Hague Primary School

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2026

📝 Attendance Matters: Staying on Track Together!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every school day counts toward your child's academic success, social development, and emotional well-being. We know that managing family schedules and illnesses can be tough, so we want to share a few ways we can work together to keep your child's attendance high.

🤒 Is Your Child Feeling Unwell?

Give it a try: If you are unsure whether your child is too sick for school, check: If they have a temperature or have been sick they need to stay home. If they are just not feeling well but are up, out of bed, **please bring them to school or call us to check**.

We can check on them: We can check your child's temperature at school and advise you if they are well enough to stay.

Friends help them forget: In most cases, children quickly feel better and forget about their minor ailments once they are around their friends and engaged in a fun learning environment.

Our promise: Rest assured that if their teacher observes that they are truly unwell during the day, **we will contact you immediately**.

Stimulating classrooms: Our teachers work hard to create highly engaging, vibrant, and stimulating learning environments. These exciting activities serve as a wonderful distraction, often helping children quickly forget about minor ailments.

🦷 Medical & Dentist Appointments

Book for the afternoon: Routine dentist appointments **MUST** be booked during a holiday or end of the school day.

Minimise missed lessons: If an appointment must happen during the day, please bring your child to school beforehand and return them immediately after so they don't miss out on vital learning.

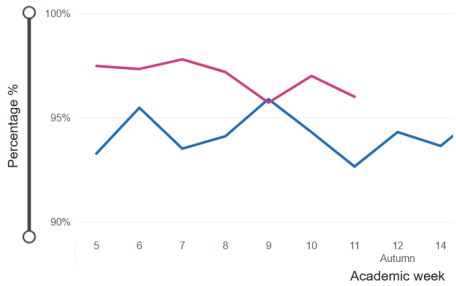
💊 Children on Antibiotics

We can administer medicine: If your child is prescribed antibiotics but is otherwise feeling well enough to learn, **they do not need to stay home**.

Bring the medication to the office: Our school office team can safely store and administer prescribed medication during the school day. Simply bring the medicine to the front office to fill out a quick consent form.

Improving attendance:

At the start of October Hague had the **best attendance in Tower Hamlets** and we were in the **top 10% of schools nationally!**



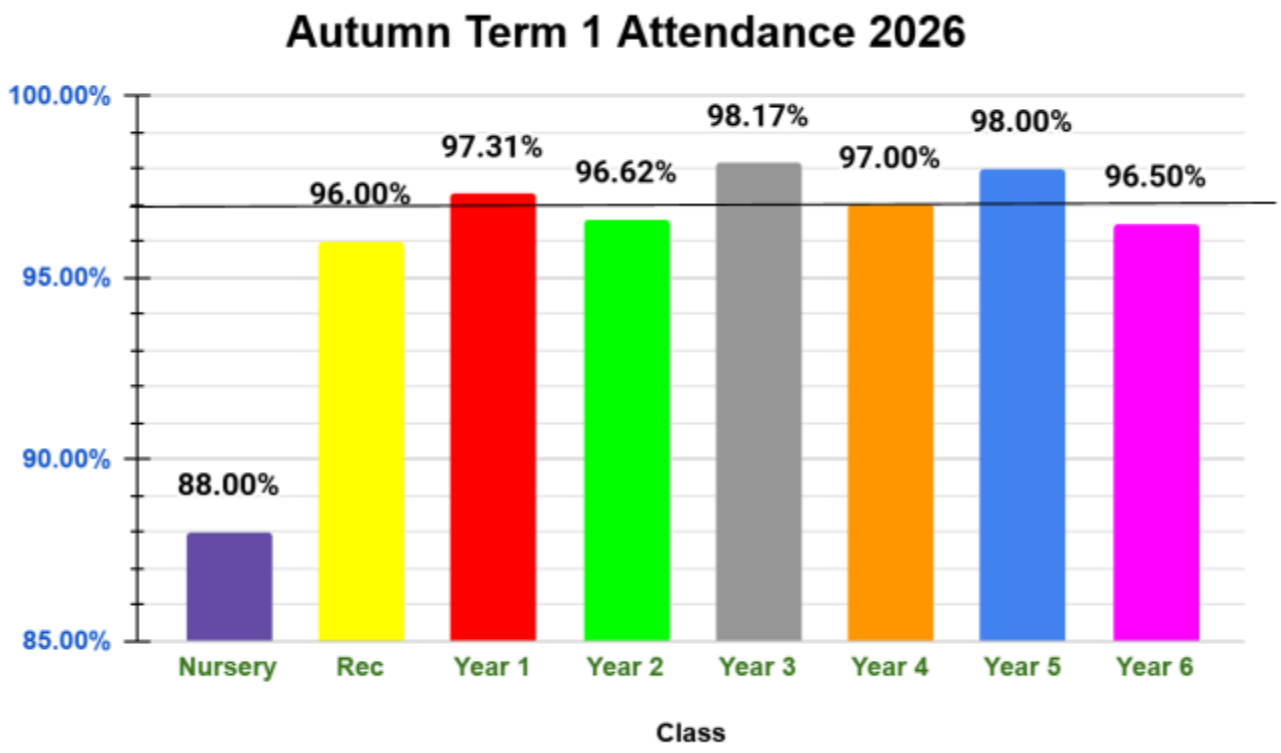
This graph shows how our attendance this year (in pink) compares to last year (the blue line). **Can we keep our attendance above last year's?**

✈️ Holidays During Term Time

- **Impact on grades:** Data from the Department for Education shows a direct link between absence and performance; **missing just 10 days of school** can **reduce a child's chance of reaching expected standards by up to 25% to 50%** depending on their age. Every single day missed makes it harder to achieve top marks.
- **The impact is high:** Taking holidays during term time causes children to **miss a great deal of work** across all subjects.
- **Beyond academics:** Missing school also affects children **socially and emotionally**, as it can be difficult for them to catch up with friendship groups and classroom routines when they return.
- **Plan ahead:** Please check our school calendar and save all family trips for the official school holiday periods.

🎯 Every Day Counts: Autumn Term Attendance

Our school target is **97% attendance** for every student. This means missing **no more than 5 days** across the whole school year.Take a look at how each year group is performing so far this Autumn:



Know your child's attendance rate:



After the holidays you will be receiving an attendance card. This will tel you whether your child's attendance is on track, close to being on track or a cause for concern. At the start of the year even a few Days' absence brings attendance rates down.
Use this as a chance to improve attendance next half term and aim for a green slip at Christmas.
We will be organising a special "attendance tea party" in January for children who achieve 99% or above during the Autumn term.