



Newsletter Focus: School Attendance

Thank you - Parents

Messages were sent out to parents this month expressing thanks for supporting children who have an attendance percentage of 96% or above.

We were pleased to see that more than half of the school community achieved our target of 96%. The following information is the percentage of students in each year group who reached the threshold and who were in receipt of the parentmail:

Year 5 – 61%

Year 6 – 41%

Year 7 – 56%

Year 8 – 57%

Well done Year 5!

Attendance celebrations at school

To thank students for their commitment we have introduced rewards in school for classes with strong attendance or where attendance is improving.

The first hot chocolate event took place this week. 8A were the lucky recipients with 95% attendance for the school year so far. The students thoroughly enjoyed their warm treat just before break and Year 8 leaders were on hand to help and ensure that the event ran smoothly.

The hot chocolate reward will be repeated giving every student the opportunity to be included.



As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone. As a community we support one another to flourish, and live life in all its fullness.



How does attendance at Edwinstree School compare to the National Average?

Schools compare data with all schools across England which is known as 'national data'. National attendance data is published for primary and secondary school phases. As a middle school we use the average for primary and secondary as our benchmark. This gives us an insight into how our school is performing in comparison to others and steers us in our processes.

National Average:

(Academic year to 20th January 2025)

	National Percentage	Edwinstree Percentage
Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)	94.6%	93.7%
Key Stage 3 (Year 7 & 8)	91.9%	93.9%
Average KS2 + KS3 combined	93.3%	93.8%

The table above highlights that Edwinstree's attendance percentage is slightly above the national average. It is unusual for KS3 attendance data to be higher than KS2, but we know historically that trends change during the school year.

Attendance information:

Did you know we have a dedicated attendance section on the school website? Under the parent heading and then attendance tab, you can access key attendance information. It contains the application for leave of absence, the school attendance policy, fixed penalty notice information and NHS guidance on common illnesses.

<https://www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/parents/attendance.aspx>

"Every school day counts"



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