

1,323 NOT OUT

Tom Brown has not missed a day since he started school 7 years ago - a total of 1,323 days. Tom, aged 11, a pupil of Greenfield Primary School said, "I loved school since my first day in the infants. I always seemed to get sick during the holidays. Perhaps it was because I missed the place so much! I missed half a day one time because I had to go to hospital. I fell in the playground and split my head. I was back the next day - four stitches and all!"

Tom's family has been

associated with the school for a long time. His father Jim and twin sister, Ann, both joined the school when it opened in 1954. His grandmother, Mrs Edith White had been assistant cook for 14 years before retiring last year. Mr Ron Browne, the headmaster said, "This is the first time in my 26 years in the school that we have had a pupil who has never missed a day. Regular attendance is very important. We try to bring the best out of our pupils and help them reach their full potential.

Thomas Brown has been an asset to this school." The school, at morning assembly, marked Tom's achievement by presenting him with a gift voucher, an inscribed trophy and a certificate which said, "For excellent attendance, 1st September 1986 to 30th June 1993." As Tom left the school for the last time yesterday, he told our reporter that he hopes to keep up the good attendance in his new school.

Choose the **best word** or **phrase** each time. Underline your answer.

- 1 The article is from a - brochure pamphlet school magazine newspaper
- 2 At school Tom was always - attentive present studious diligent
- 3 Tom's attendance was - regular infrequent occasional inferior
- 4 On which date was the article published? _____
- 5 By what other name is Tom Brown called in the article? _____

Tom has 3 members of his family connected with the school. What relation is he to them?

- 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____
- 9 Is Mrs Edith White his grandmother on his mother's or his father's side of the family? _____
- 10 Was Ron Browne in the school when Tom's father was a pupil? _____
- 11 How do you know that the headmaster is not a member of Tom's family? _____

Find words in the article with **similar** meanings to the following.

- 12 student _____ 13 principal _____
- 14 infirmary _____ 15 vacations _____