



Fleet News

Friday 5th September 2025

Message from the Executive Head...

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some special time with family and friends. It has been a really positive start to the new school year here at Fleet. Staff have been in since the beginning of the week preparing classrooms and getting everything ready, and since Wednesday it has been fantastic to see the children back, settling quickly into routines and ready for the year ahead.

Our Reception and Nursery teams have been busy carrying out home visits for our new starters, which are going really well. I am really looking forward to welcoming the children and families into school from next week as they begin their Fleet journey.

As always at the start of term, there are some important dates for your diary. Next week we will be holding our **Curriculum Meetings** for each year group. These are a really valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and hear about the key information for the year ahead. I strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend if you can - see pages 5 & 6 for details of these important dates.

Next week the Friday celebration newsletter will be back to normal with individual pages for each class of what they've been up to during their first full week back. I look forward to working with you all over the coming year and wish everyone the very best for the term ahead.



Attendance & Punctuality

Every day in school matters

At Fleet, we know that children who are in school regularly achieve more, feel more confident, and make better progress. Every day and every lesson really does count.

Before Covid, the picture was clear:

- **84% of pupils with 100% attendance** reached the expected standard in all subjects.
- This dropped to **just 40%** for pupils whose attendance was below 90%.

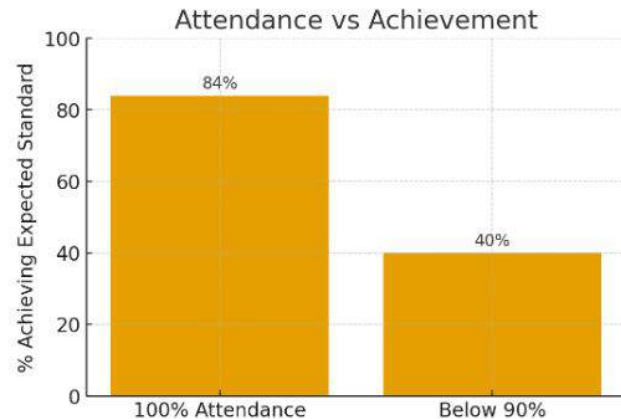
Last year, our overall school attendance was just above **94%**. At first glance this might sound fine—but 94% means that, on average, each child missed around **11½ days of school**. That's about **63 hours of learning time** (or 63 individual lessons) gone. You can see how quickly it adds up.

Attendance below 90% is classed as *persistent absence*. In the past, this was usually because of serious or ongoing health issues. Now, across the country and here at Fleet, more children are reaching this level for reasons such as:

- Staying off for minor colds, coughs, or feeling a bit under the weather.
- Taking extra days before or after a holiday.

To fall below 90%, a child would need to miss **19 or more days** of school. That means over **100 hours of teaching time** missed—more than 100 lessons. Unsurprisingly, very few children with this level of absence manage to keep up with their learning. Year after year, the gap only grows.

Attendance Vs Achievement



Attendance & Punctuality

Building resilience

We all want to teach children resilience. Often, when children wake up feeling groggy, once they have some breakfast, perhaps a dose of Calpol, and get moving, they are able to cope perfectly well in school. Once they see their friends and get into lessons, they usually perk up. Of course, if a child is truly unwell, we will always call you to come and collect them. But we ask you to help your child build this important life skill of “pushing through” minor illnesses, rather than missing valuable learning.

Holidays in term time

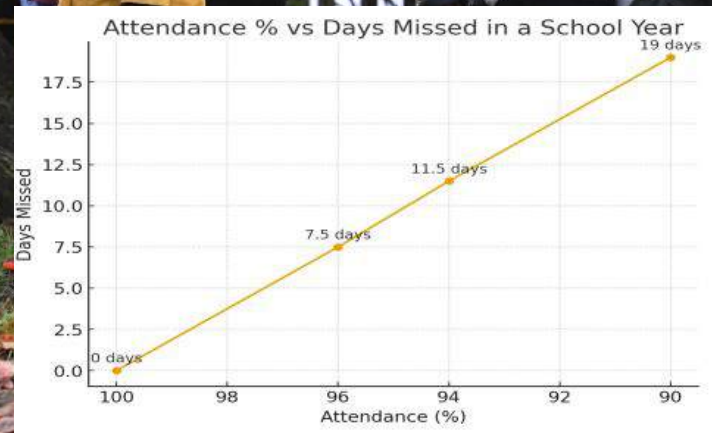
Government and local authority guidance is very clear: holidays are not “exceptional circumstances”. We cannot authorise them, and parents who take children out for holidays during term time are very likely to receive a fine. More importantly, your child will miss out on precious learning time that can’t be replaced.

Looking ahead

Our target for this school year is **96% attendance**. That means fewer than 8 days off across the whole year. Many of our children reached this last year—but we need more to get there this year. With your support, we can give every child the very best chance to succeed.

Fleet Primary School Attendance Policy Link:

[Fleet Primary School Attendance Policy](#)



Meet the staff...



Name: June
Role: Admin Officer
How long worked at Fleet:
5 years

One of our aims is that our fabulous staff work in partnership with you, our parents and carers, to support your children on their journey through school laying strong foundations for resilience and future success. To help build this relationship each week we will be introducing different staff who looking after and work with your children. We want you to get to know the adults in school and some things about them over and above their school role.

Favourite Food

Chicken or fish - I don't really like red meat!

Favourite Book as a child...

Pippi Longstocking, I enjoyed reading these with my children and I'm sure I read them when I was young!

Hidden Talent...

I enjoy writing poetry

Favourite thing about school as a child...

Maths was my favourite subject

Dream destination...

New York, I had a friend from there when I was young and have always wanted to go there

Surprise fact about you...

In lockdown I walked the equivalent of a marathon over a few weeks and raised over £1,000 for Marie Curie

Any other jobs...

I worked in in a fruit and veg firm in Covent Garden dealing with invoices and accounts

Favourite Film...

A star is born, many memories with both versions of this film

What did you want to be when you grew up...

A policewoman, until I realised I wasn't tall enough!

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

Being with my grandchildren and I enjoy walking

Dates for your diary...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub. Thank you.

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025
Last day of term	Friday 19 th December 2025 – close at 2pm

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 6 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March 2026 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026
Last day of term	Friday 17 th July 2026 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026
2 nd half term			Monday 20 th July 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

17th September	Parent Workshop - 'Everyone's Invited'
7th October	Flu Immunisation
8th October	KS1 & KS2 Open Mornings (9-9.30am) - all parents welcome - Phonics and Reading focus
17th October	Fluoride Varnish Application - Nursery to Year 6

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

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Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2025-26

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RECEPTION 2025-26

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YEAR 1 2025-26

11th September	Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ 3.45pm
19th September	Hampstead Heath visit in morning
29th September	Trip to WAC Arts

YEAR 2 2025-26

8th September	Trip to Book Event
11th September	Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ 3.45pm
21st-22nd September	Bike Training - bring in bike if you have one
23rd October	Anansi @ Unicorn Theatre

YEAR 3 2025-26

10th September	Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ 3.45pm
6th-17th October	Swimming
21st-22nd September	Bike Training - bring in bike if you have one

YEAR 4 2025-26

10th September	Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ 3.45pm
24th October	Class Assembly - parents welcome @ 10am

YEAR 5 2025-26

8th September	Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ 6.30pm
25th September	'Everyone's Invited' Workshop
6th-10th October	Level 2 Bike Training (opt in)
20th-24th October	Sayer Croft residential Trip

YEAR 6 2025-26

9th September	Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ 6.30pm
19th September	London Zoo
15th October	West End Walking Trip
3rd DEcember	Theatre Trip - Cinderella @ Hackney Empire

Lunch Menu: 8th – 12th September

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:

Spicy Veg & Lentil
CousCous
Or
5 Bean Chilli

Sweetcorn Bread
Rice

Baked Potato:
with cheese

Veg of the day

Peaches &
Ice-Cream

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:

Beef & Lentil
Bolognaise

Vegetarian:

Chickpea & Veg
Biryani

Pasta & Turmeric
Bread

Baked Potato:
with baked beans

Veg of the day

Mandarin sponge
Cake & custard

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:

Roast Turkey
Stuffing, Gravy &
Potatoes

Vegetarian:

Quorn & Black Bean
Fajitas & Rice

Baked Potato:

With tuna &
sweetcorn mayo

Veg of the day

Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Meat/Halal:

Caribbean Spiced
Chicken Curry &
Rice/Peas

Vegetarian:

Beetroot, Squash &
Lentil Wellington with
Mash and Gravy

Baked Potato:

with 5 bean chilli &
Rainbow Slaw

Veg of the day

Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Friday

Meat/Halal:

Breaded Fish with
Chips & tomato sauce

Vegetarian:

Cheese & Tomato
Quiche & Potatoes

Baked Potato:

with Lentil
Bolognaise

Veg of the day

Peach & Strawberry
Crumble

Please remember to let the office know if you want to change your child to or from school lunches so that adequate amounts of food are produced and waste is reduced

Available Daily
Freshly Cooked Jacket Potato
Freshly Baked Bread
Salad

This week at Fleet...

New topics are well under way and the children have settled into their new classes easily. As you can see from the photos on this page and the next everyone has been very busy already even though it's only been three days!



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