

## Attendance

### Key Stage 2

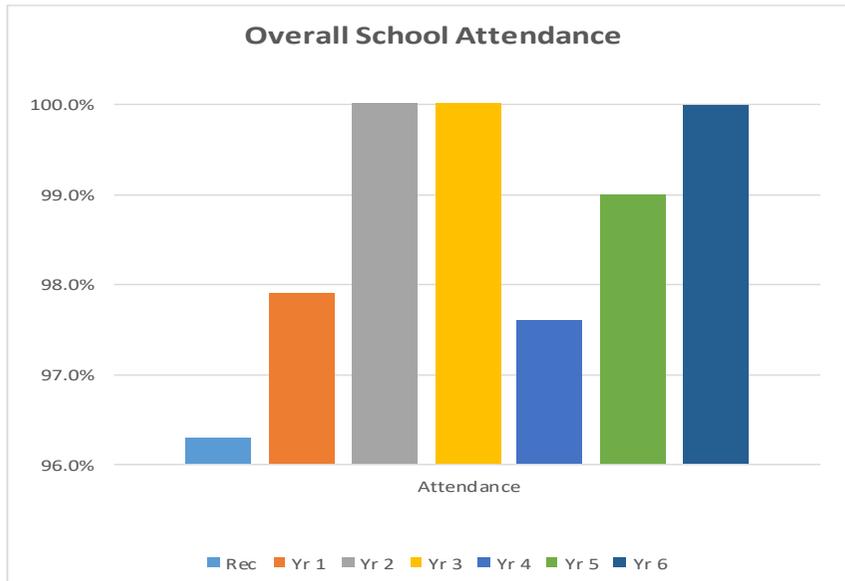
Well done to Year 6 for 100% attendance last week

Year 6	100 %
Year 5	99.0%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 3	96.9%

### Key Stage 1

Well done to Year 2 for 97.9% attendance last week but there is still room for improvement.

Year 2	97.8%
Year 1	97.9%
Rec	96.3%



# Princess May News

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Friday 11th October

### A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

As we enter the last week of our first autumn half-term next week, we can reflect on our successes and things we still need to get right. I am grateful that punctuality has greatly improved this half-term thanks to the efforts of all parents and carers to get to school that bit earlier. The result has been a calm and orderly start to the day for all of our children – so thank you.

We were delighted to welcome Anne Canning, Group Director for Children's services, Adult and Community Health in Hackney, who conducted a learning walk with the senior leadership team. Anne was impressed at the calmness and behaviour of our children as well as their attitudes to learning. This is certainly an area we can reflect upon with pride so far this academic year.

Finally, a reminder that **school finishes for the half-term break on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm**. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October is a staff training day.

Have a great weekend

Mr Reynolds

Headteacher

**School Office Open Monday-Friday at 8:30am-4pm**

**School website**  
[www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk)

### P.E Kit

It is vital that children are bringing in their P.E kits for each lesson. P.E is a very important part of the National Curriculum and it is a legal requirement that this is taught. We are very lucky to have fully qualified sports coaches leading much of our P.E. If your child is struggling to remember their kit then they are free to leave it on their peg in school over a half-term.

### Playground Conduct

We would like to remind parents and carers that the use of bicycles and scooters is not permitted on the school premises at any time, which includes before and after school. Anyone using these will be politely asked to dismount and walk them to the bike sheds. A reminder also that abuse or bad language toward staff will not be tolerated in any circumstances.

### Parking

We have noticed an increase in the number of parents and carers parking on double yellow lines on Barrett's Grove both in the mornings and afternoons. You should note that there is a Local Authority CCTV camera in operation which will be sending fines to anyone parked illegally on these lines. Parking here causes a serious safety problem for our children crossing the road. Please ensure you find alternative spaces so that our children remain safe coming to and leaving from school.

### INSET Day

A reminder that school finishes for the half-term break on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm**. School is closed to pupils on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### Parent Consultations

A reminder that the booking system for making an appointment for our consultations on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October will be closing shortly. Please use <https://princessmay.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment.

### Polite Reminder

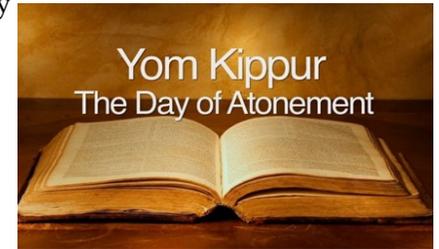
We ask parents to not approach other children in the playground or indeed other parents. If there are any issues that you would like to discuss then please contact the school office. It is important that we maintain a safe and welcoming environment for our children and indeed the whole of our community.



This week we celebrate with our Jewish community, the holiday of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**Rosh Hashanah** is a two day Jewish holiday which marks the beginning of the Jewish year. **Rosh Hashanah** (Hebrew: ראש השנה, literally meaning the "head [of] the

year". **Yom Kippur** is the holiest day of the year for Jews, it comes on the heels of Rosh Hashanah. It is a time of praying in the synagogue, fasting, personal reflection, and hearing the shofar. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement.



Next week Princess May Primary children will be investigating, reflecting and responding to big questions about the 6 principal religions in Britain. They will be learning about Judaism, Sikhism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. They would be hearing from visitors from the different religious groups. They would be exploring artefacts, composing songs, dances and creating art. It is going to be an exciting time. Please ask your child all about what they have learnt.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to **Ms Emma Courtney** who has finished her apprenticeship at the school. She has been an integral part of the office team and working alongside her has been a privilege. We know she will continue to succeed in this new phase of her professional career and we wish her the best both professionally and personally. She has been an indispensable part of our team.