taking, ensuring children welcome challenge and are not frightened to make mistakes.

We recognise perseverance in many ways. '**Star of the week**' and '**Sparkly Writer**' for example from each year group.

This could be for reasons such as trying hard with their learning or for being a positive role model in the classroom.

Perseverance

persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Harry in Year 4 - 'I used good descriptive words, now include more description in my work.'

Olly in Year 2 showed perseverance when he tackled a greater depth question in maths.



Stamps are earned by reading at home five times a week and completing weekly homework and if children have shown a positive attitude in their lessons.

Every child who earns 50 stamps is presented with a bronze certificate, then silver for 100 and gold for 150 stamps. These certificates are presented in Celebrations Assembly on Fridays.

The 2nd key word in this aim is resilience. Resilience a quality that helps children deal with change, become an effective learner, be in control of their learning, reflect on learning and build strong relationships. In school we have learning conversations & class learner forums. Children can talk through their learning and discuss what helps them learn better.

Jasio in year 2 showed resilience when he responded to feedback and improved his vocabulary.

Hector in Year 4 showed resilience in handwriting. 'Kept my writing to Miss Magdji's expectation and now I do it all the time'.

Eastlands Primary School

Bad weather—We are now into the time of year when bad weather can impact on school. If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website, on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosure and by text message as soon as possible.

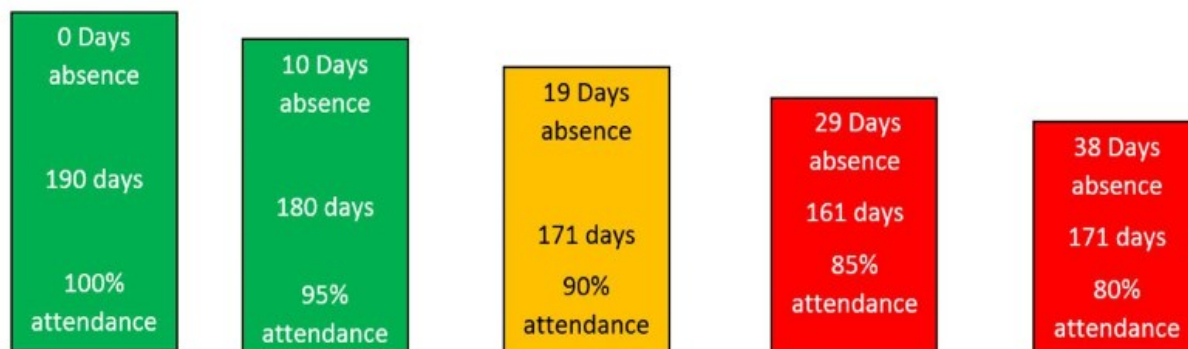
Our school attendance target is:- **96.5%**

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time (180 – 190 days a year)

There are **365 days** in a year and **190 days** in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



Good Attendance ← Poor Attendance ← Very Poor Attendance

Best Chance of Success ← Serious Impact on Education

Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

Ks1 [Phonics games](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

[http://
www.familylearning.org.uk/
phonics_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

KS2 – [Crick](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html)

[http://www.crickweb.co.uk/
ks2literacy.html](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html)



Eastlands Primary School

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 47,552 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2014/15. This is a decrease of 13,122 on the previous year. This is a positive outcome as it means that 6,561 extra days of education were achieved when compared with the previous academic year.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority