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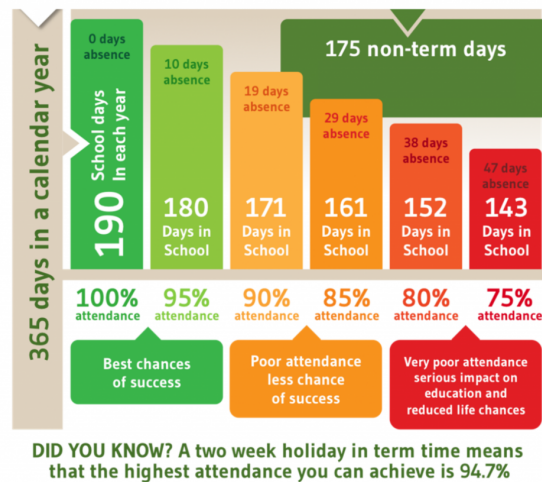
Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had a wonderful half-term break and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Attendance: As we enter this final half-term, I would like to remind you of the importance of high pupil attendance. Evidence shows that children with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier;
- Improved performance in class and in tests;
- Continuity of relationships and friendships;
- Good habits which are formed for later life.

We know that every day lost to education can have an impact on children's attainment and overall progress in school.



Currently, our overall school attendance figure is 95%. If your child's attendance is below 96%, you will be receiving an email to alert you. We understand that this may be due to illness which is unavoidable. However, it is our duty to ensure you are aware. You will be receiving a letter should your child's attendance be below 90% and you may be requested to attend a meeting in order to discuss this further.

Parent/Carers Engagement Survey: Thank you so much for taking the time to complete the recent parent/carers engagement survey. In total, we received 50 responses. These are currently being reviewed and we will update you on our actions in response.

RSHE Policy: As part of updated statutory guidance for 'Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)', schools are required to review and update their RSHE Policy ahead of September 2026. We have now drafted our updated policy, following consultation with Mrs Tracey Harper (HFL Education Lead Adviser for RSHE/PSHE & Wellbeing), and would welcome feedback from parents/carers as part of this consultation process.

At Mandeville, we believe RSHE plays an important role in supporting children to develop healthy relationships, emotional wellbeing, respect for others and an understanding of how to keep themselves safe. Earlier this week, you were sent the draft policy. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short consultation questionnaire:

[RSHE Parent/Carer Consultation Questions - click here](#)

The questionnaire should take no more than a few minutes to complete and will help us ensure that parents/carers have the opportunity to share their views and ask any questions before the policy is finalised and approved by governors. Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Reading Challenge: We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) – Read to the Beat! - completely free at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4–11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy – all books count!

Why should my child sign up?

One in four children hasn't reached the expected level of reading by the age of 11 and many will struggle to keep up at secondary school, despite reading for pleasure being one of the single biggest indicators of children's development. The Summer Reading Challenge helps your child to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem;
- Stay prepared to return to school in the autumn;
- Settle into a new year group;
- Access free books and fun family activities all through the summer at your local library.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by The Reading Agency, delivered in partnership with the public library network, and this year powered by Universal Music Group UK – whose artists will be championing the joy of reading and sharing their own stories of creative expression. All brought to life with wonderful illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Harry Woodgate.

What will my child read?

Anything they like! They have also curated a special booklist featuring 55 titles for all reading levels, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and graphic novels, with dyslexia-friendly options too. From rap and K-pop to orchestras and opera, there's a music-inspired story for every child.

How can my child take part? (Library or online)

At the library:

- Visit your local library to sign up – see if they are running a Super Sign Up Saturday!
- Set a summer reading goal and choose from books, eBooks, or audiobooks. Check out the [Read to the Beat Collection](#) for suggestions.
- Receive a special sticker booklet and collect rewards for reading.

Or online

- Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
- Sign up, set a reading goal, and get book recommendations.
- Unlock digital badges and earn a printable certificate.

When does it start?

- On 4th July
- Use the [Library Finder](#) to locate your nearest library.

Don't miss out – head to your local library and sign up this summer!

Mental Health Support Team: Please don't forget the parent/carer coffee morning about the East Herts Mental Health Support Team (MHST). This takes place at 9am on Friday 12th June. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

Community Events: Please see the link below to the latest copy of The Sawbridgeworth Flyer Magazine. It includes community news and a number of local events to look forward to this month.

<https://www.flyeronline.co.uk/the-sawbridgeworth-flyer-magazine-june-26/>

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are looking forward to all that this final half-term has to offer.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

