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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter for a while. It's been a very busy term; moving in to the new building, preparing for OFSTED and then their inspection last week. It was a very thorough inspection and we were graded against a new, very high standard. Our Challenge and Support Partner, who supported us through the inspection, felt that it was the most rigorous and thorough inspection she'd ever been a part of. Whilst we can't share any results yet, we feel that it was fair and we're generally pleased with the outcome. Many thanks for all your support on the parent surveys.

At the start of term, we moved into the new school building (Upper Ammonite) which the children are really enjoying using. It's a lovely environment (although it can get a bit warm at times and we're having this looked into) and the new regime of children cleaning their own classes is working well. It's good to see children taking care and a pride in our new facilities and sharing responsibility for looking after it.

Yesterday we held the second of the new parent forum meetings. It was well attended with a range of parents representing all of the year groups. A few things were raised both by myself and by parents:

- There was a request for improved communication and newsletters which has prompted me to write this one.
- The local Futura schools have grouped all of their INSET days together to create a two-week half term at October; the idea presumably being that it allows families to take cheap holidays outside of conventional school holiday time. Whilst I like the idea of this, I need to consult with our local hub and Governors to see if this is a plausible possibility for St Keyna - I will keep you informed.
- I raised the issue of communication around attendance. Attendance is one of our main school priorities, as we have lower than national average attendance. Attendance is obviously important for the education and well-being of our pupils and any days missed can really set back a child's learning as most of their lessons are sequential. Unfortunately, I cannot authorise any holiday requests (except under very exceptional circumstances). Please see the below image showing that attendance of 95% (which actually sounds quite good) equates to 10 whole days of learning lost. For more information please see our [Attendance Strategy](#) and the [DfE Working Together to improve attendance](#) document.



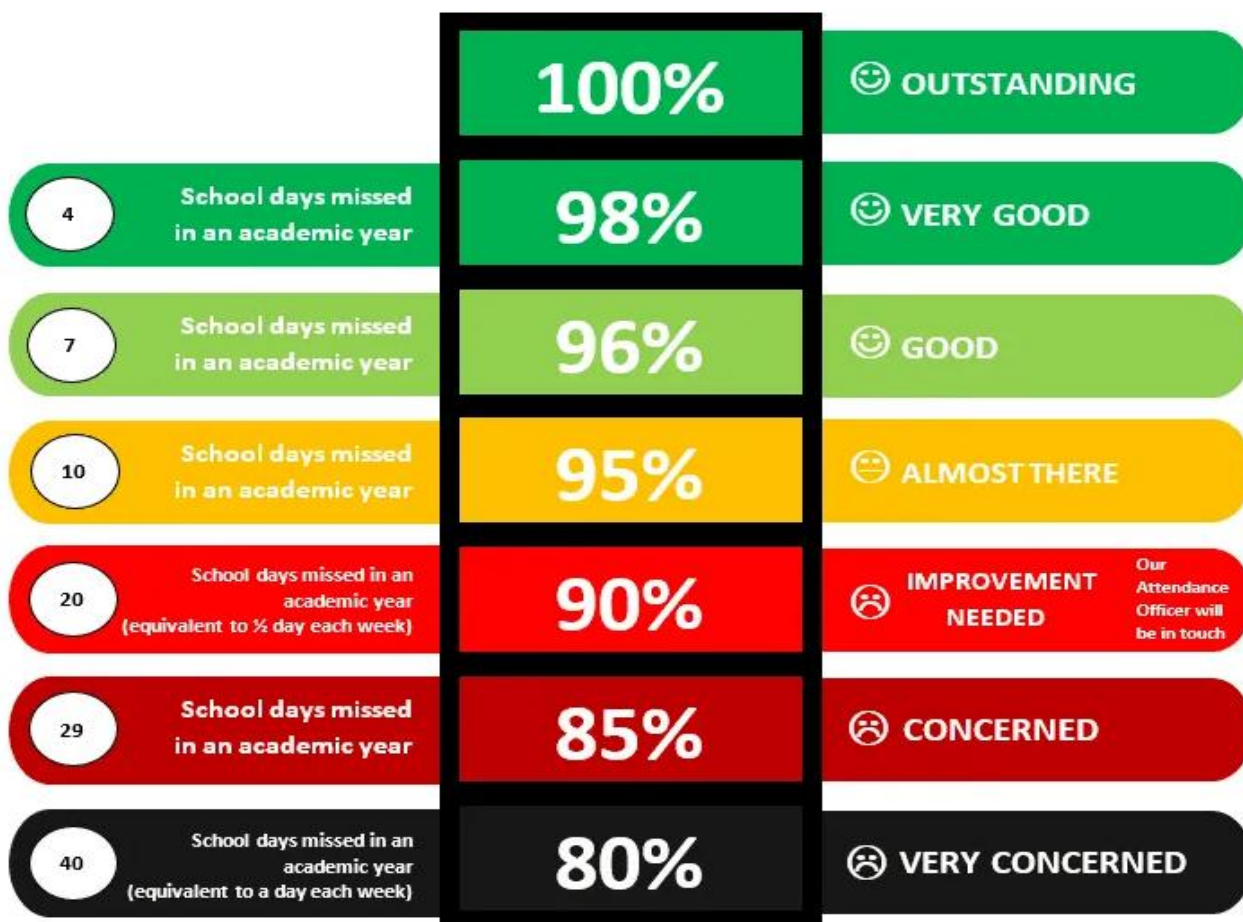
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- o I also shared a small modification to our new positive behaviour policy which has made the process of 'reflection time' clearer. Please see the [full policy](#) on our website: The new positive behaviour policy is working really well and the zones of regulation are really enabling our children to understand how to help themselves remain regulated, ready for learning.
- o Finally, I shared that we have Governor approval to recruit a new teacher, so that from September 2026 we can look to create two small Year 1 classes and two small Year 2 classes for our current Reception and Year 1 cohort. Obviously, this depends upon the right appointment, so if you know of any strong KS1 teachers looking for a job please point them to our [advert](#).

I'd like to give my thanks to all the parents that came to the parent forum. We agreed to hold them three times a year and will hold the next one in Term 6 on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2:30pm.

# Attendance Ladder



## Other news:

Year 3 dancers represented the school proudly at the Dance Umbrella, held at the Forum in Bath this week. It was a great opportunity for them to perform in a professional theatre environment. They performed their dance with great enthusiasm and confidence and there was a lovely atmosphere in the auditorium where the children really celebrated one another school's performances.



Year 5 attended a performance of Matilda at Broadland secondary school this week and really enjoyed seeing some of our ex-pupils performing on the stage.

Year 1 & 2 enjoyed doing lots of crafting with the scrap store visits last week.

Our School Councilors came to school early most days last week and helped us raise in excess of £300 for Comic Relief.

### Forthcoming dates:

WB Mon 30th Mar	Free2BeMe Week
Tues 31st Mar	Be Inspired Year 6 girl's netball day at Prior Park
Wed 1st Apr	Non-Uniform Day – Dress to Express
<b>Thurs 2nd Apr</b>	<b>INSET Day and End of Term 4</b>
<b>Mon 20th Apr</b>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
20th - 24th Apr	Swimming Lessons for Year 5
W.B. Mon 11th May	SATs Week for Year 6

We're really looking forward to our Free2BeMe Week next week with a special guest in our Monday morning assembly who has been challenging gender stereotypes their whole life. On Wednesday, we will be having a dress to express day - this is a day when the children and staff dress to express their unique personalities, their future aspirations or even just to challenge stereotypes. In-class there will also be learning around challenging gender stereotypes.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Eaton  
Deputy Headteacher