



Reception

On Thursday and Friday morning Reception have performed their nativity for their families. The children did really well and it was lovely to see so many people in the audience. Thank you for coming along!

Year 1

The children have been learning about the geography of our school over the last two weeks by doing their own school trip around the school. They also had a very special visitor - Mrs. Gyer - who returned to Monkfrith to talk to the children about her experiences of Monkfrith.

Year 2

The children have been taking inspiration from the book, *The Street Beneath My Feet* to write their own narratives.

Year 3

Year 3 have been constructing their Iron Man heads using papier mache and have been using Crumble Kits to link it to the work that they have been doing on electrical circuits.

Year 4

As they near the end of their topic about the Romans, Year 4 are writing essays about what they have learnt. They have also been continuing with their clay coil pots.

Year 5

Year 5 have been designing their own chairs using mood boards they created for homework. The children have also been completing the Barnet Virtual Year 5 skipping challenge. We will find out how we got on compared to all the other schools taking part in January.

Year 6

The children have been learning about Robert Falcon Scott's failed trip to the Antarctic. They did hot-seating to explore more about how he felt at stages of the expedition and they have used this understanding to write their own. They have also been creating their own work inspired by the Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashavak.



KS1 and K2 Christmas Concert

The children have been working hard this week getting ready for our concert next week. Please make sure you bring your ticket along..





Overall Leaderboard (all time)

1. Saaiyuri, 6P
2. Nina, 6K
3. Sophie, 6P
4. Krish, 4B
5. Jaiden, 6P



Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improve corrected answers in the last 7 days
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joel, 4B 2. Esma, 5S 3. Lorenzo, 4B 4. Daniel, 5S 5. Isla, 4B 6. Leo, 4P 7. Ibrohim, 4B 8. Abdullah, 6P 9. Nikolay, 4B 10. Josh, 4P 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mara, 6P 2. Kian, 4P 3. Lorenzo, 4B 4. Saaiyuri, 6P 5. Sebastian, 4B 6. Constantino, 4P 7. Ela, 5LD 8. Maxon, 4B 9. Ibrohim, 4B 10. Emilyya, 4B

We have had some advance warning of some roadworks around school that will start when we return in January. Part of Monkfrith Way (that meets with Chase Side) and some surrounding roads will be closed for up to a week. This will cause significant disruption if you drive to school. Please give yourself extra time to park further away and walk the last 5 or 10 minutes so that your child is not late for school.



On Wednesday this week, some of our choir went along to sing at the Hasluck Trust Christmas Lunch. The children sang a range of festive songs and brought lots of laughter and cheer.

There will be no KS2 Choir next Thursday, but we will restart on Thursday 9th January. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and would like to join, they are welcome to join us at 8.15 am on Thursday mornings. In the Spring Term, we begin preparing to sing at the Barnet Music Festival.



ACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers
An Online Parent/Carer Training Course, Spring Term 2025



A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children aged 6-19, with a diagnosis of Autism.

This course is available free of charge to families living in Barnet.

A 6-session online training course, covering topics including:

An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic

Communication

Sensory needs

Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together online and share experiences.

Please see the flyer attached to the email.

EVERY SCHOOL

There are 175 non-schol days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.

DAY COUNTS

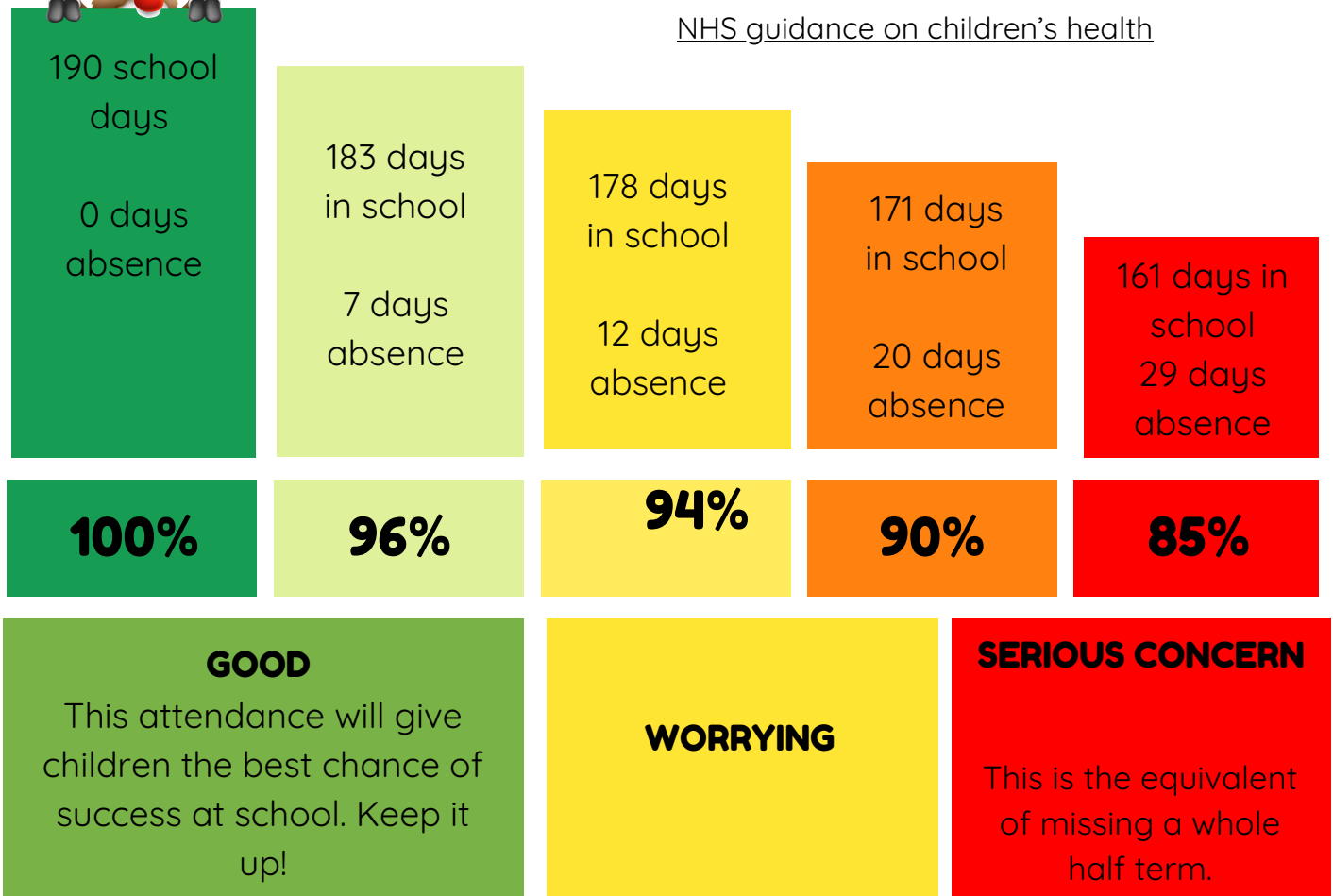
365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR

175



This week there has been lots of illness circulating around school so our attendance has really dipped and I know lots of children have been really unwell. It is good to see some children return to school feeling better towards the end of the week.

NHS guidance on children's health



Attendance this week

Oak	88%	2M	81%	5S	91%
Willow	83%	3D	85%	5LD	88%
1C	88%	3F	93%	6P	96%
1K	92%	4B	92%	6K	92%
2CW	74%	4P	96%	Whole School	88%

Dates for 2024/5

16th December - Year 2 to Christ Church

17th December - Year 1 to 6 Christmas Concert
9.30am

18th December - Year 1 to 6 Christmas Concert
9.30am

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Autumn
Term (2pm finish)

Spring Term 2025

6th January - First Day back of Spring Term

20th January - 4B to the British Library

22nd January - Year 5 and 6 Science
Workshops, Year 4P Class Assembly

23rd January - 2CW to the London Transport
Museum

29th January - Year 4B Class Assembly

3rd February to 7th February - Children's
Mental Health Week

5th February - 4P to the British Library

5th February - 5LD Class Assembly

7th February - 2M to the London Transport
Museum

14th February - Last Day of Spring 2 (normal
finish time)

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st
February - HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - First Day back of
Spring 2

3rd March - Year 4 Viking Day

6th March - World Book Day

10th March to 21st March - Year 4 Swimming

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term
(2pm finish)

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer
Term

12th May - Year 6 SATS week



18th May - 23rd May - Year 6 to the Isle of
Wight

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Summer 1
(normal finish)

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - HALF
TERM

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June - First Day of Summer 2

Friday 4th July - INSET Day

Friday 18th July - Last Day of Term for pupils
2pm finish

Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July -
INSET Days