



Monday 2nd February 2026

Dear Families,

Why attendance matters-our statutory duty

We are writing to explain why Singlegate Primary School has a statutory duty to promote excellent attendance and to outline the vital role that regular school attendance plays in your child's education, wellbeing and future success.



Under education law, we are required to promote and monitor attendance for all children. This duty exists because regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of positive educational outcomes. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve well academically, develop strong social skills and feel secure and confident within the school community.

Learning builds progressively day by day. Even short or frequent absences can disrupt a child's understanding of key skills such as reading, writing and Mathematics. Missing school can also affect friendships, routines and a child's sense of belonging, which are particularly important during the early years of education.

Promoting excellent attendance is therefore not about punishment or blame. Rather, it is about putting a child's entitlement first. We have a duty to ensure that your child thrives both academically and socially. As a school, we are legally required to identify attendance concerns early and to work with families to address any barriers that may prevent regular attendance.

We recognise that there are times when children may be genuinely unwell or when exceptional circumstances arise. In these cases, absence is entirely appropriate. However, holidays during term time and avoidable absences can have a significant impact on a child's learning and schools are required to follow national guidance and local authority procedures in these situations.

We value our partnership with families and believe that working together is the best way to support children's attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties that are affecting your child's ability to attend school regularly, we encourage you to contact us so that we can offer guidance and support where possible.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to your child's education. By working together to promote excellent attendance, we can help ensure that every child is given the best possible start in life.



Our BeDifferent Bookworms in Early Years – Year Three

Please may we remind you about the importance of your support in listening to your read across the week. As you know, there is such value in taking time together to share a book either for pleasure or as part of the decodable reading scheme. As part of our ongoing reading initiative, may we ask that your child is heard read at least 4 times a week and that there is a corresponding comment or signature to show this. We are then in the position of being able to 'check in' throughout the week and celebrate this effort on our personalised class reading display. We want to be issuing even more of our special 'I am a BeDifferent Bookworm' stickers working towards their half-termly scented book mark.

Please do continue to work with us in ensuring that hearing your child read is a priority. We can see such a difference in their progress, when you are on board too.



Well done to our **WOW card** achievers this last half term. We are very proud of you all.

Keep up the hard work.

Eli	Peggy	Tilly	Daniel	Victoria	Azai	Amiyah-Nichole	Raul
Arin	Freddie	Maja	Sofia L	Karo	Nikolas	Romilly	Vanya
Helmut	Samuel	Lily	Donna	Hannah	Thiago	Chase	Mary
Ella	Harrison	Elena	Ophelia	Eric	Avi	Raveen	Amin

Our **attendance** this week (26.01.26)

Class	Overall Weekly %
Paddington AM	91%
Paddington PM	97%
Paddington Full Time	87%
Archway	94%
Bank	97%
Angel	93%
Oval	94%
Knightsbridge	99%
Borough	95%
Monument	98%
Victoria	99%
Pimlico	95%
Wimbledon	98%
Balham	95%
Southwark	97%
Kennington	95%
Piccadilly	95%
Euston	99%
Edgware	98%
Temple	97%
Barbican	90%
Westminster	96%
Embankment	95%
Colliers Wood	96%

Keep working towards that 100% target for the next Pizza Party!

Harlequin's Tag Rugby sessions

We are delighted to welcome the Harlequin Foundation to Singlegate on a Friday, as they lead a Year 5 tag-rugby training session in school followed by a Key Stage Two group. The girls have embraced the opportunity to learn new skills and further develop friendships across the year group.



We are incredibly proud of Cameron in Year 6, as she recently graded to 6th Kup (Green Belt) under Grand Master Donato Nardizzi. Donato is the chairman of the International Taekwon-Do Federation's Children's Development Committee and certainly one to impress! Cameron has been working really hard towards this goal, including lots of dedicated training at the classes, at home and even attending a Taekwon-Do competition! Well done, Cameron.



Our Year One children delighted in their animal 'dress up' day last week to further enhance their Paws, Claws and Whiskers learning. The day was filled with different animal-related activities to include an animal hunt in the local area.



It's been an incredibly busy couple of weeks at Singlegate Primary School.

Year Two took to the turrets of the Tower of London to secure their understanding of castle design, ahead of their own creations in Design and Technology.

Year Three explored the wonders of the Natural History Museum further developing their learning about volcanoes.



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A big THANK YOU to Christopher's mum (Southwark Class) who gave her time to come and talk to the children about Volcanoes. They were able to 'erupt' their own volcanoes in small group, which caused great excitement!

Mrs Bull and Mrs Hart



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