



# Woolmore Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## June 2026: Attendance Special

### Attendance Matters

#### Every day matters...Every child matters... The Woolmore Way

##### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Woolmore, we believe that **all children can achieve success**. One of the most important foundations for success at school is excellent attendance.

This year, staff, leaders and children have worked incredibly hard to improve attendance across the school. Thank you to families for your support. We know that ensuring children arrive at school every day and on time takes commitment, and we value the partnership between home and school.

Attendance is about much more than percentages. When children attend regularly, they take part in lessons, assemblies, trips, concerts, sports days and all the moments that make school special. They build friendships, develop confidence and feel that they belong.

At Woolmore, this is part of **The Woolmore Way**.

Thank you for helping your child attend school every day, arrive on time and read every day at home.

Together, we can ensure that every child thrives.

**Ms Argent**

Headteacher

#### 100% Attendance Week 22nd–27th June

Next week is our termly **100% Attendance Week**. Each child who attends school every day next week will receive a small prize. Let's do it!



#### Being on time matters too

School gates open at **8:50am** and close at **9:00am**.

Children arriving after 9:00am must enter through the school office.

The start of the day is important:

- children settle into learning;
- teachers share key information;
- classes begin together.



Being punctual is part of being **Ready for Learning**.

#### A great start to the day

Breakfast Club is open from 8-8.45am and it's free for everyone. What a great way to start the day!

If you don't make breakfast club, no worries because we have delicious bagels for everyone at the school gate.



Thank you Muna, Debbie and the breakfast club team

#### Why does attendance matter?

Children only get one chance at primary school.

Every lesson matters. Every day builds learning.

Children who attend school regularly:

- ✓ make stronger progress in reading, writing and maths
- ✓ develop friendships and confidence
- ✓ take part in trips, performances and special events
- ✓ feel safe, happy and part of the school community

At Woolmore, we know that **good attendance and strong learning go hand in hand**.



Belonging at Woolmore 'HTA-style'

#### Working together for great attendance

At Woolmore, attendance is everyone's responsibility. Children, families and staff all work together to ensure that every child is in school, on time and ready to learn. This term, classes have been working hard to improve their attendance and many families and children have shown great determination in getting to school every day.

## Our expectation at Woolmore

We expect all children to attend school **every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend.**

In Tower Hamlets, attendance of **96% or above** is considered regular attendance.

### What does this mean?

| Attendance | Days missed in a school year    |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| 100%       | 0 days                          |
| 98%        | Around 4 days                   |
| 96%        | Around 7–8 days                 |
| 95%        | Around 10 days                  |
| 90%        | Around 19 days (almost 4 weeks) |

## What happens if my child is absent?

Please contact the school office on the first day of absence.

If we have not heard from you, we will contact families as part of our safeguarding procedures because every child matters.

Where attendance becomes a concern, we may:

- telephone families;
- invite parents to a meeting;
- agree support plans;
- involve external services where appropriate.

Our aim is always to work in partnership with families.

## How we support families

At Woolmore, we know that family life can sometimes be challenging.

If attendance becomes difficult, please talk to us early.

Our Attendance Team includes: Senior Leaders, Lois, Susan and Mabel in the Family Support Team and Sonia, our Local Authority Attendance Officer

We work with families to:

- ✓ understand barriers
- ✓ listen and problem-solve
- ✓ put support in place
- ✓ celebrate improvement

We believe in **high expectations and high support.**

## Holidays and leave in term time

School holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. Leave taken in term time will be unauthorised.

Term-time leave forms are available from the school office and should be completed before any absence so that we know where children are.

## Remember

At Woolmore, we believe every child deserves every opportunity to succeed. By attending school every day and arriving on time, children give themselves the very best chance to learn, belong and thrive.

**Every day matters. Every child matters.  
The Woolmore Way.**

## Attendance Rewards

We love celebrating success at Woolmore!

- If a class achieves **100% attendance for the day**, they earn a little extra playtime.
- If the **whole school attendance is above 96%**, all children enjoy a reward of extra playtime as we celebrate working together as a community.
- Children with excellent attendance receive certificates and prizes throughout the year. Every day really does matter!



### Celebrating success

Every week we award our trophies to classes with the highest attendance

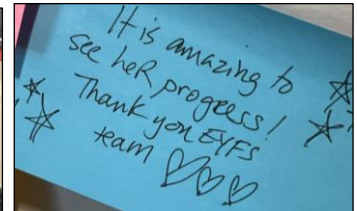
## School Council Leading the Way

This week, members of our School Council are leading assemblies to help everyone understand why attendance is so important.

They have been sharing messages about:

- ✓ being in school every day
- ✓ arriving on time
- ✓ helping friends to attend
- ✓ making the most of every learning opportunity

We are proud of our School Council for showing leadership and helping all children live out the Woolmore values of **Respect, Learning, Together and Pride.**



**TOGETHER SHARING BELONGING CARING LEARNING**



## Did you know?

- Arriving just **10 minutes late each day** adds up to over **30 hours of lost learning** across the school year.
- Children with strong attendance are more likely to feel confident, make friends and achieve well.
- Good attendance is a habit that starts in Nursery and lasts a lifetime.