



End of term message

This has been a busy yet very successful term at Atwood. I am delighted and very proud of the hard work that everyone has dedicated to our school this term – staff, children, parents and governors.

We had a recent (last Tuesday) monitoring inspection from Ark led by an experienced HMI (Ofsted) and two headteachers from the network. It was incredibly positive and some of the wonderful things they had to say about our school included:

Engagement with parents is an outstanding feature of the academy's work.

The teachers' ability to secure the pupils' engagement was a strong feature of all the lessons. The pupils showed interest, generally concentrated well, worked efficiently and often showed enthusiasm and enjoyment.

The pupils' behaviour in lessons was invariably very good. They came to classrooms ready to participate and to learn. The academy's systems for managing the pupils' behaviour were unobtrusive and effective.

Across all year groups, most pupils arrived very punctually and immediately settled down to worthwhile activities in a calm atmosphere in their classrooms, and registers were taken on time. There was still a small minority of pupils who arrived late, but the academy's data show that they are a decreasing proportion of the total: 0.8 per cent compared with 1.0 per cent last term.

The atmosphere in the dining hall at lunch-time was sociable and civilised.

+ lots more! Our wonderful parent-run library was also identified as a great feature of our school.

A number of parents have asked why Atwood has not appeared in any of the recent primary school league tables. League tables only report data at the end of KS2 (Year 6). Two more years and we'll make an appearance – all being well, near the top!

I wish every child, parent and staff member of the school a peaceful holiday with their families. Take the time to reflect on your own achievements and set yourself aspirations you wish to fulfil in 2016.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the generous gifts, cards and kind messages – it really is very much appreciated. With very best wishes,

Daniel



Autumn term attendance

3rd Norway 97.24%

2nd Barbados 97.41%

1st China 98.13%



Congratulations to China Class who win the attendance cup for this term!

House Points

House	Total Points (Term)	Final Rank
Aspiration & Achievement	266	4 th
Scholarship	267	5 th
Perseverance	283	2 nd
Integrity	279	3 rd
Respect & Responsibility	285	=1
Enthusiasm	285	=1

Enthusiasm and Respect Houses win the Points Cup for the autumn term. Many Congratulations!

Attendance Certificates

Attendance certificates were presented in assembly this morning for the autumn term.

107 certificates for 100% attendance!

120 certificates for 96%+ attendance

This is an excellent achievement considering the length of the term and the levels of sickness often associated with this time of



Next term

The spring term commences at **8.30am on Wednesday 6th January.**