

## January 2024

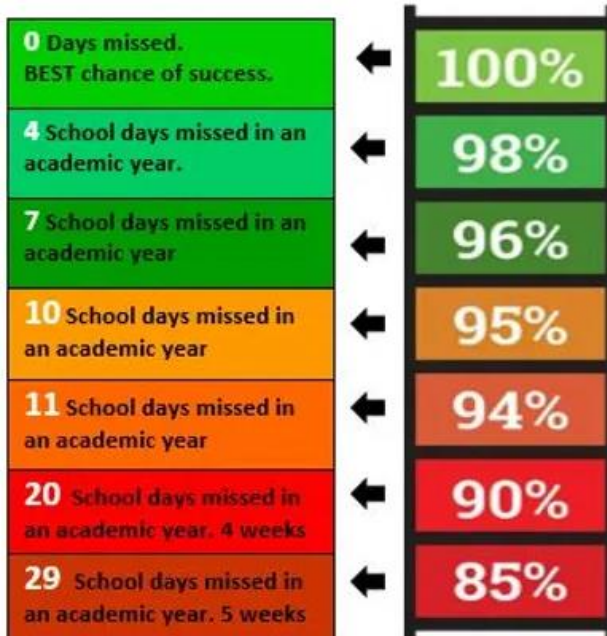


Welcome back. We do hope you've all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. It's been wonderful to hear from the children some of the special and unique traditions families have at this time of year.

We have also been delighted to welcome new families to Pre-school and Nursery this week. We look forward to getting to know you.

This term we have lots of exciting events ahead of us, these include a visit from some prickly hedgehogs next week, sports hall competitions for Year 1 and 2 and a special wellbeing day for everyone on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents consultation will take place the week of 26<sup>th</sup> February. Further details will be sent nearer the time.



### Focus on attendance

Good school attendance is vital to ensure your child makes the best possible progress. We appreciate it is sometimes not possible to attend school due to illness, but each day new learning is delivered and teachers build upon this knowledge across the week. There is also opportunity each day to reinforce and embed prior learning.

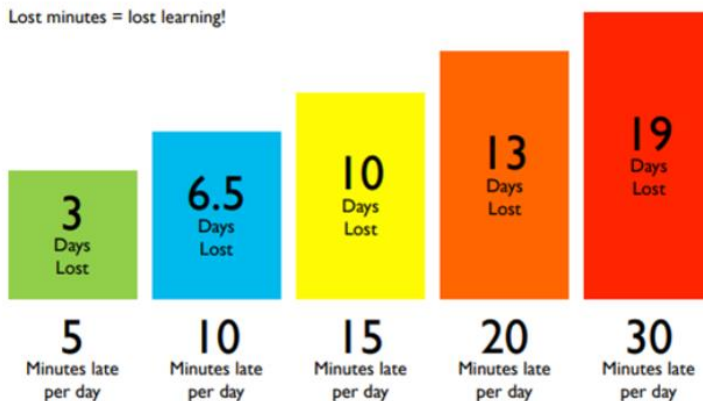
The school regularly monitor attendance and meet with the local authority inclusion officer to discuss all children with low attendance. Any child with attendance below 90% is classed as persistently absent. Please speak to your classteacher if you would like support to improve either attendance or lateness.

### Lateness

As your child enters the classroom door there are tasks and activities are set out to ensure learning starts straight away. When they are late, they miss the opportunity to complete these.

Our attendance policy can be found [here](#).

Lost minutes = lost learning!



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important

**Psalm 119 (105) "Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."**

**Value**

This term will be focusing on the value of perseverance. This links directly with our persevering tortoise, who forms part of our characteristics of effective learning.

This term we will be hearing bible stories that support this value, these include:

Jesus in the desert: Matthew 4:1-11 Mark 1:12-13 Luke 4:1-13.

The lost sheep: Luke 15:1-7 and Matthew 18:12-14

The precious coin: Luke 15: 8-10

These stories can be found on our website or via this [link](#).



**Safeguarding**

A reminder that safeguarding is an essential part of the work we do at school. If you have concerns about a child you can either speak to Mrs Taylor or Mrs Muncer our designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) or email [DSL@bramley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@bramley.surrey.sch.uk)

As you may have noticed the height of the exit gate buttons have been raised over the holidays. Please can we ask that you do not allow your children to press these.

**School tours**

Due to demand, we have now added 2 extra dates. Please contact the office to book.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am

**Please note all applications for Reception or Year 3 2024 places made after 15<sup>th</sup> January will be considered as late applications.**

All information is available [here](#).



**Baby news**

We are delighted to announce that Mr Rising and his husband have now been matched with a baby for adoption. Mr

Rising will be taking a year of adoption leave starting at end of Feb/ beginning of Mar.

We are therefore now recruiting for a new Year 2 classteacher.

If you are interested or know someone who might be please do check out our advert on [eteach](#) to apply.

If you'd like more information or to discuss the role, please do contact Mrs Taylor.

**Goodbye**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January we will say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Kirkland. Mrs Kirkland is returning to work at the bakery and we hope she may bring us the occasional treat.

Mrs Kirkland has worked at the school for over 16 years, beginning as a midday supervisor when her own children were here and latterly as a 1:1 support assistant.

We are very sad to see her go and grateful for all she has done over the many years.

As well as caring for and supporting all the children over the years, Mrs Kirkland is excellent at spotting

all the little but essential jobs

needed around the school. She will be

sorely missed and we wish much

success in the future.

