



27<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Miss Harries Head Teacher News!

It has been a busy few weeks and we are now into our summer term. The weather has finally improved! Last half term saw year 5 on their residential to Osmington Bay and they were amazing. They tried lots of new activities and were a credit to us all in their resilience and behaviour. We hope to repeat the trip for Year 5 next year and are in discussion with PGL now.

### Attendance

A reminder please that **every day counts**. We are working hard on improving attendance overall and we need you to help us with this. The national average for primary schools is 94.6%. Our attendance is currently 91.4%. This is well below the national average. Help us improve! Remember if your child is not here, we cannot teach them and they may fall behind in learning.

Each week the class with the best attendance wins a reward for the whole class. Some classes have won several times, and some classes are working hard on winning the award. Ask your child if their class has won. Last week it was the Year 1 Dragonflies with 99%!

Each term, those who are meeting the national standard for that term receive a badge for great attendance, they can wear this in school. Lateness counts as absence and it can be difficult for children to come into a class that is already settled. Please help your child arrive on time.

### Uniform

Please can we ask that you check all items of clothing including PE kit are named as jumpers and cardigans are frequently taken off at break. We can then return any misplaced items to children.

Please also remember that we have a stock of good quality secondhand uniform, please see the office if you need it. Children grow quickly!

### PTFA

Bunny Bingo was a great success and we raised £267! This is great and we thank you for supporting the PTFA in their efforts. It was lovely to see so many of you attend last week's meeting. If you would like to join in with the PTFA at any point no amount of time given is too small, all help is gratefully received.

### Staffing update

At the end of term, we say farewell to Mrs. Hunnisett our Early Years leader who is off to Vietnam to lead and teach in an Early Years school. Whilst I know she will be very much missed, we wish her all the very best on her brave adventure as this is a lifelong ambition for her.

This week, we will send out a list of key dates for planned events in school so please keep the list handy.

Best wishes

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## Good Attendance for Success

### Attendance and punctuality matters to your child's success!

Good attendance is missing not more than 1 day of school a month, whether authorised or unauthorised. Persistent absence is when your child misses 19 days in an academic year or 2 days a month.

Students with good attendance and punctuality:

- Are better readers.
- Attain higher academic performance.
- Stay on course for successful completion of secondary school.

### When do absences become a problem?

Every school day counts so even occasional half day absences for appointments affect your child's attendance. Attendance registers are taken twice daily: once in the morning and once again after lunch.



**Serious Concern - 90%**

Absent 19 days

**Warning Signs - 94%**

Absent 11 days

**Satisfactory - 96%**

Absent 19 days

### Every School Minute Counts!

Regardless of the Reason, it is important to understand how much school you could be missing from being just a few minutes late

If in a school year your child is late every day...	your child will have lost approximately....	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	40 lessons
15 minutes	10.5 days from school	60 lessons
20 minutes	14 days from school	80 lessons
30 minutes	21 days from school	120 lessons