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# VAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA VAHEGURU JI KE FATEH



## Hukamnama Sahib

A message for us all to reflect upon, given this morning from the Siri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh Holy Scriptures) from the holiest of Sikh sites Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Panjab, India (Golden Temple).



*Celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary*

SEVAK SEAV KARAHAE SABH THAEREE

“O LORD. ALL THINE SERVANTS, WHO RELISH THE NAME. PERFORM THY SERVICE. HE, WHO EFFACES HIS SELF-CONCEIT FROM WITHIN HIMSELF, BECOMES PURE BY GURU'S GRACE.”

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI - ANG 599

ਜਬ ਜਰੀਐ ਤਬ ਹੋਇ ਭਸਮ ਤਨੁ ਰਹੈ ਕਿਰਮ ਦਲ ਖਾਈ ॥

When the body is burnt, it turns to ashes; if it is not cremated, then it is eaten by armies of worms.

ਕਾਚੀ ਗਾਗਰਿ ਨੀਰੁ ਪਰਤੁ ਹੈ ਇਆ ਤਨ ਕੀ ਇਹੈ ਬਡਾਈ ॥੧॥

The unbaked clay pitcher dissolves, when water is poured into it; this is also the nature of the body. ||1||

ਕਾਹੇ ਭਈਆ ਫਿਰਤੋ ਫੂਲਿਆ ਫੂਲਿਆ ॥

Why, O Siblings of Destiny, do you strut around, all puffed up with pride?

ਜਬ ਦਸ ਮਾਸ ਉਰਧ ਮੁਖ ਰਹਤਾ ਸੋ ਦਿਨੁ ਕੈਸੇ ਭੂਲਿਆ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

Have you forgotten those days, when you were hanging, face down, for ten months? ||1||Pause||

ਜਿਉ ਮਧੁ ਮਾਖੀ ਤਿਉ ਸਠੋਰਿ ਰਸੁ ਜੋਰਿ ਜੋਰਿ ਧਨੁ ਕੀਆ ॥

Like the bee which collects honey, the fool eagerly gathers and collects wealth.

ਮਰਤੀ ਬਾਰ ਲੇਹੁ ਲੇਹੁ ਕਰੀਐ ਭੂਤੁ ਰਹਨ ਕਿਉ ਦੀਆ ॥੨॥

At the time of death, they shout, "Take him away, take him away! Why leave a ghost lying around?" ||2||

ਦੇਹਰੀ ਲਉ ਬਰੀ ਨਾਰਿ ਸੰਗਿ ਭਈ ਆਗੈ ਸਜਨ ਸੁਹੇਲਾ ॥

His wife accompanies him to the threshold, and his friends and companions beyond.

ਮਰਘਟ ਲਉ ਸਭੁ ਲੋਗੁ ਕੁਟੰਬੁ ਭਇਓ ਆਗੈ ਹੰਸੁ ਅਕੇਲਾ ॥੩॥

All the people and relatives go as far as the cremation grounds, and then, the soul-swan goes on alone. ||3||

ਕਹਤੁ ਕਬੀਰ ਸੁਨਹੁ ਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਨੀ ਪਰੇ ਕਾਲ ਗ੍ਰਸ ਕੂਆ ॥

Says Kabeer, listen, O mortal being: you have been seized by Death, and you have fallen into the deep, dark pit.

ਝੂਠੀ ਮਾਇਆ ਆਪੁ ਬੰਧਾਇਆ ਜਿਉ ਨਲਨੀ ਭ੍ਰਮਿ ਸੂਆ ॥੪॥੨॥

You have entangled yourself in the false wealth of Maya, like the parrot caught in the trap. ||4||2||

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**Principal's Message**

Mrs. S. Sanghera  
Vaheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Vaheguru Ji Ke Fateh

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Arjun and Japmandeep on their successful applications for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl at Seva School 2024 - 25.

They both demonstrated an innate ability to motivate and inspire others to rise to the standards of service, excellence, virtues and aspirations and I look forward to seeing them thrive in the highly regarded responsibility of Head Boy and Head Girl.

I am confident they will be exemplary role models to their peers and that they will have the strength of character to represent them with integrity and pride.

I wish both of them every success and a great academic year ahead.

WELL DONE  
&  
CONGRATULATIONS



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**PARENT NOTICES**

The Virtue of this half-term is:

**COURAGE**

**Tuesday 17th December**

Reception Class Nativity

**Friday 20th December**

Whole school Christmas Jumper Day.

Primary toy day.

**Friday 20th December**

Last Day of Term - Primary pupils finish at 12pm and Secondary pupils finish at 12:15pm

**Monday 6th January**

Teacher Training Day

**Tuesday 7th January**

First Day of Term - School starts at 08:30am for all pupils

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## SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Seva School,

I am honoured and excited to introduce myself as the Head Girl of Seva School for this academic year. My name is Japmandeep, and I am currently in year 11. Becoming the Head Girl is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and represent our incredible school community.

My journey at Seva School has been a truly transformative one. From my first day as a timid year 5 girl walking through these halls, to now, I have grown not only in knowledge but also in confidence and character. This school has given me countless opportunities to learn, lead, and connect with peers and mentors who have shaped me into the person I am today. Whether it was participating in PE, or classes in general or excelling in my favourite subjects or taking part in community service projects, every experience has deepened my sense of belonging to our school.

As Head Girl, my vision is to lead with kindness, integrity, and inclusivity. I want to ensure that every student feels heard, valued, and supported. Together, with the prefect team, I aim to strengthen the bond within our school community by fostering teamwork, organising meaningful events, and advocating for initiatives that reflect the values we hold dear.

Above all, my goal is to inspire my peers to embrace their potential and contribute positively to our school environment. I believe that leadership is not just about making decisions but about empowering others to shine and work collectively toward success.

I am thrilled about the few months in year 11 that I have left and look forward to collaborating with students, teachers, and staff to make our school an even better place. Please feel free to approach me with your ideas, concerns, or even just for a friendly chat. Together, we can make this a memorable and impactful time for everyone.

Warm regards,

Japmandeep  
Head Girl

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Dear Seva School,

My name is Arjun, and I am privileged to say that I am your new head boy at Seva School. I applied for this role as I believe in giving back to Seva School as the School has given me so much since I joined in Year 7. I will be happy to work with the Seva School pupils and take on any queries that they may have, no matter how big or small they may be. Do not be intimidated or afraid to speak your mind and inform me on whatever problems you may have. I, as your new Head Boy, shall do whatever is in my power to help. From this moment onwards, your interests, and worries are also my personal and very own interests, and worries.

Thank you very much,

Arjun  
Head Boy





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## SEVA STARS OF THE WEEK



### SERVICE

Mr Singh nominated Parneet in Year 6 for always offering to and being ready to help and give up her own time to do so.  
Well Done.



### EXCELLENCE

Mrs M Kaur & Mrs Thethy nominated Harnoop in year 1 for for always putting in 100% effort into everything she does.  
Well Done.



### VIRTUES

Mrs Gill nominated Year 7 for their excellent conduct and responsibility whilst on the Black Country Museum trip.  
Well Done.



### ASPIRATIONS

Mrs Bosworth nominated Sehaj in Reception for always trying her absolute best.  
Well Done.

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## EXPANSION NEWS



The construction of our MIRI building is moving along at a pace. The images reflect the changing landscape of the building which is shaping up to be a phenomenal place to for our pupils at Seva to think, learn and play.





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## PRIMARY NEWS



Year 1 have used a range of creative resources to create Christmas cards with a moving Snowman. They have written Christmas messages to their loved ones.  
Awesome Christmas cards.

Mrs M Kaur





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On Monday 9th December, Primary pupils enjoyed watching Shooting Stars perform Dick Whittington.

Mrs M Kaur





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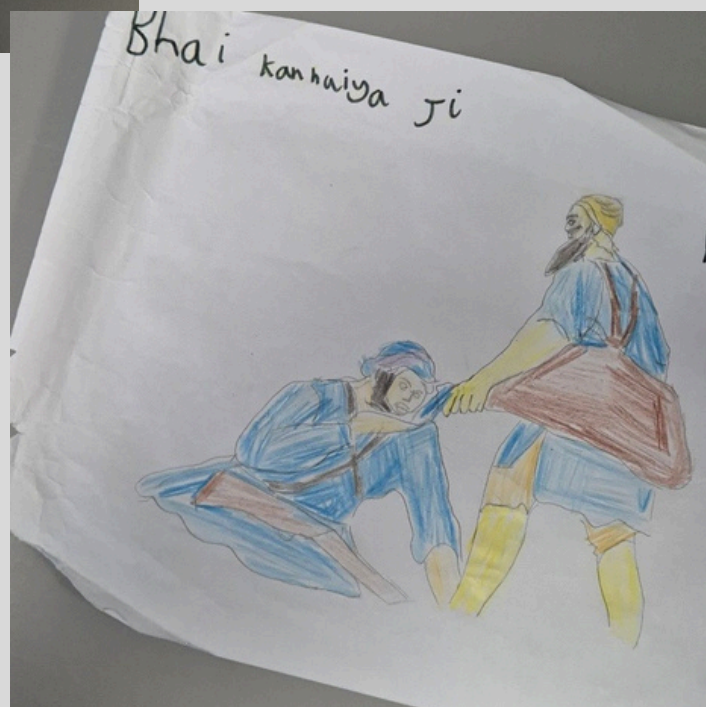
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In Seva Studies, our Year 3 students delved into the lives of two remarkable Sikh figures: Mata Bhaag Kaur Ji, the fearless leader of the 40 Mukte, and Bhai Kanhaiya Ji, the embodiment of compassion who served water to both friend and foe on the battlefield. Students reflected on the values of courage, leadership, and selfless service.

To bring their learning to life, students had the opportunity to create thoughtful and creative drawings of these inspiring figures, showcasing their unique perspectives on the lessons they learned. We're proud of their work and the meaningful conversations these activities have sparked in class.

Mrs J Kaur



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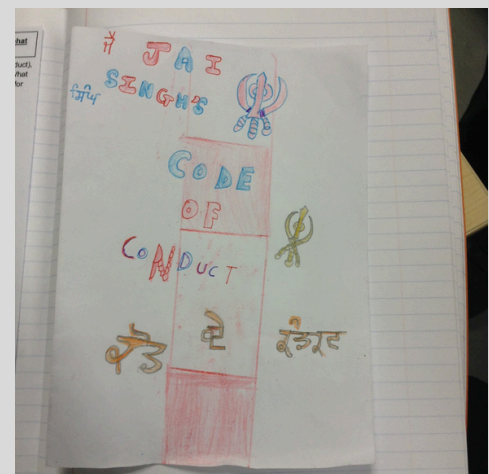
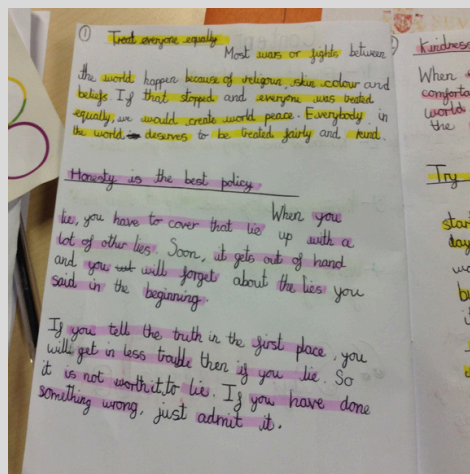
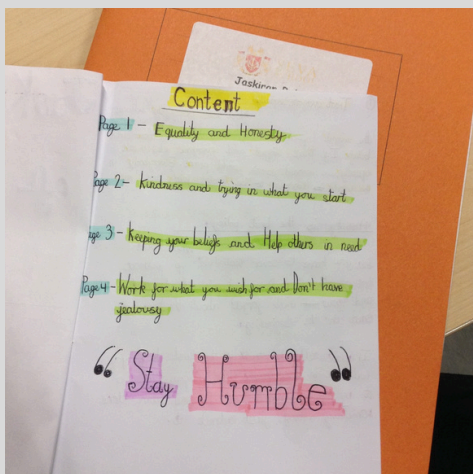
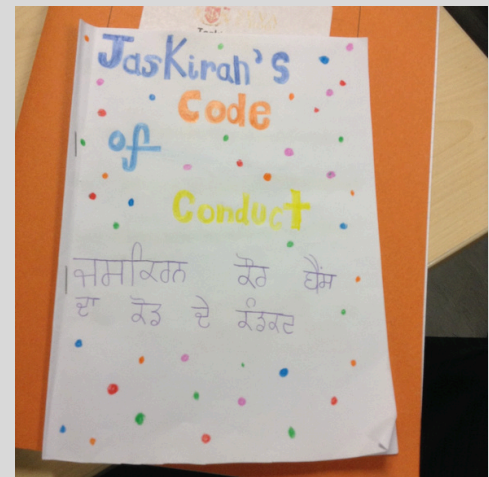
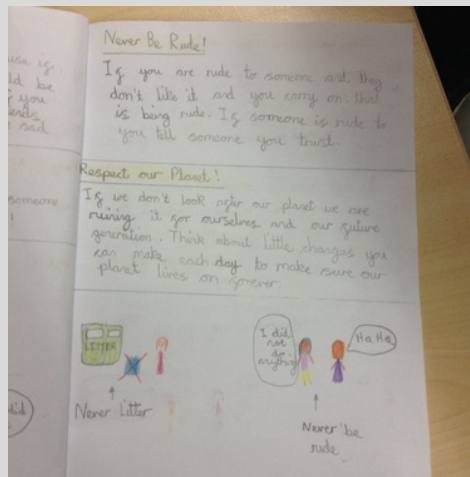
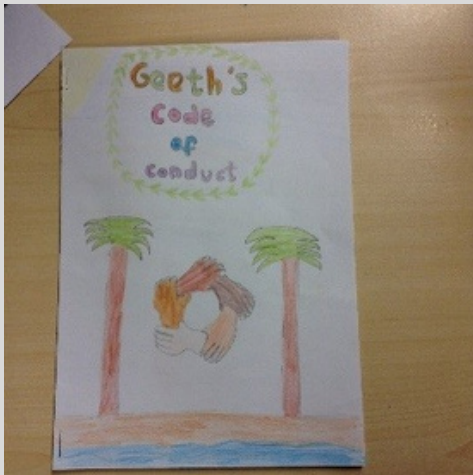


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In Seva Studies, Year 5 have been exploring the Sikh Rehat Maryada, the code of conduct that guides Sikhs in living a disciplined, spiritual life. Through discussions and activities, students learned about the importance of values such as honesty, humility, and devotion in daily practice.

Inspired by this, each student created their own personal code of conduct, reflecting on the principles they believe are important. This activity encouraged self-reflection, creativity, and a deeper connection to the values they studied. Well done, Year 5, for your thoughtful and meaningful work.

Mrs J Kaur





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## SECONDARY NEWS

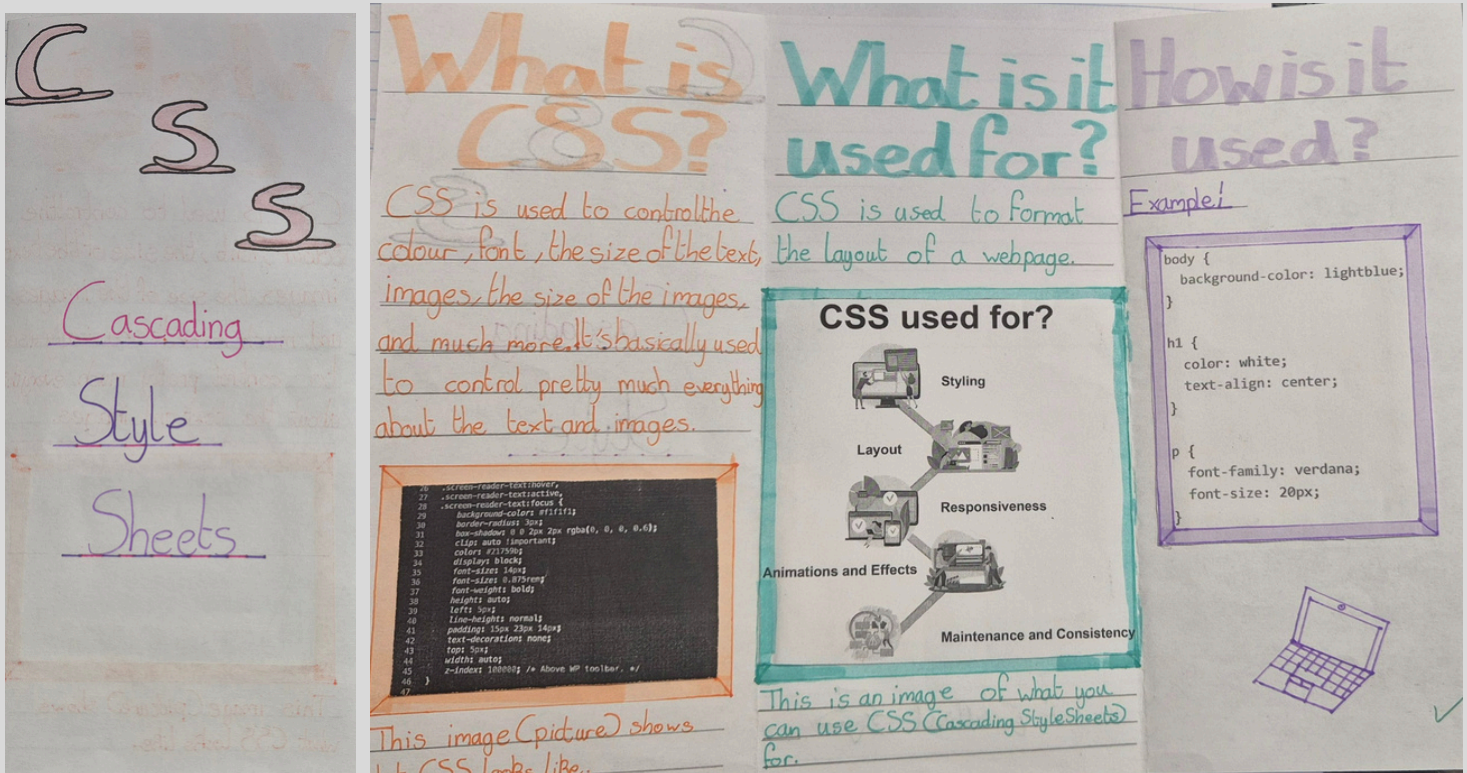


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Simran in year 8 was given a homework task to create a document that would help explain to year 7 pupils what CSS is. She did a wonderful job with the outcome resulting in a beautiful leaflet that contained all the information required to make it easy for a younger person to understand. She added illustrations to reinforce her information. I was really impressed with the amount of effort, care and time she put into her work.

Well done Simran.

Mrs Ndongala



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Stephen Wiltshire is an artist who creates accurate drawings of landscape by capturing what he sees in his memory and recreating it later on in his studio.

Pupils in year 9 also worked from memory as they were shown a photograph of London in intervals and they had to capture it in the style of the artists' work.

Pupils have not worked in this way before. I want to commend Nimrat for creating an amazing pen drawing- keep up the hard work.

Mrs Grewal





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In Seva studies year 9 pupils are looking at how Sikhs contributed to WW1. Well done to Simran who created a wonderful information page on Hardit Singh.

Mrs Grewal

resilient

# HARDIT SINGH MALIK


helpful

Fearless

Brave

Courageous

Hardit Singh Malik was a groundbreaking Indian pilot and the first Indian fighter pilot in the British Royal Flying Corps (RFC).



Born in 1894 in what is now Pakistan.

Malik is known for his bravery as a pilot and later as a diplomat.

He overcame his racial barriers to join the British forces and went on to play an important role in promoting Indian interests internationally.

After the war, Malik returned to India where he continued to break barriers.

He joined the Indian Civil Service (ICS) and later served as a diplomat. He passed away, October 31, 1985, at the age of 90. Hardit Singh Malik's life is remembered for his courage, skill and contributions to India's early military and diplomat efforts.



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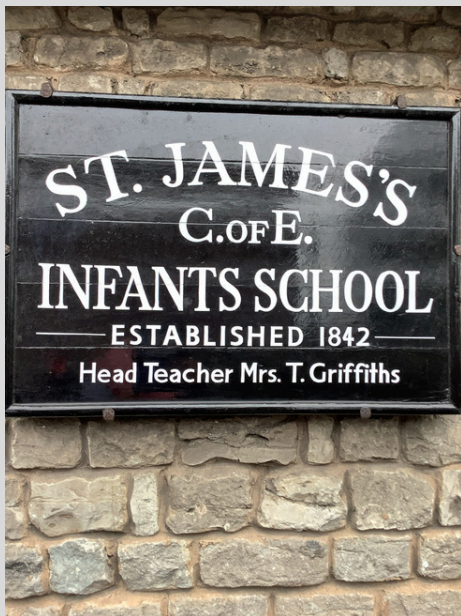


Well done to Year 7 who had a highly successful trip to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley on Wednesday. Everyone had a fantastic time exploring the 260-acre site (as big as 15 football pitches!), the underground mines, following the Industrial Revolution tour and partaking in a Victorian School lesson with a strict Headmistress who used the cane.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff (Ms Gabriel, Mrs Gill, Mr Sturmey, Mr Subhra) and volunteers (Mr Singh & Mrs Bamrah) for whom the trip could not have done without.

Tune in next week for some photos of the pupils in action.

Mrs Gill



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## HOUSE POINTS SYSTEM &amp; RESULTS



## Our School's Mission Statement

"Oh Lord. All thine servants, who relish the name. Perform thy service. He, who effaces his self-conceit from within himself, becomes pure by Guru's grace."

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji - ANG 599

Our house points system is aligned to the 3 key principles of the Sikh faith.  
Each of the houses are also assigned a key figure from Sikh faith history.

## Weekly House Points Results from 2nd December to 6th December

Remember God

Mata Sahib Kaur Ji

4235

Share good will

Bhai Khanaiya Ji

4445

Work hard

Baba Budha Ji

4470

The house with the most points this week is:

**Kirat Karni**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



### Attendance Teddy's Message

Congratulations to Reception Class for the highest attendance this week.

### Attendance Matters

Research shows that if your child misses 17 days of school, they are at risk of dropping a whole grade in their GCSEs. Please support your child with their attendance.

### Punctuality

All pupils should be in school by 8.30 am. Children arriving into school after this time without a valid reason will serve a lunchtime detention. A text message will be sent to their parents/carers as per the information on the data collection sheet by Mrs Alcock.

### Workshops

Parents requesting to take holidays during term time will be required to attend a workshop before any request is considered. The workshop will be held once a week on a Wednesday at 3:30pm - 4:30pm. This workshop is to highlight the importance of attendance and the detrimental impact of taking holidays during term time can have on your child's attainment and progress.

### Attendance

If your child is absent from school due to illness, you must inform the school by 08:30am. You must call and leave a message on the absence line (option 1) or email [attendance@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@seva.coventry.sch.uk) clearly stating the pupil's name, year/class and a detailed reason for the absence. Reason of 'not well' is not acceptable.



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### CELEBRATING BEST ATTENDANCE FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

2nd December - 6th December

YEAR	%
RS	97.1
1	92.6
2	96.4
3	94.9
4	95.5
5	87.9
6	95.2
7	96.7
8	90.1
9	94.6
10	92.8
11	90.9
Weeks Average for Whole School	93.3



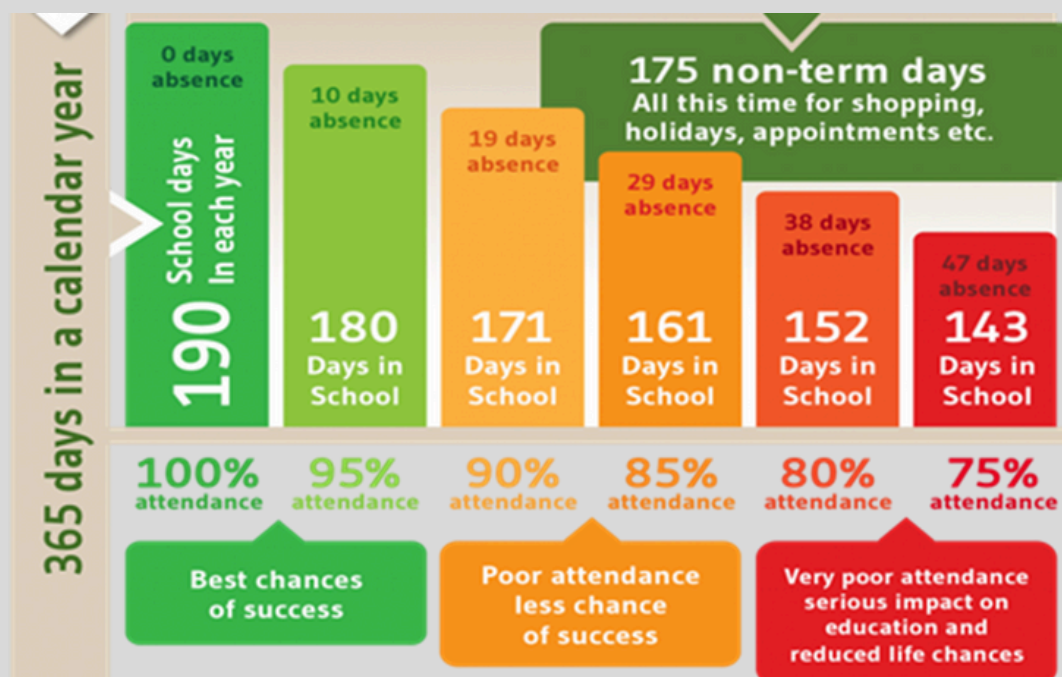
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0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ <b>PERFECTION</b> ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	<b>IMPRESSIVE</b>
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	<b>NEARLY THERE</b>
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	<b>CAN BE IMPROVED</b> "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	<b>NEEDS TO IMPROVE</b>
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	<b>SERIOUS CONCERNS</b> "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	<b>RISK OF PROSECUTION</b> "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

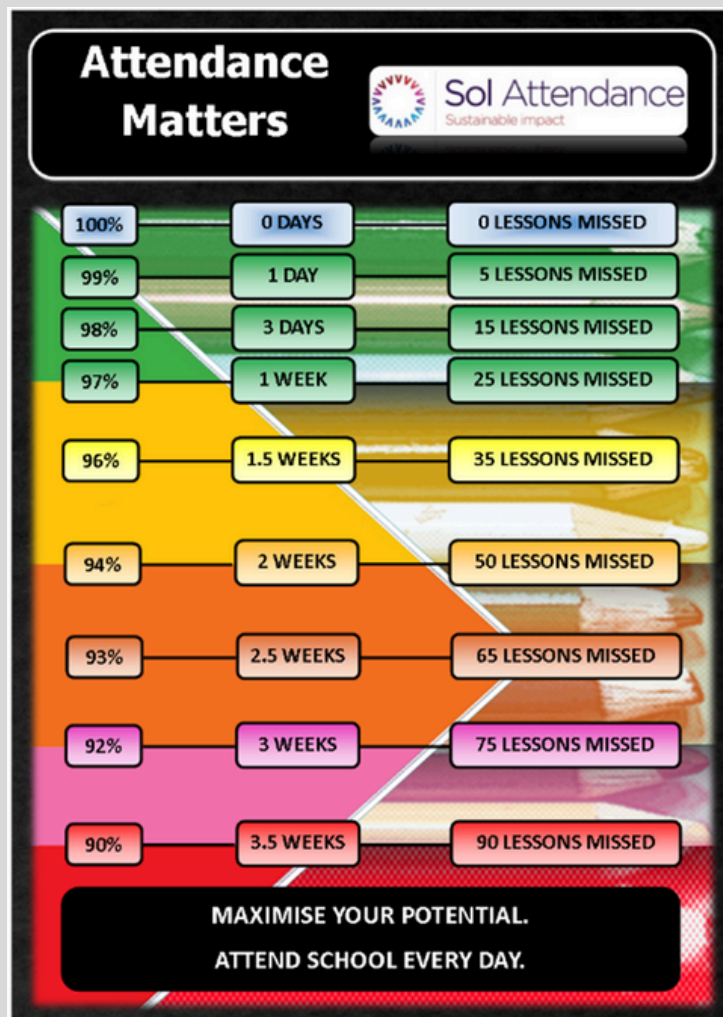


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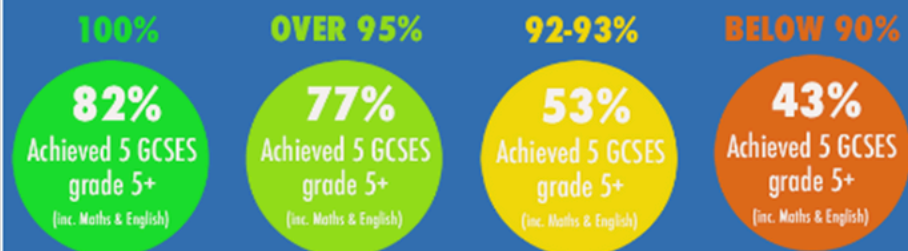


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## HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSES.



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!



ACHIEVING 5 OR MORE GCSES AT GRADE 5+ HAS SHOWN TO INCREASE YOUR LIFETIME EARNINGS BY **41%**

There are **365** DAYS in a year

**175** are not spent in school!

\*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games!

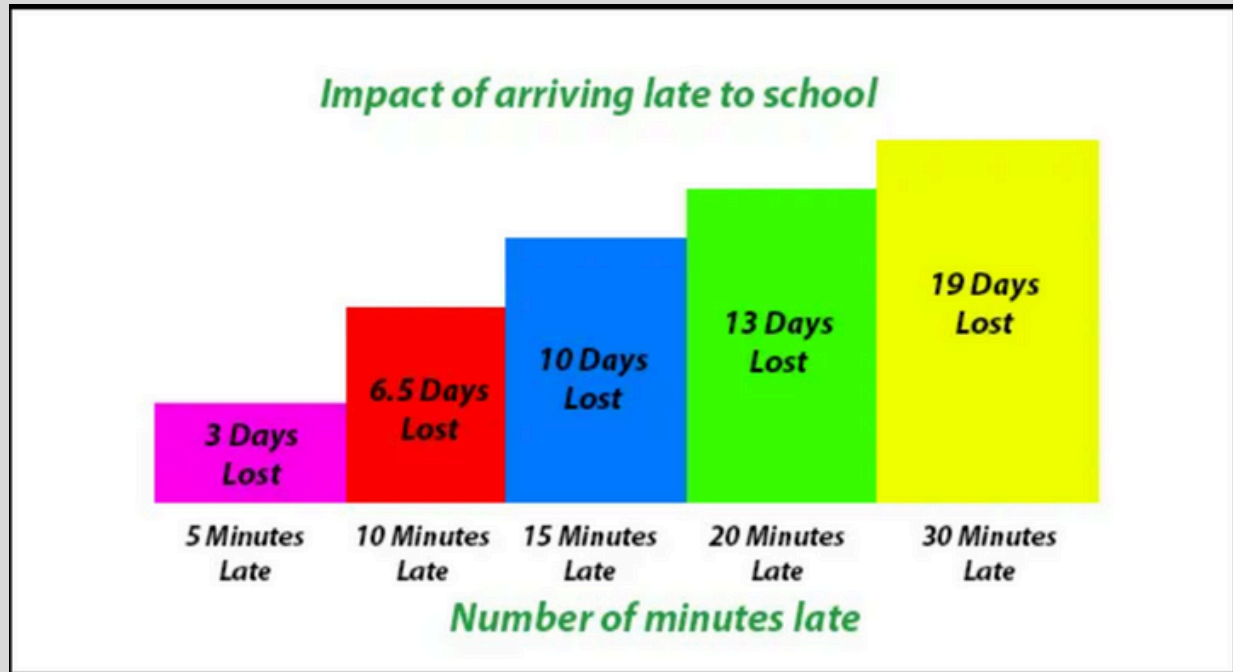


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## PUNCTUALITY MATTERS



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Being on time means your child:

- Can say hello to their friends in the playground
- Can practice skills that will help to develop their learning and improve their confidence
- Can develop social skills
- Feels happy, relaxed and settled ready to start learning at 8.30 am

Being late means your child:

- Misses important social time with friends before the day begins
- Misses morning tasks that practice the ongoing key skills
- Misses vital school information being delivered, making it harder to communicate with teachers and peers during the school day
- Misses or coming in late to school assemblies
- Will be targeted to improve their punctuality, this will include contacting parents on a regular basis

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## ADMISSIONS



### Section 48 FAITH INSPECTION

ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 48 ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਨਿਰੀਖਣ

OUTSTANDING

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#### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਦਾਖਲੇ

Email:

[primaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@coventry.gov.uk)

To secure a place in primary for September 2025 apply by  
December 2024

#### SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

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