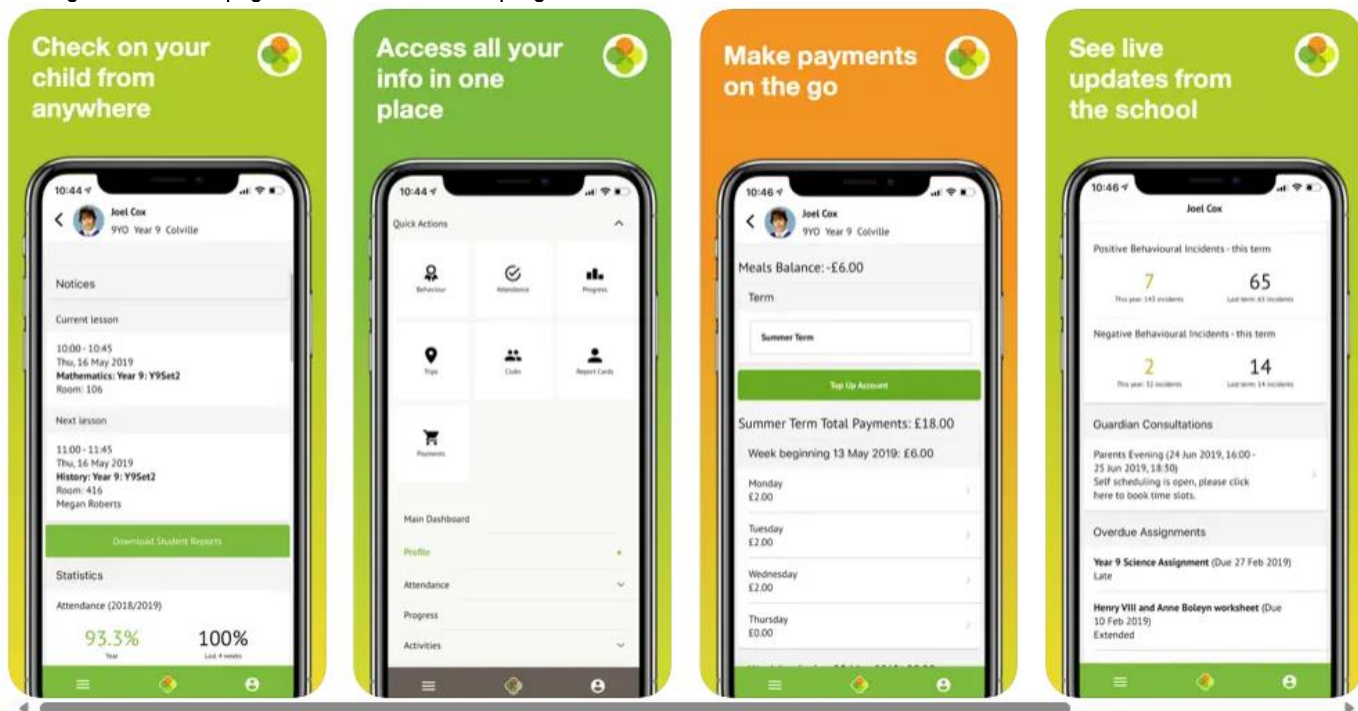


Weekly Update



Friday 2nd February 2024

Something exciting is happening... Arrow Valley is going cashless! Yes, using the Arbor app in a few weeks you will simply be able to make payments online.



If you would like to be part of a small pilot to ensure that the system works, please follow this link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ze7xdsEhwI>

ATTENDANCE

Each week we update you with the school's attendance and you will note that it often below national. This is a growing concern for us as a school. We truly believe that a child should be in school everyday that they are well. It's simple, if they are not in, they miss out on essential learning. Pupil in KS2 often struggle when they return as they have missed many essential steps in completing a bigger sequence of learning, younger pupils miss learning valuable sounds in phonics and despite teachers' best efforts catching up is not always easy.

The DFE have launched a new initiative known as 'MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS'. I had a little chuckle when I saw some of the images, but they are not wrong. Children should not be kept off school for minor ailments- particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work.

Many of our pupils have suffered with an illness in January and we know how tricky it is to make an appointment with the GP it turns out our pharmacies can help. Pharmacists can give you advice on a range of conditions and suggest medicines you can buy that can help.

They may also be able to offer treatment for some conditions, without you needing to see a GP:

- earache
- impetigo
- infected insect bites
- shingles
- sinusitis
- sore throat
- urinary tract infections (UTIs)



If you go to a pharmacy with one of these conditions, the pharmacist will offer you advice, treatment or refer you to a GP or other healthcare professional.

They will then update your GP health record.

So... this week's attendance is....

Mice	Squirrels	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Mallards	Herons
88.43%	95.94%	76.82%	98.46%	96.25%	93.46%

AWARDS

	Star of the week	Valued Valley Values
Mice	Leo	Bella
Squirrels	Isabella	Novella
Hedgehogs	Harper	Hollie
Badgers	Annalise	Lilly
Mallards	Dimitar	Alfie
Herons	Etanami	Harry H

DATES

Half term Monday 12th- Friday 16th February 2024

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day- (dress as your favourite book character or your favourite PJ's so you can snuggle up with a good book)

Term ends Friday 22nd March 2024

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!