

ACTION PACKED ADEYFIELD



THE ADEYFIELD ACADEMY

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FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into a busy and fulfilling Autumn term, I am delighted to share our latest news, celebrating the incredible dedication, talent, and community spirit.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families who joined us for our open evening. It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and parents. The feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, with guests consistently praising the enthusiasm of our teaching staff and the exemplary leadership of our student ambassadors. Please do take a moment to look at the Open Evening photos featured in this edition.

Building on this success, we are now preparing for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 15th October. We look forward to welcoming our current Year 11 students as well as external applicants to explore our post-16 pathways, meet subject

specialists, and discuss their future aspirations.

We are proud to celebrate our newly named inductees into the Faculty Hall of Fame! Congratulations to all of our students for their outstanding effort, subject mastery, and exemplary attitude to learning.

I would also like to draw your attention to a fantastic article by our students Lily S and Nicole K featured in this issue. Their insightful piece highlights the creative talent and strong student voice that thrive within our school community.

Our students have enjoyed a wide array of workshops and opportunities to build life skills recently, including Talk the Talk Workshops with our Year 10 students. This was an engaging communication workshop designed to boost public speaking skills, active listening, and self-confidence. Our Year 11 cohort represented our school magnificently at the Generation Dacorum Careers Fair, meeting local employers

and exploring apprenticeships and higher education routes.

To support World Mental Health Awareness Day, our school was filled with sunshine as students and staff wore yellow accessories. The event raised important awareness for YoungMinds, and you can see a selection of the yellow accessories photos in this issue.

Throughout October, we are running an enriched schedule of assemblies, subject focus lessons, and activities honouring the achievements and history of Black communities globally and locally.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. I hope you enjoy reading through this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mason, Headteacher



INFORMATION & DATES

For news relating to Ambition Education Trust, please [click here](#) to view our termly Trust newsletters.



IMPORTANT DATES

Year 12 University Fair	Wednesday 14 th October
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 15 th October
Year 9 The Alice Ruggles Trust Awareness Assembly	Monday 19 th October
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October
Online Safety Hub for Parents	Wednesday 11 th November
Year 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 12 th November
Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day	Monday 16 th November
Year 8 Respectful Relationships Workshop	Wednesday 18 th November
Occasional Day	Friday 27 th November

 ATTENBOROUGH 3,880	 PARKS 3,893
 HAWKING 3,831	 SEACOLE 3,843
 KAHLO 3,988	 TURING 4,312

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OPEN EVENING FEEDBACK

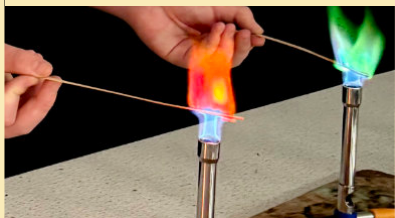
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Evening and Open Morning tours, and to the staff and students who made them such a success.

We have received some fantastic feedback from families; a few highlights and photos are shared below!

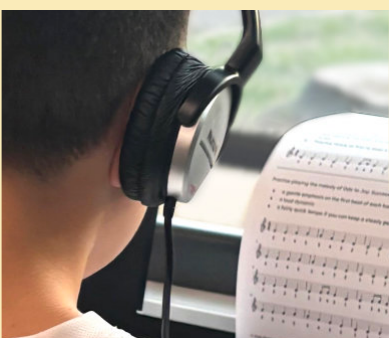
To find out more or view our full school prospectus, please visit our [website](#).



***"Very good tour.
Students and teachers
have a great
relationship."***



"Love this school!"



***"My wife went round
with our daughter...both
said it was amazing!"***



OPEN EVENING



DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

AT OUR **SIXTH FORM**
OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 5-6PM



THE ADEYFIELD ACADEMY



CAREERS PROGRAMME NEWS

Welcome to our new Careers Lead at The Adeyfield Academy!

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Careers Lead at The Adeyfield Academy, having officially stepped into this brand-new role on 24th September!

This dedicated role has been introduced to ensure that every student is fully supported along their career pathway throughout their entire journey at our school. My main aim is to equip our students with meaningful work experience, personalised guidance, and exciting real-world opportunities so they can make confident, informed choices about their futures.

Career Highlights

We have already hit the ground running with some brilliant activities this term:

- **Year 11 Dacorum Careers Fair:** Our Year 11 students recently attended the Generations Dacorum Careers Fair. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to connect directly with local businesses and college representatives, discovering the wide range of training, apprenticeship, and education options available locally. Photos can be seen below of this event.

- **Year 10 'Talk the Talk' Workshops:** Year 10 students have taken part in the interactive 'Talk the Talk' workshops. These fun and practical sessions help students build communication skills, grow in self-confidence, and learn key interview techniques for future job and college applications.
- **1:1 Personalised Guidance with Mrs Lomas:** We are also pleased to highlight our dedicated Careers Advisor, Mrs Lomas, who is visiting school once a week to meet individually with Year 10 students to guide them through their post-16 pathway options. From next week, she will also begin working with our Year 12 students to support their next steps.

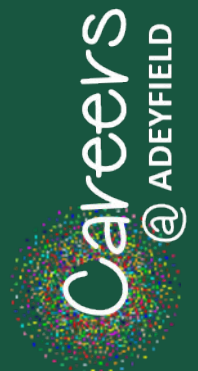
Looking ahead we have an exciting lineup of school-wide events planned throughout the year, including flagship events like **The Big Interview** and **National Careers Week**.

I am genuinely thrilled to be working with the students at The Adeyfield Academy and to partner with you in supporting their career journeys. Please know that I am always here to help.

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like more information on how we can support your child's future, please don't hesitate to contact me at taa-careers@adeyfield.aetrust.uk.

Mrs Fariello
Careers Lead, The Adeyfield Academy

DACORUM CAREERS FAIR



CAREERS



GCSE DANCE SUCCESS

Congratulations to GCSE Dance student Greis P in Year 10 who has been successful in auditioning for the CAT Programme in London.

Greis was selected out of hundreds of applicants and has been accepted on the Centre of Advanced Training Dance course at the prestigious Trinity Laban dance school in London.

Every weekend Greis will be dancing with professional dancers and choreographers, and taking part in extensive dance training and masterclasses to further her Dance experience and technique.

What an incredible opportunity for Greis, we are all so proud of her here at the Adeyfield Academy, well done!



PA PRODUCTION AUDITIONS

Our new school production is officially being revealed in school on the board in the foyer!

Any students who would like to take part in this year's show are invited to attend

auditions after school on Wednesday 14th October in the PA Studio. There is a separate audition for Year 12 on Monday morning. Please speak to Mr Simons for more information.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

On Thursday 1st October, students across Key Stage 3 marked National Poetry Day by exploring this year's theme, 'Wonder'.

In English lessons, students discussed what inspires awe and curiosity, drafting original poems that examined everything from space and nature to everyday moments.

Our Year 7 students produced particularly strong work, showing impressive creativity, strong use of language, and great enthusiasm for the task. A couple of their poems are featured below:

Astronauts

By Mia R, Year 7

*Away in the Universe,
Sounds idyllic, does it not?
Time flying by quicker than light,
Reaching out to the radiant, pristine sky,
Oblivious to what's going on on Earth
Nothing could make me go back home,
All the time I spent down there I could have
been up here*

*Unlikely friendship between me and the stars
Talking to the moon*

WAVES

By Bella A, Year 7

*Orange and blue under the waves, peace and
quiet above
Colourful fish swimming freely, turtles drifting
on the tide,
Endless crashing on the sea rocks, peace and
quiet on the dock
Amazing sounds listening to the waves, boats
and cruises on the top
Never ending crashes and noises on the top
and the bottom*

Well done to all students who participated and shared their work, we had some really excellent pieces of writing.

Wonder ✨



AMBITION

HELLOW YELLOW

On Friday 9th October, we came together to show support for World Mental Health Day by taking part in YoungMinds' #HelloYellow campaign.

Students and staff brightened up the school by wearing yellow accessories, raising awareness about the importance of youth mental health and showing our shared commitment to emotional well-being.

During lunchtime, representatives from Services for Young People visited the academy to provide information, highlight local mental health resources, and offer support to our students.

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health



Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the initiative. If you would still like to make a donation to support YoungMinds and their vital work for young people's mental health, contributions can still be made directly via this link: <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/claudinegatt11732/hello-yellow>



OLLIE LEIGH FOUNDATION

Earlier this term, we were pleased to welcome the Ollie Leigh Foundation to The Adeyfield Academy to work directly with our Year 11 students.

With Key Stage 4 assessments and mock exams approaching, the foundation delivered a targeted workshop designed to equip students with practical tools and coping strategies to manage exam stress and anxiety effectively.

During the interactive session, Year 11s explored how stress impacts performance and mental health, while learning realistic technique for building resilience, staying focused, and maintaining balance during demanding academic periods.

Our Year 11 students engaged thoughtfully throughout the workshop, demonstrating great maturity and openness. A big thank you to the Ollie Leigh Foundation team for sharing their expertise and providing our students with invaluable guidance as they navigate this critical academic year.



BELONGING WORKSHOP

Our Year 7 students took part in an interactive workshop focused on inclusion and belonging.

Through group activities and personal reflection, they explored the importance of community and how we can all help each other feel welcome and valued.



COMPASSION & RESPECT



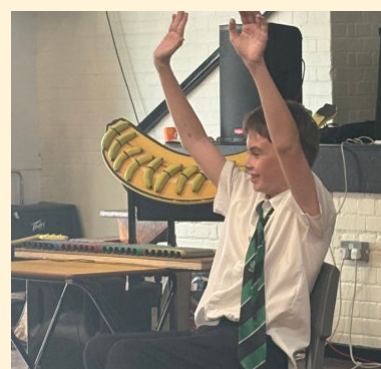
ELECTRIC UMBRELLA

At the end of September, Year 8 students enjoyed an interactive performance and workshop delivered by Electric Umbrella, focusing on key themes of respect, diversity, and inclusion.

The session gave students the opportunity to learn about inclusion through live music, getting hands-on with a variety of unique

instruments—with the electronic banana instrument quickly becoming a firm favourite!

Our Year 8 students represented the school brilliantly throughout, demonstrating great respect and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to the Electric Umbrella team for bringing such fantastic energy and a powerful message to our school community.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

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We were delighted to welcome back the team from Show Racism the Red Card to work with our students.

Year 10 participated in insightful, in-depth workshops focused on anti-racism education, equality, and the vital role inclusion plays in our wider community. The sessions challenged students to think critically about empathy and highlighted respect—one of our core school values—in action.

The students engaged brilliantly throughout, contributing to important, mature discussions. Thank you to the Show Racism the Red Card team for empowering our Year 10 with such meaningful and impactful learning.



RESPECT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



WEEK 1: Oct 5-9	WEEK 2: Oct 12-16	WEEK 3: Oct 19-23	EVERY WEEK
FILM CLUB Mon 5 th 1pm AT1 	FILM CLUB Mon 12 th 1pm AT2 	FILM CLUB Mon 19 th 1pm AT3 	BLACK ICON During Form time
BLACK MATHEMATICIANS Wed 7 th & Thu 8 th 1pm AT1 	RED DAY Wear red against racism! 		HISTORY QUIZ During Form time
LOOK OUT FOR... 			
PE: Black sports stars timeline Thrive: Neurodiverse celebrities Workshop KA2: Swahili sing-along 			

Throughout October, The Adeyfield Academy is proud to mark Black History Month. This annual observance offers our school community a valuable opportunity to learn about, reflect on, and celebrate the rich history, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals. It directly reinforces our core values of respect, ambition, and inclusion.

This year's national theme focuses on local community, shining a light on the everyday heroes, leaders, and organisers who make a positive impact right where we live and learn. To bring this theme to life, we have designed a varied schedule of engaging activities across the academy.

Students can participate in a range of events, including a lunchtime film club screening inspiring documentaries, interactive Swahili sing-along sessions, and a Black Sports Stars timeline showcasing iconic athletes. Additionally, students will explore the contributions of Black STEM pioneers during a dedicated Black Mathematician workshop and learn about inspiring local Black figures who have shaped our wider area.

We encourage all students to get involved, explore new perspectives, and celebrate the strength and diversity within our community.

DAVID BLACKWELL WORKSHOP



Our Year 7 and Year 8 students recently participated in a live, interactive webinar hosted by Big Ideas.

During the session, students listened to and engaged with world-class mathematicians to explore the life and legacy of David Blackwell (1919–2010)—a groundbreaking American statistician and mathematician. He shattered barriers throughout his career, becoming the first Black tenured professor at UC Berkeley and the first African American inducted into the National Academy of Sciences.

Our students gained inspiring insights into how Blackwell's work helped shape modern decision theory and how mathematics continues to impact our world today.



RESPECT



TALK THE TALK

On Tuesday 6th October, our Year 10 students participated in an empowering Talk About Communication workshop delivered by Talk The Talk.

The interactive sessions focused on building vital oracy skills, helping students learn how to structure persuasive speeches effectively and practise impromptu public speaking in front of their peers.

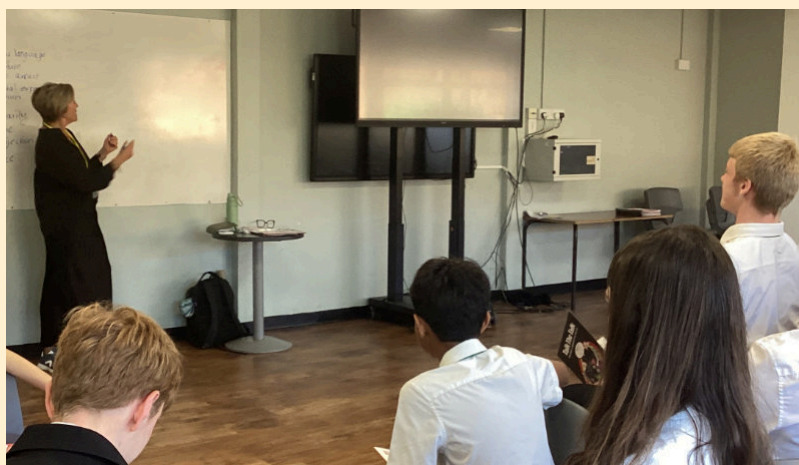
This valuable experience not only provided Year 10 with key preparation for their

TalkTheTalk

CONFIDENT COMMUNICATION FOR LIFE

upcoming spoken language assessments, but also equipped them with essential communication tools for future college, university, and job interviews.

Our teaching staff noted outstanding engagement and growing confidence across the entire year group throughout the sessions. Well done to Year 10 for stepping out of their comfort zones, and a huge thank you to the Talk The Talk team for delivering such a impactful session!



HOUSE COMPETITION



Every entry wins a house point!



Prizes for winning designs!

Pumpkin Carving Competition

DEADLINE: 12TH OCTOBER 2026

HOW TO ENTER: CARVE OR PAINT A PUMPKIN, THEN HAND IN A PHOTO OF YOU HOLDING YOUR PUMPKIN TO YOUR YEAR GROUP GOOGLE CLASSROOM.



COURAGE

FACULTY HALL OF FAME



ATTENBOROUGH	BOWIE	BRUNEL	CHRISTIE	FARAH	HAWKING	HEPBURN	KAHLO	SAUJANI
Rosy A	James M	Zac S	Cheyenne F	Freya C	Darya A	Charlie G-N	Hashir A	Lilly J
Gurneet K	Leo P	Ella M	Antonia P	DJ O	Lexie M	Harrison D	Charlie B	Burton B
Maisie H	Michael N	Scarlett C	Lily J	Willow M	Faith S	Luna F	Emily G	Michael Z
Kyle F	Jenuli M-V	Molly C	Harper-Rose H	Tilly D	Zahra B	Oscar G	Leo A	Joshua B
Alexis B		Hudson O	Jacob C	Harrison D	Ben R	Ollie H	Jaziah C	Kavi S
Makayla K		Dylan B	Iga Z	Ella M	Sam S	Fletcher W	Rosie G	Isa L
		Dominic M	Darya A	Isaac T	Isa L	Ella M	Freya JK	Nathan C
		Kai H	Isadora M	Tegan J	Ella M	Jenuli M-V		Rhys M
		Zahra B	Christa F	Oliver C	Andrei M			Gurneet K
		Ayesha B			James M			Zahra B
Isaac B	Nate B	Elise T	Summer F	Tamsin B	Jenuli M		Phoebe R	Bethany W
Ronnie B	Lily-Rose T	Holly S	Atanan	Lucie E	Beatrice M		Riley S	Cadence S
Pippa G	Julia S	Amie E	Riley A	Emily G	Conor P		Nate B	Freya W
Aeryn R	Sienna A	Scarlett R	Sophia J	Tyler B	Emine S		Oscar H	Husnain K
Miller H	Jack L	Phoebe R	Rachel C	Theo G	Cadence S		Amy S	Fatima K
Dylan H	Luke F	Freddie C F	Kody N	Spencer B	Haider N		Emily G	Isabelle M
Bella U	Chloe R	Katie B	Annabel H	Archie H	Pippa G			Hafeezah K
Charisma S		Aeryn R	Shahirah A	Lexie J	Emily G			Oscar H
Riley S		Theo G	Unathi D	Grace W	Alfie S			Ismail A
		Connie S		Phoebe R				Lillie Mai S
Julian C	Caleb H B				Aaron B			
Lilly S	David N				Caelan L			
Darshan G	Millie R				Paul I			
Emma B					Isabel F			
Ava A-G					Eva M G			
Katie C								
Eva M G								
Chloe B								

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We have two Sixth Form Editors who will be contributing towards our newsletters this year.

This week they are sharing their experiences of Sixth Form...

I've been in Sixth Form for one month now, and I'm really enjoying it. I do Biology, Sociology and Psychology. What I like most is the free periods in between lessons because it gives me time to study and do homework. My teachers are great because they set lots of work to help me learn and they are nice. -Nicole K

I have started Year 12 this year and it is incredibly enjoyable. The subjects I do are History, Geography and Politics, which I think go really well together because I can use my knowledge from each subject across all of them. My favourite thing about Sixth Form so far is the freedom we get; most days we have many free periods where we can go to the Sixth Form block to do homework or catch up with friends. The Sixth Form here is great because it's quite small which means that teachers can help you more, and it also means that you feel a lot more comfortable because you know everyone. -Lilly S



DIGNITY



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

THE ADHD FAMILY

Behind Closed Doors
An online conversation

Thurs 15 Oct
7.30pm - 9pm
On Zoom

This panel event from The OLLIE Foundation brings together parents, practitioners and people with lived experience for an honest and compassionate talk about family life with ADHD.

Through real stories, supportive conversations, shared experiences and practical support, we'll explore the challenges, strengths and everyday realities of living with ADHD, helping families feel more connected, understood and confident.

We'll explore:

- ✓ Supporting children and young people with ADHD
- ✓ The impact ADHD can have on family relationships
- ✓ Looking after your own mental well-being while caring for your family
- ✓ Practical strategies that can make everyday life feel more manageable
- ✓ The power of understanding, connection and support
- ✓ How to have supportive conversations when life feels overwhelming

Reserve your free place today
and join the conversation.



COMMUNITY



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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Save money and cook better than the takeaway

Join our free, fun cooking courses

Impress your friends, learn to cook great food at home in just two weeks!



Chana Masala



Italian Pasta Sauce



Middle Eastern Pilaf



To register

Meals can be quick, fun and cheap to cook:

- Free ingredients included
- Free, flexible, home-based short courses
- All you need is a kitchen and a phone

Sign up online:
<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>

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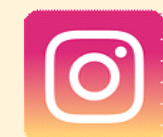
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Funding Local Causes



Hertfordshire



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All you need is a kitchen and a phone!



Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.

FREE, ingredients included*

- Cook tasty, exciting meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

How does it work?

We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door.

Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way.

What do I need to do?

All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and post photos of your lovely food, then at the end we'll send you a free gift and more great budget-friendly recipe sheets.

How long does it take?

About two weeks but you can work at your own pace.

How do I join?

Sign up online:
<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>

Phone / text / WhatsApp
07813 678 660

Email:
adele.buckland@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery

***For qualifying participants only**

COMMUNITY



CAREERS EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



Signposting open days at Oaklands College.

OAKLANDS WOLVES

Wolfpack Day is taking place on **Monday 26th October**.

For more information and to register visit the [link](#)

TRAIN, COMPETE, SHOW YOUR SKILLS

All while balancing your sport with your studies.

JOIN THE PACK

Don't miss WolfPack Day. Book your trial!

OPEN EVENTS

Visit us at our October Open Days and discover everything Oaklands has to offer. You'll have the opportunity to speak with our students and tutors, explore our campus, hear from our Principal, and apply on the day.



ST ALBANS CAMPUS

• Saturday 17th October 2026 | 10am-3pm

[Register Now](#) >

Programmes available: 16+ School Leavers, Adult Courses, Apprenticeships and University Level courses.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY CAMPUS

• Saturday 10th October 2026 | 10am-3pm

[Register Now](#) >

Programmes available: 16+ School Leavers, Adult Courses, Apprenticeships and University Level courses.



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Authentic Italian

-THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER-

Beef Lasagna

Vegetarian Lasagna

Served with

Garlic Focaccia

Italian Tomato & Greens Salad

Pizza Bar

Lemon & Thyme Cake & Custard

Aspens



COURAGE

DIGNITY

AMBITION

COMPASSION

RESPECT

A+ ATTENDANCE

EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = **ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**

- ⇒ More time in school means more time to learn, develop, grow and time to become the very best you!
- ⇒ Low attendance means drastically reducing life chances!

96-100%

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

On target for achieving **5 STAR ATTENDANCE**

ACTION: Daily Attendance and absence monitoring

93-95%

50 MISSED LESSONS

Form Tutor review and discussion. Head of Year attendance monitoring.

ACTION: Letter sent to parents / carers about attendance concerns

90-92%

100 MISSED LESSONS

Head of Year attendance meeting and Attendance Team attendance monitoring.

ACTION: Letter sent to parents / carers informing about attendance meeting. Follow up letter sent outlining meeting actions. Student meets with Head of Year outlining targets.

85-89%

150 MISSED LESSONS

Local Authority attendance monitoring.

ACTION: Senior Leader attendance meeting with parents/carers, letter sent home with summary of agreed actions to improve attendance and potential fine.

BELOW 85%

200 MISSED LESSONS

Local Authority **ACTION**, Attendance Officer involvement.

ACTION: Letter sent to parents / carers warning of Fixed Penalty Notice following 15 sessions of absence. Once reached, a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued to the Local Authority.

LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

