

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Easter Holidays

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8 lates		4 lates		9 lates		7 lates		10 lates		11 lates		5 lates		54 lates	

Well done to Year 1, 3 & Year 6 for achieving our 96% target!

The School Attendance & Punctuality Policy can be found on the School Website. Email & App messages were sent out last week to parents of children with less than 90% attendance (persistent absentee category) & to those who could potentially fall into this category shortly, as well, as children who regularly arrive late. We understand that there are, in most cases, valid reasons for attendance being low & lates being high but we have to keep parents informed of the figures. Punctuality is very important. Children need to arrive by 8.40am as the gates will be locked at 8.45am & children need to be in class at 8.45am ready to start their school day. This applies to all classes in main school including Reception class (Nursery start at 8.45am). Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to be signed in late at



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