

# Attendance Matters

**Issue 18 – Spring Term 2019**

## What is Attendance Matters?

Attendance Matters is a termly newsletter which is sent out to families of children who attend schools within the Wisbech Schools' Partnership  
The newsletter will keep families updated on the latest attendance information and news.

## \*\*\*Attendance Rewards\*\*\*

Well done to the 5 prize winners from Nene, Clarkson, Gorefield, Alderman Payne and Peckover who attended for 100% of the Autumn term with no lates. Prizes included **4 family tickets for Tenpin Bowling kindly donated by Play2Day** and a book.

Here are the winners from Alderman Payne, Nene and Gorefield.



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**Rewards will be given each term to 5 pupils who achieve 100% attendance with no lates throughout the term PLUS one pupil will receive a prize for 100% attendance with no lates during the whole year**



## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2019

Thurs 3 Jan 2019 to

Fri 5 Apr 2019

**Half term:** Mon 18 Feb to

Fri 22nd Feb 2019

### Summer Term 2019

Tues 23 Apr 2019 to

Wed 24 Jul 2019

May Day: Mon 6 May 2019

**Half term:** Mon 27 May 2019

to Fri 31 May 2019

### Autumn Term 2019

Weds 4 Sep 2019 to

Weds 18 Dec 2019

**Half term:** Mon 21 Oct 2019

to Fri 25 Oct 2019

### **Please note -**

Academies and some schools are able to set different dates. Schools have 5 training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your school for details.

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## Don't be late! Every Minute Counts...

Being late each day by 5 minutes means **3 school days lost**  
Being late each day by 10 minutes means **6.5 school days lost**  
Being late each day by 15 minutes means **2 weeks lost (10 days)**  
Being late each day by 20 minutes means **2 weeks 3 days lost (13 days)**  
Being late each day by 30 minutes means **3 weeks 4 days lost (19 days)**

If your child arrives after registers have closed this is marked as one unauthorised session.

Please check your school for their arrival and finishing times.



## Congratulations to Gorefield's 100% attendees

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

#### Snowy weather, heating breakdown and elections

Contact your school by phone or on their website or they may send a text. Cambs. County Council publishes details on their website: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and their Helpline is 01223 706399.

Closures are also on local radio:

Heart 102.7

KLFM 96.7

Radio Cambridgeshire

## Exclusions for Autumn Term 2018!

Primary schools – 39 occasions  
Secondary school - 35 occasions  
Special Schools – 17 occasions

If your child has been excluded from school they must stay at home during school hours and not be in a public place.

If they are seen out during school hours Penalty Notices will be issued.

### Penalty Notices

- The Penalty Notice fine is £60 per parent per child which rises to £120 if not paid within 21 days. If not paid after 28 days you may be prosecuted
- **There have been 25 Penalty Notices issued so far this year**
- One parent has received a 6 week prison sentence, the first one in Cambridgeshire

### Average Attendance

The average attendance for children in primary schools in the Wisbech Schools' Partnership for -

**Autumn term 2018**

**95.85%**

The national expectation for each child's school attendance is 100%