



Summer Attendance Newsletter

Moments matter, attendance counts

St Peter's Catholic Academy

Welcome to the first edition of The St. Peter's Attendance Newsletter.

Excellent attendance is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, well-being and sets a good example for secondary school. We aim for all children to have 100% attendance and we monitor all children's attendance carefully – every moment counts.

Studies show that...

Persistently absent children → only 40% chance of reaching national standard by Year 6

Children with good attendance → 84% chance of reaching national standard by Year 6

If there is any way in which we can support you, please contact etaylor@stpetersnewman.co.uk



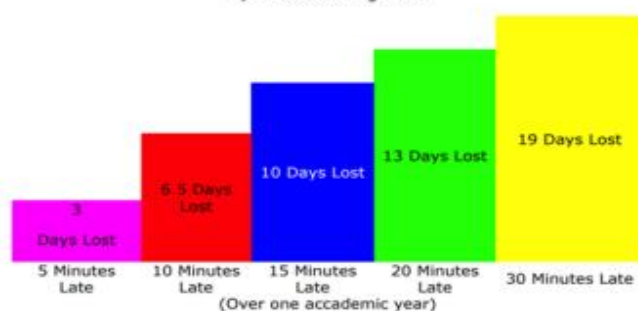
ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW!

Throughout the summer term, a total of 3 weeks will be chosen at random. During that week, every day a child comes to school on time they will receive a ticket, therefore if a child comes to school on time for 3 days they will get 3 tickets, if they come to school on time for 5 days, they will get 5 tickets. The tickets will then be placed into a draw and one name will be drawn out in Friday's assembly. The winner will receive a **£10 toy voucher** and a **£15 supermarket voucher**.

We hope that this new initiative encourages parents and children to attend school on time, every day. Thank you for your continued support in working with us to further improve attendance at St Peter's.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Punctuality – every moment matters

The school day starts at 8.30am. Registration closes at 8.40am. Arrival after 8.40am is marked as late.

Thank you for your continued support in working with us to help your child reach their full potential.



End of Year Attendance Rewards – update...

Now that we are in summer term, we are getting closer to our end of year attendance rewards. The rewards on offer are...

100% attendance trip – all children with 100% attendance across the entire year will be going on a trip to ALTON TOWERS!

Best class attendance – ‘Zoo Lab’ animal handling workshop!

The class reward competition is currently very close so every day in school counts...

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (HOLIDAY)

As you know, we are unable to authorise any Leave of Absence during term time except in extremely exceptional circumstances.

- If your child will be absent for a holiday, you must fill in a Leave of Absence form before you go so that we know where your child is.
- A referral will be made to the Education Welfare Service for a Penalty Warning **if the total number of days of Leave of Absence in an academic year** is 6 or more. Multiple Leave of Absence requests are added together.
- If a child is absent due to illness immediately before or after their Leave of Absence, **these days will be included in the Leave of Absence** unless you provide us with medical evidence of their illness or proof of the dates of the holiday.
- You can find the term dates for the next 4 school years here:

<https://www.stpetersnewman.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=29>

Please check before you book any holidays!

PLEASE NOTE: There are proposed changes to the law around leave of absence (holiday fines) which will come into place from September 2024 that state fines should be issued after 5 days of absence.

Absence reporting

You can report an absence by either:

- Phoning the school office 01782 235040
- Email stpeter@stpetersnewman.co.uk
- Report the absence on StudyBugs

Before 9:15am, please give a reason for the absence including symptoms if ill.

There are two registration sessions in a school day so if your child feels better you can send them in later in the day – every lesson counts.

Is your child too ill for school?

Check the NHS guidance here:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)
(www.nhs.uk)

