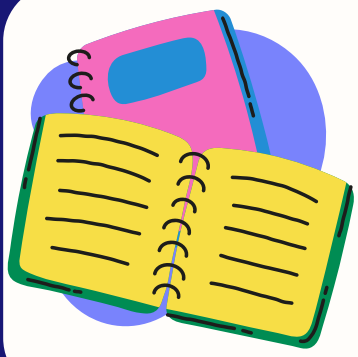
The Harpfield Way: collaboration, respect, equality, ambition, trust, independent, voice, empathy



Harpfield Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our pupils, families and staff for such a positive and successful start to the school year.

It has been wonderful to see our children embracing every opportunity on offer. This half term has been packed with exciting experiences, including Year 3's day visit to Stanley Head and Year 6's residential visit, where pupils demonstrated our values of independent, ambition and collaboration. Our Key Stage 1 children also enjoyed a visit from the Fire Brigade, learning valuable safety messages in an engaging and memorable way.

Alongside these events, many pupils have taken part in our growing range of enrichment clubs, developing new skills, pursuing interests and building friendships beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and commitment our children have shown.

Looking ahead to next half term, there is plenty to be excited about. We will be celebrating the festive season with our much-loved nativity performances, welcoming families into school to share these special occasions. Pupils will also have opportunities to take part in further educational visits and experiences. We are particularly looking forward to Key Stage Two visiting the New Vic Theatre to watch The Borrowers, which promises to be a wonderful experience for our children.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy and exciting half term on Monday 2nd November.



Keep up to date with all school events and activities via Class Dojo and our Facebook page. Diary dates for the 2026-2027 have been sent out. Events are also published on Dojo pages. All of our communications are electronic and will be sent via email / Class Dojo.



New Recognition Award

We are delighted to introduce a new initiative inspired by a family who recently wanted to recognise one of our pupils for going above and beyond in demonstrating our school values. The idea came after Gigi, in Year 6, showed outstanding empathy by supporting a friend to achieve her attendance target. Her kindness, encouragement and commitment to helping another pupil succeed perfectly reflected the values we strive to nurture in our school community.

Following discussions with our Pupil Parliament, we have decided to extend this opportunity across the school, giving parents the chance to recognise and celebrate pupils who demonstrate our values in exceptional ways during school life.
If you would like to nominate a pupil who has gone above and beyond in school by demonstrating one or more of our school values:

- Collaboration
- Respect
- Equality
- Ambition
- Trust
- Independent
- Voice
- Empathy

please complete the Microsoft Form that was sent on the original letter or scan the QR code:



Every half term, selected winners will receive a £5 Love2Shop voucher.

Attendance & Safeguarding Quality Assurance visit

We are delighted to share that we have made a very strong start to the year with attendance and would like to thank our parents and carers for the vital role you play in ensuring your children attend school every day and arrive on time.

This year, we have been set an ambitious attendance target of 96.7% and we know that by continuing to work together we can achieve it. Good attendance is closely linked to our school value of Ambition. By attending school every day, children give themselves the very best opportunity to learn, make progress, enjoy new experiences and achieve their full potential.

We are also incredibly proud to have recently undergone an attendance and safeguarding quality assurance visit. The school received the highest possible judgements of 'Green' for Safeguarding and 'Enhanced' for Attendance. Even more impressively, we are currently the only school within our Trust to have achieved this combination of outcomes.

These achievements reflect the hard work and commitment of our staff, pupils and families. Thank you for supporting our high expectations and sharing our ambition for every child to thrive. Together, we can continue to build on this success throughout the year.

At the end of every half term, Arbor will send out an automated email informing you of your child's current attendance. Our whole school target for statutory attendance (Reception to Y6) is 96.7%.

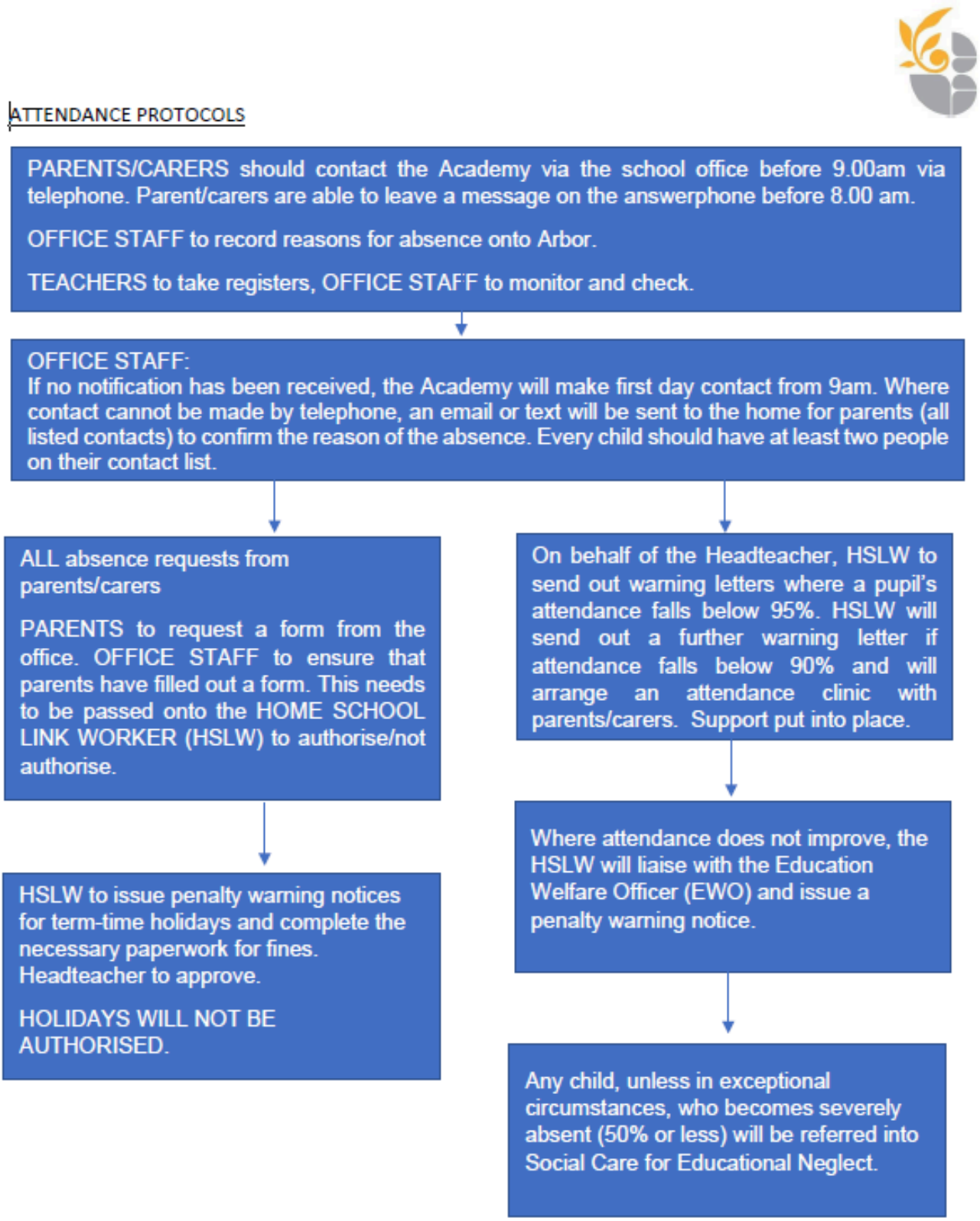
At the end of Autumn 1 (as of 20/10/26), it is: 97.2%.
Reception - 97.4% (33.1 days out of a possible 34 school days)
Year 1 - 98.4% (33.4 days out of a possible 34 school days)
Year 2 - 98% (33.3 days out of a possible 34 school days)
Year 3 - 96.1% (32.6 days out of a possible 34 school days)
Year 4 - 97.5% (33.1 days out of a possible 34 school days)
Year 5 - 98.7% (33.5 days out of a possible 34 school days)
Year 6 - 94.8% (32.2 days out of a possible 34 school days)

Y6 SATS results 2026



Absences

All absences need to be reported via telephone - 01782 234984 before 9am. You are able to leave a voicemail if it is before 8am.



Attendance / Absences

VULNERABLE CHILDREN
Day 1) If no notification has been received, the Academy will make first day contact from 9am. Where contact cannot be made by telephone, an email or text will be sent to the home for parents to confirm the reason of the absence.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN
Day 2) If parents have still not made contact with the school, the safeguarding team will liaise with the social worker. This will be recorded onto our safeguarding system.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN
Day 3) If parents have still not made contact with the school, a home visit will be conducted and social care informed.



Diary Dates

23 OCTOBER: Last day of the half term
31 OCTOBER: Deadline for Y6 secondary school applications
2 NOVEMBER: School applications open for Reception places (Nursery parents must apply for their place for next year)
3 NOVEMBER: EYFS Open Morning for prospective parents (9am-10am)
10 NOVEMBER: EYFS Open Afternoon for prospective parents (1:30pm-2:30pm)
17 NOVEMBER: EYFS Open Afternoon for prospective parents (3:15pm-4:15pm)
18 NOVEMBER: Parents' Evening (3:15pm-6:30pm)
19 NOVEMBER: KS2 trip to the New Vic Theatre – The Borrowers
1 DECEMBER: School applications open for Nursery places
7 DECEMBER: SEND Coffee Morning (9:00am-10:00am)
8 DECEMBER: Y5 Trip- Cosmic Chaos at The Science and Industry Museum
10 DECEMBER: EYFS & KS1 Nativity – (1:00pm – 2:45pm)
11 DECEMBER: EYFS & KS1 Nativity – (9:00am – 10:45am)
11 DECEMBER: Choir singing at Coopers Croft (1:30pm-2:30pm)
11 DECEMBER: Autumn clubs finish
15 DECEMBER: Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Lunch
16 DECEMBER: Termly Celebration Assembly (2:15pm – 2:50pm)
17 DECEMBER: KS2 Christmas Concert (2:00pm – 2:50pm)
18 DECEMBER: Christmas Parties