

St Barnabas and St Paul's CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28th November 2025

At St Barnabas and St Paul's Church of England Primary School, our vision is that **we become the best for God that we can be**, in all we do, whilst demonstrating Christian values which are pertinent to all faiths.

Our vision is based on *Colossians 3:23*, ***'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.'***

Leadership Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

The festive season is upon us and it is lovely to see the Christmas decorations already up around school.

All year groups will begin to practice their Christmas productions, which I know we are all so excited about. The children are making great connections with the learning taking place in RE lessons and acting out The Christmas Story to perform.

Thank you for your continued support in the preparations for our magical Christmas Market next Tuesday (2nd December) such as providing prizes for the Chocobola and Tombola. It's all coming together!

A reminder to spread the news for those parents who have children starting school in September 2026, they are invited to come and join us for a Stay and Play session with their child. This takes place on Monday (1st December), 10am - 11am or 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Thank you.

Hope you have a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Cowell (Acting Assistant Headteacher)



Pupils of the Week

	Star Pupil	Christian Value	Manners Matter
RB	Badr A	Ayat T	Asnat F
RP	Yusuf M	M. Affan	Aahil S
1B	Zain A	Maya Z	Aairah W
1P	Arwaa P	Alisha A	Anabiya S
2B	Ameera K	Bader A	Areesha S
2P	Zaira S	Mujtaba H	Hina S
3B	Eshaal S	Abdullah B	Ayan S
3P	Hafsah H	Dorian C	Qasim A
4B	Sami I	Saib A	Mohammed S
4P	Saim N	Aizah S	Menaal H
5B	Faizan Z	Abdullakh S	Maleeha C
5P	Hashim. W	Leya.Y	Abdul-Khaliq. S
6B	Sami H	Umar A	Aairah I
6P	Raihan A	Amina H	Aiyat A



Times Table Rockstar
Champion:



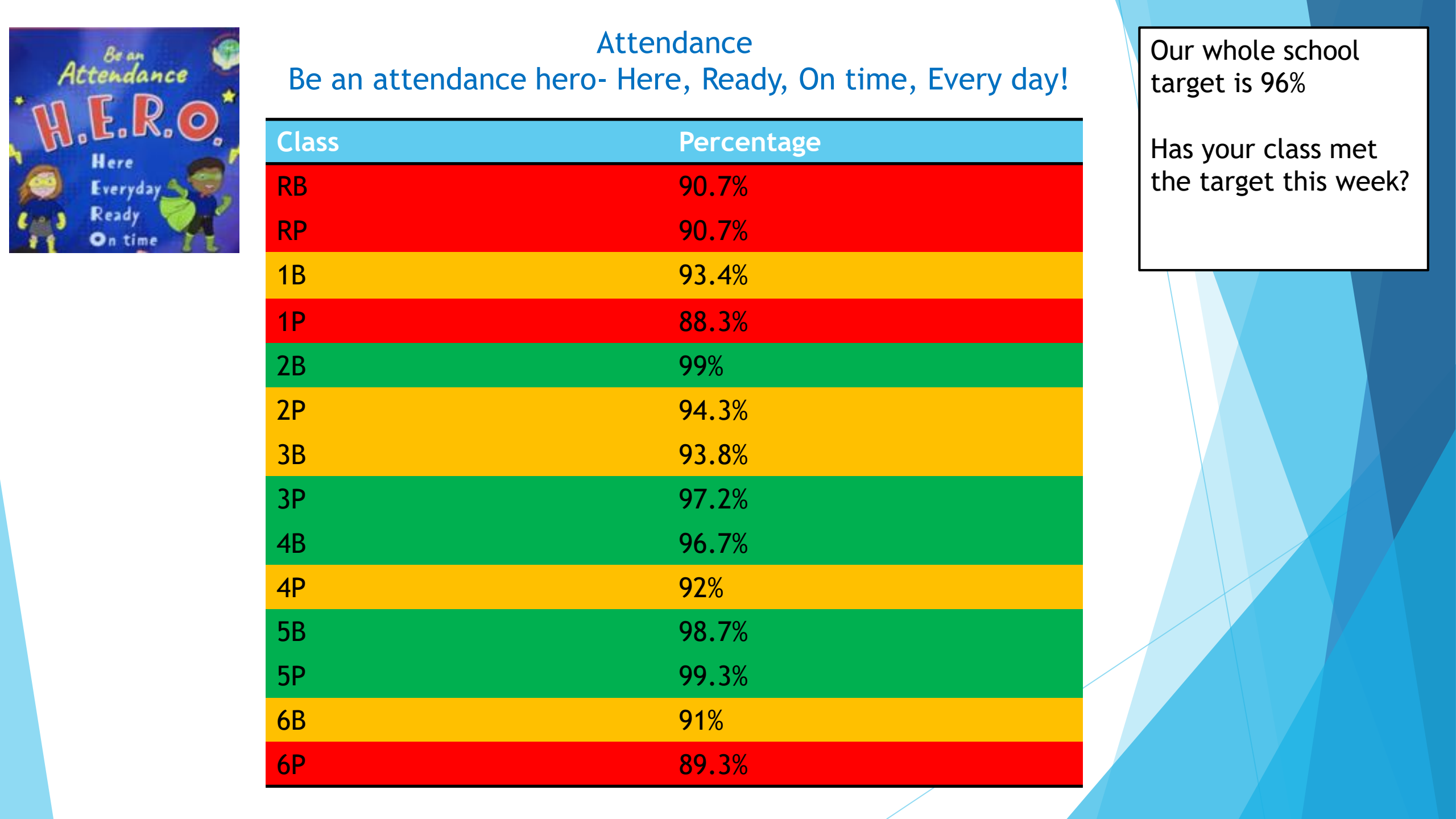
Attendance

Be an attendance hero- Here, Ready, On time, Every day!

Our whole school target is 96%

Has your class met the target this week?

Class	Percentage
RB	90.7%
RP	90.7%
1B	93.4%
1P	88.3%
2B	99%
2P	94.3%
3B	93.8%
3P	97.2%
4B	96.7%
4P	92%
5B	98.7%
5P	99.3%
6B	91%
6P	89.3%



Diary dates:

December:

- ▶ 1st Stay and Play sessions for perspective Reception parents and children (10:00 – 11:00am or 1:30 – 2:30pm)
- ▶ 2nd Christmas Market for families
- ▶ 4th 100% attendance day
- ▶ 8th EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Kids' Party 3.00pm till 4.00pm
- ▶ 8th Carol Service at St Luke's Church at 9am (Y5 and 6 parents invited)
- ▶ 9th Y2,3 and 4 Christmas Performance of Through the Decades - 9:15am and 1:30pm performances
- ▶ 9th Y5/Y6 Christmas Kids' Party 3.00pm till 4.00pm
- ▶ 11th Y3/Y4 Christmas Kids' Party 3.00pm till 4.00pm
- ▶ 16th Reception and Y1 Nativity—9:15am and 1:30pm performances
- ▶ 17th Christmas lunch
- ▶ 18th Christmas parties—party clothes can be worn all day
- ▶ 19th School closes for Christmas at 1:15pm

- Tickets will need to be purchased for both the Nativity and Christmas through the Decades performances. There will be a small charge of 50p per ticket which will initially be restricted to two tickets per family.
- W.b. 15th December, children can wear their Christmas jumpers all week instead of their school jumper.

Year Group News

As we enter the festive season, the children in Year 6 have been working hard and showing outstanding levels of drive, determination and improved levels of maturity, reacting positively to feedback shared at Parents' Evening.

This week the class have auditioned for parts in the Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service (at St Luke's Church on the 8th December- tickets are still currently available. Your support is very much welcomed).

In addition, the children have been rehearsing the songs for the service. In maths, the children have been getting to grips with adding and subtracting fractions. Meanwhile, in English the children have been writing a non-chronological report about endangered creatures.

Furthermore, the children have displayed their creative side by creating decorations for the classroom and completing their waistcoats. They look amazing and the final products have impressed members of staff.

As the final few weeks race by, please help support the school by purchasing tickets for your children for the forthcoming Christmas Kids' Parties. No doubt the children will have an amazing time having festive fun with all of their friends. For tickets, please visit the office.

E Safety Tip- Clear limits on devices

Tips for Parents

1. **Set Clear and Consistent Limits**

Create simple rules like “no screens during meals” or “screens off 1 hour before bed.”

Use timers!

2. **Model Healthy Habits**

Children imitate what they see. If you want them off devices, show it by taking breaks and having unplugged time too.

3. **Prioritise Quality Over Quantity**

Educational apps

Creative tools (coding, drawing, storytelling)

Avoid:

Endless scrolling

Fast-paced, addictive content

4. **Create Tech-Free Zones**

Bedrooms

Dinner table

Car rides

This encourages conversation and better sleep.

5. **Encourage Alternative Activities**

Make non-screen options easy and attractive:

Crafts

Outdoor play

Books





Prayer for Hope



The theme for this week is to have hope through community and friendship. This is linked to the scripture "Encourage one another and build each other up" - 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Loving God,

Thank you for the hope we find in one another. Help us to encourage, support, and lift each other up each day. May our school community be a place where friendship grows, kindness is shared, and everyone feels valued and included.

Amen.