

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. It has been a joy to watch the children return to school and to see so many smiling faces on the playground every day.

This year, we are delighted to welcome Miss Hudd to the teaching team. She will be working in Badgers class and I know that you will give her a warm welcome.

Once again, we start with a special edition of our school newsletter, since it is focused solely on attendance. We want all children to be successful in their learning so that they can achieve in future life. To do this, **every child needs to be in school, on time, every day**. However, we appreciate the difficulties that some of you may face, so we would like to reassure you that school is here to help. Let's work together to support your child in building the strongest of foundations as they embark on their learning journey at Hatherley Infant School.

Mrs F Briggs

Attendance Ted!

Attendance Ted is excited to be back at school and will continue to be awarded to the class with the best attendance.



Why excellent attendance matters

Regular attendance is key to your child's learning, well being and success here at Hatherley. Every school day is an opportunity for your child to grow and feel part of our welcoming school community.

Every day counts-missing 1 day a fortnight=4 weeks of lost learning

Builds confidence and friendships-children who attend school regularly are happier and more settled

Good habits start now-on time for 8.45am, ready to learn

We are here to help-talk to us, we can support

We celebrate attendance-thank you for all that you do.

Together, let's give every child the best start to their education.

Mrs H. Jones

All children should have **100%** attendance.

School is open for **190** days of the year for teaching and learning.

This leaves **175** days for holidays, family gatherings and other special occasions.

Help your child to be successful, by supporting good attendance.

Permission for holidays taken during term time is not authorized.



You may also be issued a fine, per child, per parent.

School gates open at 8.40am, ready to start at 8.45am. School gates close promptly at 9.00am.

School ends at 3.15pm.

The school's office opening hours are 8.30am-12.30pm; 1.00pm-3.30pm.