Wednesday 3rd November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every school day is an opportunity for children to learn, grow and make memories with their friends. Missing just a few days can quickly add up, which is why attendance remains a key priority for us at Bowness.
Firstly, thank you for your support. Our whole-school attendance for Autumn 1 was 94.6%, compared to 93.5% at the same point last year. This shows that attendance is improving, and we are grateful for the efforts families are making to get children into school every day.

You should recently have received an email with your child's attendance figure for the first half term. Please take a moment to check this carefully and contact us if you have any questions.
As a school, we are required to follow national attendance guidance. Some key points for parents are:
Children should attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.
Parents should contact school on the first day of any absence.
Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and will be closely monitored.
Holidays during term time are not usually authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.
10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-school-week period may result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.
Most importantly, we are here to help. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, wellbeing or any barriers that may be affecting school attendance, please speak to us. We can often provide support before concerns become more significant. We want every child to feel happy, safe and successful in school.

To help promote excellent attendance this term, we are launching "No Days Off November!"

Any child who attends school every day during the 16 school days remaining in November after half term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to learn, achieve and shine.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Wright
Headteacher