

LAWFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

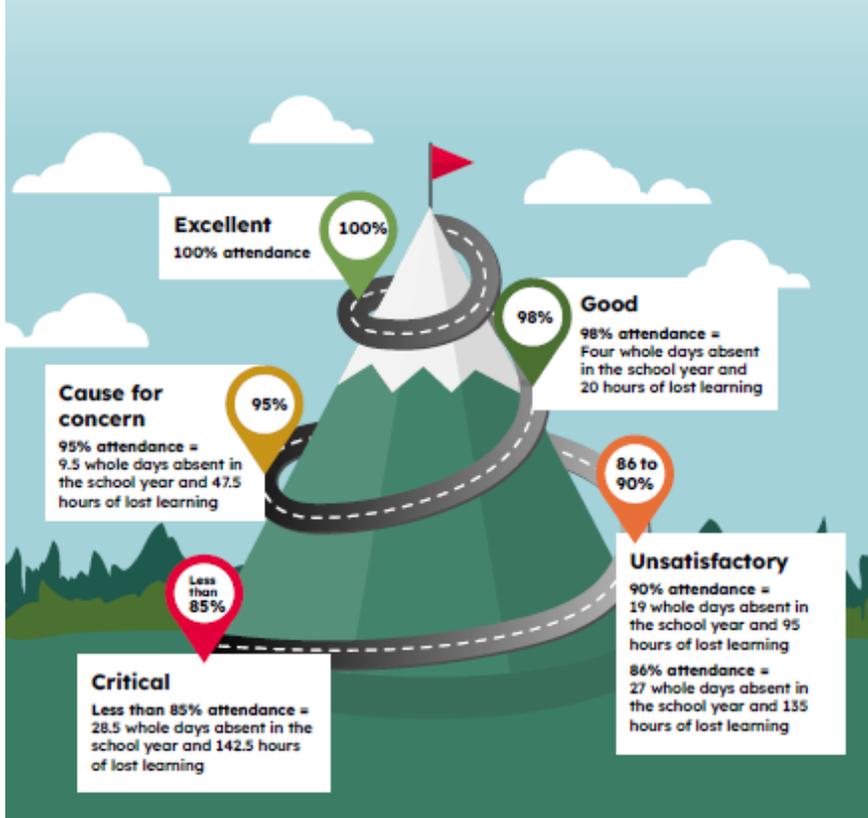
Attendance

The DfE standardised the attendance procedures across the country in August 2024. The process will be the same in every county across England. Please ensure that all requests for a leave of absence are completed before the required date. The headteacher can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. All appointments should be booked outside school hours if possible. Evidence of the appointment must be shown to the school office staff before the absence will be authorised (sight of texts from GPs etc is acceptable). Sickness absence should be reported through [Studybugs](#). Children should not attend school when they have a temperature or for 48 hours after an episode of D&V. The [NHS gives guidance](#) about what the recommendations are for other illnesses - as does Studybugs. Coughs and colds and tiredness will not normally be authorised.

The penalty notices for irregular attendance including term time holidays are as follows: £80 per parent per child (if paid within 21 days). There can only be 2 fines in a rolling 3 year period and the second fine must be at the higher rate of £160 per parent per child. Any unauthorised absences meeting the criteria to trigger action from the school and/or Local Authority which exceed 2 in a 3 year rolling period could result in prosecution.

The school's policy which is written in line with the statutory guidance can be found on the website [here](#).

Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?



HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day

5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	25 minutes
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equates to a yearly loss of:



Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

16TH JANUARY 2026

Achievers of the Week

RA	Edward Jones
RC	Milly Elkin
1LS	Beatrice Ketterer
1S	Tilly Crawford
2D	Hector Saddleton
2Q	Reuben Killick
3D	Emilia Kimble
3T	Arthur Hitchener
4B	Leah Pardue
4H	Mia-Rose Uttridge
5	Esme Horne
6	Imogen Robinson
MDA	Ada Smith
Headteacher	Adam Sweeney

Congratulations

We are very pleased to let you know that Mrs Dickson is expecting her second baby to be born in June. We are all very excited for her and her family. Over the coming weeks the school will be looking to recruit a maternity cover post and we will update you all once we have been successful.



Sport

Last week the year 5/6 girls football team braved the torrential rain to take part in the local Premier League Primary Stars competition organised by Colchester United. The girls showed amazing teamwork and real skill and won the tournament qualifying for the regional finals. Several year 2 children took part in an indoor (thankfully) cricket festival on Thursday at the Northern Gateway Sports' Centre. They had a great time learning new skills.

Dates for your diary

21st January - 3/4 cross country
30th January - Year 3 football festival
2nd Feb - Year 4 - 'History off the Page' - Vikings
5th February - 5/6 Sports' hall athletics
6th February - NSPCC Number Day
9th - 13th February - Arts' Week
10th February - Internet Safety Day
11th February - 5/6 Girls' football final
12th February Y4 Squash Cpl Bud Gym
13th February - Lawford families
16th -20th February - Half Term
24th February - Year 1 Holly Trees Museum Visit
27th February - PTA Quiz Night
6th March - Parental EdTech Study tour
10th March - Year 4 trip to Flatford
17th & 18th March - Parents' Consultations
23rd March - Netball tournament - Woodbridge
27th March - Last day of term
13th April - Back to school
15th April - Year 5 - Manningtree History trip
20th April - Y5/6 - CBSSP - netball tournament

Lunch Menu: Week 3

Don't forget to book in advance (before 23:59 on the day before), using the MCAS app.

If your child is absent, please cancel by 23:59 the day before. However, if illness occurs overnight, please add a comment to your report in 'Studybugs' so the office can cancel it for you.

Please name all loose items (including bags, lunch boxes and water bottles - class and child's name. Thank you

We expect the Children in Need Medals to be dispatched next week. We will give out as soon as we have them.

Parking

Please do not park in the disabled spaces unless you have a blue badge. Please also leave the coach park free for use. We would like to remind you that the double red lines mean no stopping at all (blue badge holders may drop off but not park). Please continue to park considerately around the local area and do not block drives or park on the grass verges - at this time of year it ruins them and the grass will not recover.



Golden Book

1S - Lucy for writing of teens numbers and recognising 10 not 10.
For using 'numicon' to make 20 - Lucy, Harry, Sienna, and Harvey.
3T - For their maths linked to multiplication and division facts - Reiss, Dolly and Renee
4B - For their excellent recitation of Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'Football Mad'. Teddy, Archie, William, Rupert, Eddie and Connor.
For multiplying numbers by 10 and 100 - Rose and Grace.
For their explanation in RE about how beliefs affect actions giving examples from Hinduism and Christianity.

Look what we have been doing this week...

