

THE SMITH'S WOOD

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SPORTS DAYS

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JUNE 19



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Sports Days are scheduled to take place this week on the following days;

Tuesday	18/6/19	10.55 am	(Nursery am)
Tuesday	18/6/19	2.35pm	(Nursery pm)
Wednesday	19/6/19	9.15am	(Reception)
Wednesday	19/6/19	10.30am	(Year 1/2)
Thursday	20/6/19	9.15 am	(Year 3/4)
Thursday	20/6/19	10.30am	(Year 5/6)

Letters have gone out previously outlining the expectations on these days.

Parents are reminded to **STAY OFF THE TRACK AT ALL TIMES** and to stay behind the tape at all times.

Do not stand in front of the finish line.

Please provide pupils with water bottles at the start of the school day, as normal.

Please ensure that pre school age children are directly supervised.

Please do not post videos / photos of children online, other than your own child.

Please note that children off school ill or excluded from any school are not permitted to attend these events.

Sports days will take place on the main school field. Access will be via the main gate from the car park.

Please note that in the event of poor weather, it may be necessary to postpone events. Also, if the grass becomes slippery, it may be necessary to cancel. Where possible, we will provide advance notice of any cancellation via the school text service

With 5 weeks of the school year to go, attendance stands at 95.8%. The national average for primary schools is usually around 96%.

Reminder

The school is obliged to follow the law when it comes to the issue of holidays taken in term time.

The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2013 prohibit the proprietor of a school granting leave of absence to a pupil, **except where an application has been made in advance** and the proprietor considers that there are **exceptional circumstances** relating to the application.

Holidays in term time are not authorised unless the reason for the holiday is deemed "exceptional". Please note that whilst we are aware that holidays are cheaper in term times, this would not constitute an "exceptional circumstance" as it affects all parents and carers.

The full attendance policy is available on the school website.

Where a holiday is taken without authorisation, we would advise parents to pay any fine issued by the court swiftly, to avoid the fine escalating and further costs being imposed, as well as avoiding a criminal record.

Where a holiday is taken without authorisation, it is highly likely that a fine will be forthcoming, as a holiday taken without authorisation is illegal.