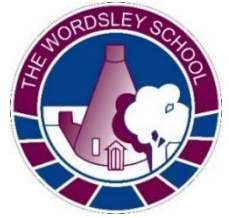


17<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the remaining weeks of the school year, I wish to remind you of a few things concerning attendance.

### Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026, the Leavers Assembly for Year 11 will take place. As a result, pupils in Years 7 to 10 will leave school at 2pm. This allows all staff to attend and share final memories with our Class of 2026.

Despite the early closure, pupils in Years 7 to 10 will still have Periods 1 to 3 as usual. Lunch will be as normal and then pupils will register in Period 4 before leaving.

### Attendance Reminders

Attendance in the summer term remains as important as ever. Pupils are still being taught important content which will be crucial in the following year or may well feature in their GCSE exams. Pupils will be being taught right up until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. As such, we expect them to be in school as usual.

At this point I also need to make some important messages clear. Firstly, holidays should not be taken in term time as per government guidance. While I understand the temptation to do so, the law is clear that pupils are expected to be in school. We will not authorise holidays in term time.

Secondly, we have noticed a trend where some pupils are having particular days off, especially a Friday. Repeatedly having the same day off can lead to pupils being classed as persistently absent and can lead to them falling behind in their studies. I would urge you to support us in sending your child to school. We have strict procedures we will follow if their attendance is below school and national expectations.

Being in school is best for pupils academically and socially. Thank you in advance for helping to get your child into school. We have been the fourth most improved school for attendance in the last two years. This means more pupils in school, with their friends, making progress. We can only do this with your support.

Yours sincerely

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