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Attendance and Punctuality for 19th to 30th January

Whole School Attendance = **96.44%**
(National Average = 94.6%)

Best Attendance: **Dormouse class 98.17%**

Best Timekeepers: **Hedgehog class (on time everyday!!)**



Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Wow this half term continues to whizz by, as we finally head into February (well nearly!). The bulbs are starting to bloom in our school grounds marking the first signs of spring. I love this time of year as the world seems to wake up from winter and burst into life!

Learning around school has also burst into life too. Year R now have an indoor stage and I was a proud member of the audience for the mini impromptu show some children put on this week and Year 1 have shared some amazing art work! Well done everyone.

Thank you to all those who attended the Year 2 'Learn Alongside Your Child' event this week, it was much appreciated and I hope you got a glimpse of what learning looks like for our children. We try and run these events throughout the year, so you can experience first hand the learning experience for your child. We do try and space these out, where we can, to balance other events going on in school.

Keep an eye on the key dates on the calendar on our website for upcoming events, our key dates and our 'What's Coming up next week' memo each week.

World Cancer Day Wednesday 4th February



We are marking this important day for all of those who are currently affected by or have been affected by cancer by wearing a ribbon to raise awareness.

In our 'What's coming up next week' memo we have shared a graphic for a colour of ribbon you could wear, if you choose to. This is entirely optional if you want to take part.



Health and Wellbeing

WOW Badge Competition 2026 ARE YOU READY TO GET CREATIVE?



Join one of the UK's biggest design competition for children, for a chance to win FREE walk to school resources for an entire year!

The WOW Challenge team are asking children to think big and see where in time it takes them. They turn **11 winning entries into more than 300,000 badges** to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride to school across the UK next academic year.

This year's theme is **Walk the Senses** – we want pupils to tell us what they see, hear, smell, taste or feel as they walk or wheel to school. That might be the sound of birds singing, the smell of flowers or a tasty snack eaten on the way to school. Or it could be the feel of raindrops or snow on their skin – or spotting a rainbow in the sky!

This competition is curriculum linked and encourages mindfulness and fun. We can't wait to see what your pupils create.

THE BADGE COMPETITION IS OPEN NOW AND YOU HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY TO ENTER [CLICK HERE](#)

Amazon Wish Lists

We have created wish lists for different year groups.

If you would like to purchase anything on the wish lists, you can do so directly using the links below.

These are also on the homepage of our website near the bottom of the page and have been shared on Seesaw.

Year R — [Wish List 1](#) and [Wish List 2](#)

or copy and paste these links into your web browser
<https://amzn.eu/9odv8Qp> and <https://amzn.eu/8fpLhk3>

Year 1 — [Wish List](#)

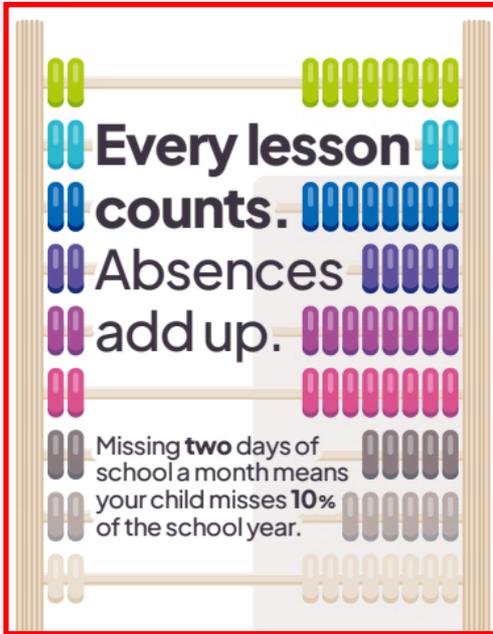
or copy and paste this link into your web browser
<https://amzn.eu/cUKFkrX>

Year 2 — [Wish List](#)

or copy and paste this link into your web browser
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/5KHOCNSNPJ94/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



Safeguarding Attendance



As part of my role and the role of the other Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) we monitor attendance and punctuality every day. This is then monitored over a week and then over the month. As part of our Attendance Policy (which you can find on our website), we look at all children's attendance/punctuality, especially those who fall below a certain percentage.

Whilst we completely understand if a child is unwell and we would not want a child to try and make themselves come to school when they are poorly, we do have to address attendance when it falls below a certain percentage.

Therefore, if you do receive a call from school or a letter from myself to discuss attendance, this is part of our duty of care for the children. Part of our role to ensure any support is put in place, if it is needed, or to discuss how we can improve attendance or punctuality working in partnership with you.

We are also noticing more children are being collected early. The designated school hours over a week are 32.5 hours, as a minimum. Therefore, every minute counts with regards your child's education. Therefore we will query any absence requests, requests to collect early or why your child is late.

We want to work in partnership with you to ensure your child's percentage for attendance and punctuality is as high as it can be!

WOW Challenge

Whether you walk, scoot, ride, 'park and stride' your child can earn badges each month.

We will be giving out the January badges on Monday 2nd February.

We want to promote walking/scooting, cycling or park and stride at least once a week. Even if you can only manage to park a little further away, then walk into school, we can count that as a park and stride and log that on our travel tracker.

Thank you to all those who have taken part, so far.

At the end of each month, Strider (a soft plushy) is awarded to the class with the highest engagement.



What is new in the myHappyMind parent app?



Thank you to all those who have signed up for the free parent app and I hope this helps you in supporting your child at home. Information of how to do this was in the letter but there are posters around school with the QR code and sign code to access the app. Please can we ask that this code is not shared with anyone else. The resources and materials will be on display during our parent consultation evenings coming up. The app QR code will be available to sign up then too.

If you would like to sign up for the app please [click here](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/parents/mental-health-and-well-being-for-parents

myHappyMind Places is designed to help children understand their emotions and strategies to feel safe, happy and calm. There are three key Places to help children identify how they are feeling:

- ◆ The Happy Place: Where your child feels safe, happy and calm.
- ◆ The Middle Place: Where your child might visit in between their Happy and Busy Places. They might feel a mixture of emotions.
- ◆ The Busy Place: Where your child might feel overwhelmed with big emotions.

Mini Masterclasses

Laura Earnshaw, the founder of **myHappyMind**, has created a series of Mini **myHappyMind** Masterclasses. These sessions are designed to help you navigate some of the scenarios that we know often arise at school and at home. They are short videos (around 5 minutes each) to hopefully give you some practical strategies and reassurance.

The sessions cover themes such as Separation Anxiety, Emotionally Based School Avoidance, Building Self-Esteem, and Managing Big Emotions. New to this area of the app are sessions on Trauma-Informed Practice and Sleep [click here](#).

