# Awbridge School

## WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 9th October 2026

## Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Hello Yellow day by wearing something yellow and making an online donation. Currently we are up to **£114 (+GiftAid).**Your generosity will help YoungMinds continue their work supporting young people's mental health.

Hello Yellow is all about encouraging conversations, helping young people understand that everyone experiences different feelings, and reminding them that support is available when they need it. Through simple acts of kindness and by looking out for one another, we can help ensure that no young person feels alone with their mental health.
If you haven't yet had the opportunity to donate and would like to support this important cause, you can do so here:
Young Minds



# Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe



Your commitment to preparedness, kindness, and responsibility sets a shining example for others and contributes to a positive and supportive environment.

**This weeks shining stars**
**Chestnut: Ayla**
**Willow: Harrison**
**Conifer: Zara**
**Beech: Hector**
**Oak: Katie**

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## Reminders/To note

- Please check your diaries and Arbor parent portal for any upcoming trips and payments that need to be made and action accordingly, many thanks
- Bookings will be open for parents evening on saturday morning at 9am
- The immunisation consent form will close on Friday 16th - please ensure you have consented **OR** declined for your child to have their flu vaccination
- Please remember to pre-order your school meals from home via SwiftKitchen

# ATTENDANCE

*Attend today, achieve tomorrow...*

| This week... | |
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| Reception | 97% |
| Year One | 100% |
| Year Two | 100% |
| Year Three | 100% |
| Year Four | 97% |
| Year Five | 99% |
| Year Six | 98% |

**Unauthorised absences this year**

**16**

**days of learning have been lost this year because of unauthorised absences**

**16 of these days due to term time holidays**

**This week's attendance**

**99%**

**We are aiming for at least**

**96.5%**

For further information regarding attendance and absence, please visit the following page on our website:

Awbridge Primary School - Attendance and Absence

**Safeguarding**

**Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. Anyone can make a referral.**

**At Awbridge Primary School, Mrs Larcombe is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Rafferty and Mrs Evans are the Deputy DSLs.**
**Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern**

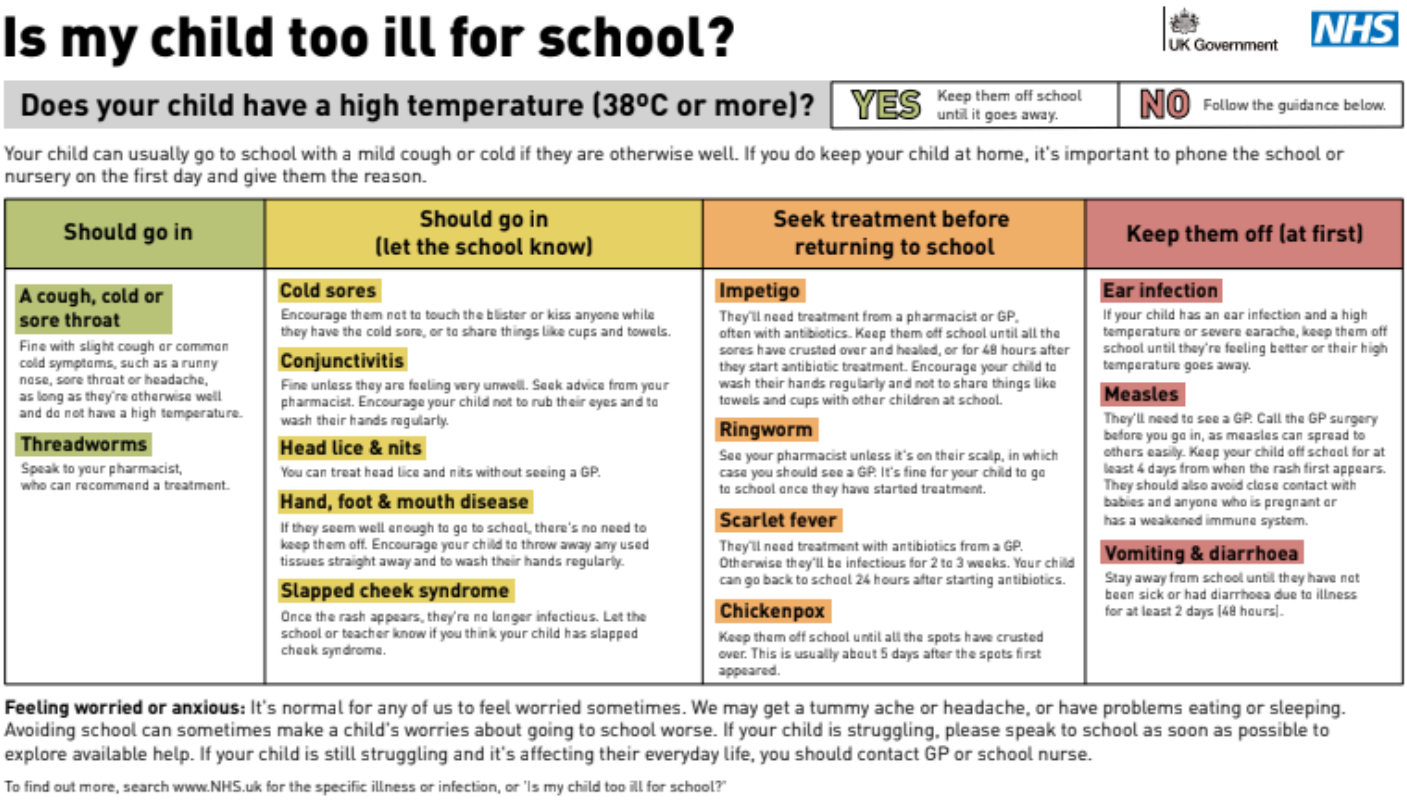
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the autumn term, it is common for seasonal illnesses such as coughs, colds, sore throats and other minor infections to become more widespread. We understand that deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school can sometimes be difficult, particularly when symptoms are mild or improving. Regular attendance is vital for your children's learning, wellbeing and social development, and many common illnesses do not necessarily require them to remain at home.

To help parents make informed decisions, we are sharing the attached NHS guidance sheet, "Is my child too ill for school?". This provides clear advice on a range of common illnesses and symptoms, including when a child should attend school, when they should remain at home, and when medical advice should be sought.

We hope you find this information helpful and encourage you to refer to it when making decisions about your child's attendance. If you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please consult the guidance in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support .



# Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

**Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?** YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

| Should go in | Should go in (let the school know) | Seek treatment before returning to school | Keep them off (at first) |
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| **A cough, cold or sore throat**<br>Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. | **Cold sores**<br>Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. | **Impetigo**<br>They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. | **Ear infection**<br>If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. |
| **Threadworms**<br>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment. | **Conjunctivitis**<br>Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. | **Ringworm**<br>See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. | **Measles**<br>They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. |
| | **Head lice & nits**<br>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. | **Scarlet fever**<br>They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. | **Vomiting & diarrhoea**<br>Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours). |
| | **Hand, foot & mouth disease**<br>If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. | **Chickenpox**<br>Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared. | |
| | **Slapped cheek syndrome**<br>Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome. | | |

**Feeling worried or anxious:** It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

For further information regarding illness and attendance please visit our web page:
https://www.awbridge.hants.sch.uk/Parents/Attendance-and-Absence/

Dear parents,

We have been made aware by a local school that individuals have been visiting homes within the community claiming to be from Children's Social Care.
Please be assured that, in most cases, Children's Social Care will attempt to contact you by telephone before arranging a visit. While there are occasions where unannounced visits may be necessary, you have the right to ask for identification before allowing anyone into your home.
If you receive a telephone call from someone claiming to be from Children's Social Care, you can also ask for their name, team, and contact number to verify their identity.
If someone attends your home claiming to be from Social Care and refuses to provide identification, please do not allow them entry and report the matter to the police immediately.

# Diary Dates

***Remember you can link your own calandar to sync with the school dates at https://www.awbridge.hants.sch.uk/Calendar/***

## AUTUMN TERM 1

### OCTOBER

- Monday 12th - Oak Class outdoor learning
- Monday 12th - Yr4 Multiplication Check Parent Information meeting,
- Monday 12th - Years 1-6 Cross Country Races, 4-5pm
- Wednesday 14th - Chestnut Class Story Telling Workshop in school
- Wednesday 14th - Beech Class trip to Winchester Science Centre
- Friday 16th - Year 5/6 Multi Sports Leadership Fesitval, 1.30-03.45pm
- Monday 19th - Beech Class outdoor learning
- Tuesday 20th - Flu Immunisations all day for all children
- Tuesday 20th - Parent's Evening, Bookings open 10.06 at9am
- Wednesday 21st - Parent's Evening
- **Monday 26th - Friday 30th - HALF TERM**

*All sporting competitions are held at The Mountbatten School unless stated otherwise. All will be communicated via email to those children that have been selected to take part (due to limited spaces).

**INSET Days 26/27**

- **Monday 4th January**
- **Monday 22nd February**
- **Monday 12th April**
- **Monday 7th June**

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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### NOVEMBER

- Monday 2nd - Open morning for new starters Sept 27, 9.30am
- Friday 6th - Years 3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby Festival, 1.30pm - 3.45pm
- Tuesday 10th - Open morning for new starters Sept 27, 9.30am
- Friday 13th - Year 5/6 Girls Foodball, 1.30pm - 3.45pm
- Wednesday 18th - Conifer Class outdoor learning
- Wednesday 18th - Open Evening for new starters Sept 27, 5pm
- Friday 20th - Year 1/2 Multi Skills Festival, 1.30pm - 3.45pm
- Monday 23rd - Beech Class outdoor learning
- Thursday 26th - Open morning for new starters Sept 27, 9.30am
- Friday 27th - Year 5/6 Hockey Festival at The Romsey School, 1.30pm - 3.45pm

### DECEMBER

- Tuesday 1st - Winchester Catherdral Christmas Choir Concert (Year 6)
- Wednesday 2nd - Open tour for new starters Sept 27, 1.30pm
- Thursday 3rd - SATS Parents information Meeting, 3.30pm Oak Classroom
- Friday 4th - Year 5/6 Basketball Competiton at The Romsey School, 1.30pm -3.45pm
- Monday 7th - Oak Class outdoor learning
- Tuesday 8th - KS1 Nativity, (communication and times to follow)
- Wednesday 9th - (communication and times to follow)
- Wednesday 16th - Whole School Walk to Chuch
- Wednesday 16th - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 17th - Rocksteady Concert, 2.30pm
- Friday 18th - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

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# DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

Contact our school office now to book onto a tour of our lovely school.

*Get in touch on 01794 340407*
*or email schooloffice@awbridge.uwinat.co.uk*

**Monday 2nd November 9.30-10.30am**
**Tuesday 10th November 9.30-10.30am**
**Wednesday 18th November 5-6pm**
**Thursday 26th November 9.30-10.30am**
**Wednesday 2nd December 1.30-2.30pm**

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