

# September Newsletter

## Stronger Working Together.

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you have all had a restful summer and that your children have returned to school with their batteries fully recharged and excited about the year ahead. It was lovely to see them all looking so eager during the first week back. What a great start to the school year! I always take time during the summer holidays to reflect on my work and realised that I am about to start my twentieth year in teaching. I suddenly feel very old. I am grateful that I get to do it at The Federation! We are always looking for how we can improve what we do and take time to plan changes carefully. The start of a new school year is always very exciting and we wish to make it as engaging and fun as possible. In the next few weeks we will send out further information with regards to events via our school app. Thank you,  
Mr. S Pearson



*Helping each other to  
achieve and soar.*

## Our New Staff Members.

- Helen Taylor is our new Federation SENDCo (non teaching).
- Hannah Clark is our new EYFS teacher at Lutton.
- Emily Fullard is our maternity leave teacher in Yr2/3 at Gedney.
- Andy Dearlove who is our new Assistant Headteacher – After Oct' half term.
- Emma Rusling – Cleaner/Midday supervisor at Lutton.

## Year 6 Residential.

It gives me great pleasure in announcing our Yr6 residential for this academic year. I have to admit, I like to see our eldest engaging in adventurous type activities as I feel it really builds character. We have booked this year's trip to Kingswood (Overstrand), Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please feel free to visit the site at:

<https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/overstrand-hall/>

We will soon provide parents with costings and payment details etc.



## Dates for Your Diary

### Gedney Church End:

Reading Café: EYFS 24.9.19 & 15.10.19

School Photos: 30.9.19

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 27.9.19  
(Church/am)

Harvest Festival: 4.10.19 (Church/am)

Reception Open Day 11.10.19 (am)

**Parents' Eve: 14&15.10.19**

**Term Ends:18.10.19**

**Training Day: 28.10.19 (school closed)**

**Autumn 2 Term Starts: 29.10.19**

### Lutton St Nicholas:

Reading Café: Year 2 19.9.19

School Photos: 4.10.19

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 26.9.19

Harvest Festival: 10.10.19 (Church/pm)

Reception Open Day 11.10.19 (pm)

**Parents' Eve: 16&17.10.19**

**Term Ends:18.10.19**

**Training Day: 28.10.19 (school closed)**

**Autumn 2 Term Starts: 29.10.19**

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Gedney Church End: 01406 362383

## Paperless Schools.

Please continue to keep up-to-date with our news items via the schools' app. We are increasingly using this for information sharing with parents so that paper copies are becoming less frequent. If you haven't done so already, you can download the app through your store...once downloaded just type in the school's name.



## Reading.

This year we are really heightening the provision of reading in our schools. It's clear that the more confidence a child has towards reading, the better they perform in other areas of the curriculum. We endeavour to listen to your child during the week, but we ask you to support us as much as possible by sharing books with your child.

Please see the following website for tips in helping your child with their reading:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/>

## Attendance.

The Federation has seen attendance become a real issue over the last two years. We do seem to have too many of our children being persistently absent from school. It's obvious that the less time children spend in school, the more time they are having to catch up with their peers. This really does put that child or children at a huge disadvantage. We are increasing our monitoring of attendance across both schools this year and there will be a line drawn on the amount of holiday time authorised, unless it's for exceptional circumstances.

Attached with this newsletter is our percentages compared to national school figures. I think you would agree we have some work to do to improve this and we really need your support.



## Are You Smarter Than a Year 6?

Two numbers have a difference of 2:38. What could the numbers be if:

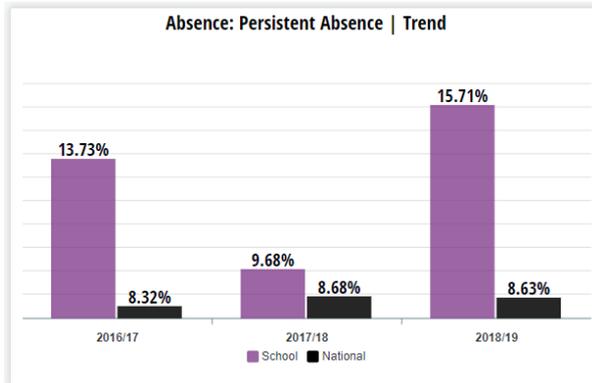
- the two numbers add up to 6?
- one of the numbers is three times as big as the other number?

Two numbers have a difference of 2:3. To the nearest 10, they are both 10. What could the numbers be?



## Persistent Absences.

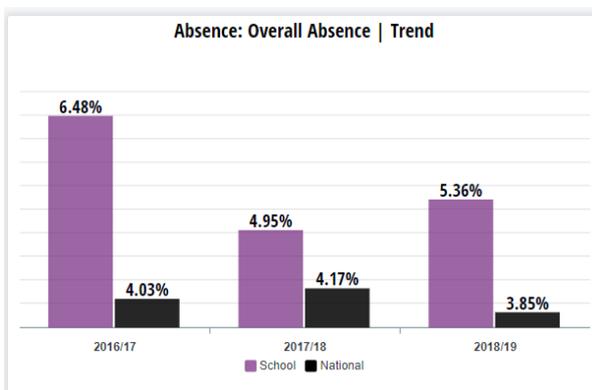
### Gedney Church End



Your school's persistent absence has **increased by 6.03%** from **9.68%** in 2017/18 to **15.71%** in 2018/19.

This is equivalent to **4 more** pupils being persistent absentees in 2018/19 compared to 2017/18.

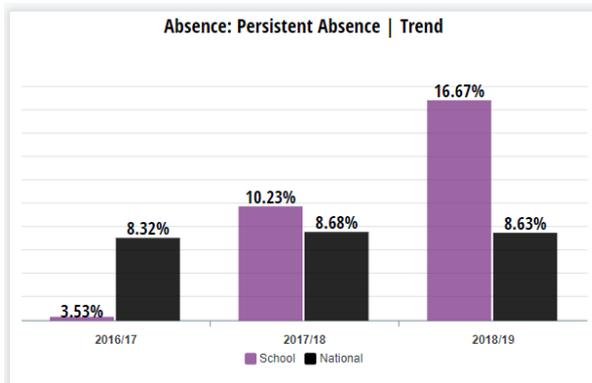
Your school's average for the last 3 academic years is **13.11%**.



Your school's Overall Absence has **increased by 0.41%** from **4.95%** in 2017/18 to **5.36%** in 2018/19.

Your school's average for the last 3 academic years is **5.58%**.

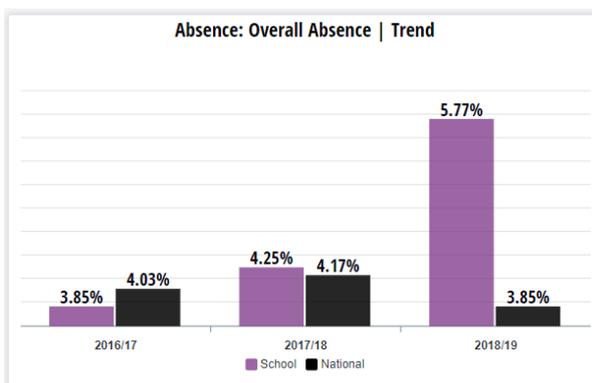
### Luffon St Nicholas



Your school's persistent absence has **increased by 6.44%** from **10.23%** in 2017/18 to **16.67%** in 2018/19.

This is equivalent to **6 more** pupils being persistent absentees in 2018/19 compared to 2017/18.

Your school's average for the last 3 academic years is **10.27%**.



Your school's Overall Absence has **increased by 1.52%** from **4.25%** in 2017/18 to **5.77%** in 2018/19.

Your school's average for the last 3 academic years is **4.53%**.