Agenda No

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SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
14 OCTOBER 2026

Officer: Administration Team – Shrewsbury Town Council

YOUTH ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council on the overall youth attendance for 2025-2026

Youth attendance September 2025 – July 2026

Across the six attendance charts attached, there were 214 recorded sessions and 3,529 recorded attendances. Taken collectively, this represents an average of approximately 16.5 attendances per session.

The charts demonstrate substantial and sustained engagement with youth activities throughout the year**,** although attendance varies considerably between the different groups.

The strongest attendance is generally seen during the autumn and winter terms**,** with several groups recording their highest or most consistent attendance during this period. There are also examples of particularly strong attendance in February and March**.**

A recurring pattern across several of the charts is a reduction in attendance towards June and July**.** This is particularly pronounced in some groups, while others maintain reasonable numbers or, in the case of Grange Juniors, show a significant increase again during June and July. Attendance remained steady or increased during the summer period.

There is considerable variation between the different groups, with average attendance ranging from approximately 10 to 36 young people per session. This reflects the different nature and size of the individual programmes and means that each group is best considered within its own context.

What the figures tell us

1. There is a substantial level of engagement.
With more than 3,500 recorded attendances across the six programmes, the figures demonstrate that the youth provision is being used regularly throughout the year.

2. There is a wide variation between groups.
Average attendance ranges from approximately 10 to 36 per session. This suggests that the different groups have distinct patterns of participation and should not necessarily be assessed against the same attendance expectation.

3. Autumn and winter are generally strong.
Across several charts, attendance builds during September–December and remains strong into January and February. This appears to be an important period for maintaining engagement.

4. February and March are particularly encouraging.
Several of the charts show strong attendance during this period, including individual sessions reaching the mid-20s and above.

5. Summer attendance is the main area to consider.
A number of the charts show a clear reduction during June and July. However, this is not universal. Grange Juniors, for example, shows a substantial increase during June and July. This means the summer pattern may be worth exploring rather than simply assuming that it reflects a general decline in youth engagement

RECOMMENDATIONS

(i) That the contents of the report are noted
(ii) That the Youth team review the attendance patterns across individual groups
(iii) That the Youth & Community Manager considers what factors have contributed to the stronger attendance, and whether successful approaches can be applied more consistently across the different groups.

Grange Juniors

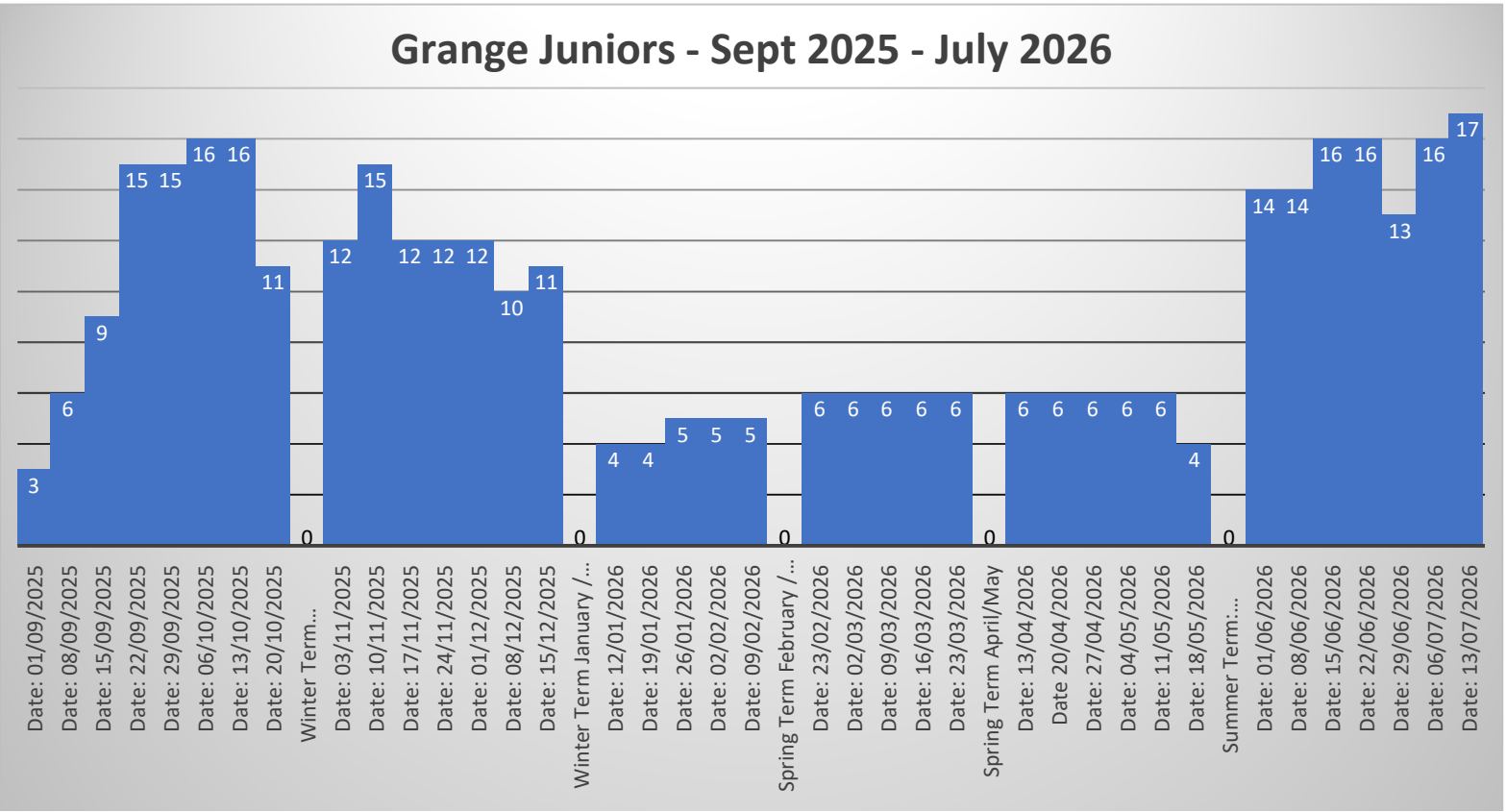
The attendance figures show considerable variation throughout the year, with three distinct patterns: strong attendance during the autumn term, lower but relatively consistent attendance during the winter and spring terms, and a substantial increase in June and July 2026.

The highest recorded attendance was 17 young people, in July 2026. Attendance also reached 16 on several occasions during September and October 2025 and June and July 2026.

The autumn term began with attendance of 3, rising to a peak of 16. During November and December, attendance was generally between 10 and 15. From January through May, numbers were lower and more consistent, typically between 4 and 6. Attendance then increased sharply in June, remaining high into July.

Key figures

Measure	Result
Recorded sessions	38
Total attendances	368
Average attendance	9.7
Median attendance	10
Highest attendance	17
Lowest attendance	3
Sessions with 10 or more	19 (50%)
Sessions with 15 or more	9 (24%)



Grange Pre-Juniors

During the year, youth attendance was recorded across 38 sessions, with a total of 1,374 attendances. The average attendance was 36 young people per session, with a median attendance of 37.5.

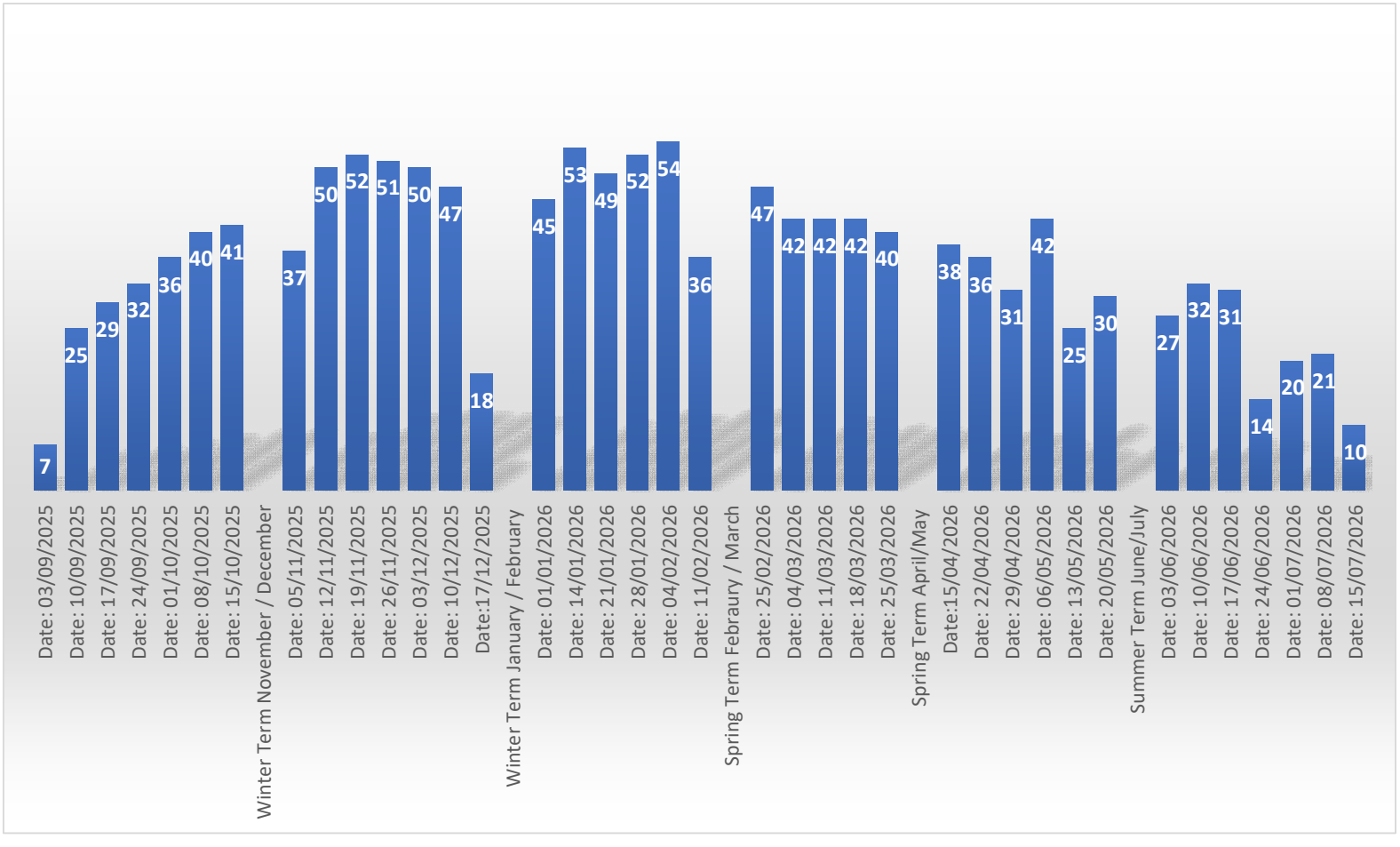
Attendance was strongest during the winter months, particularly January and February, when the average attendance reached approximately 48 young people per session. The highest recorded attendance was 54.

There were 18 sessions where attendance reached 40 or more, demonstrating a strong level of engagement during much of the year. Attendance was particularly consistent through the November–March period.

There was a noticeable reduction in attendance towards the end of the year, with the June–July period averaging approximately 22 young people per session. This represents an area that may benefit from further consideration, particularly in relation to seasonal factors, programme content and engagement.

Key figures:

- **38** sessions recorded
- **1,374** total attendances
- **36** average attendance per session
- **54** highest attendance
- **7** lowest attendance
- **18 sessions** achieved attendance of 40+
- **7 sessions** achieved attendance of 50+



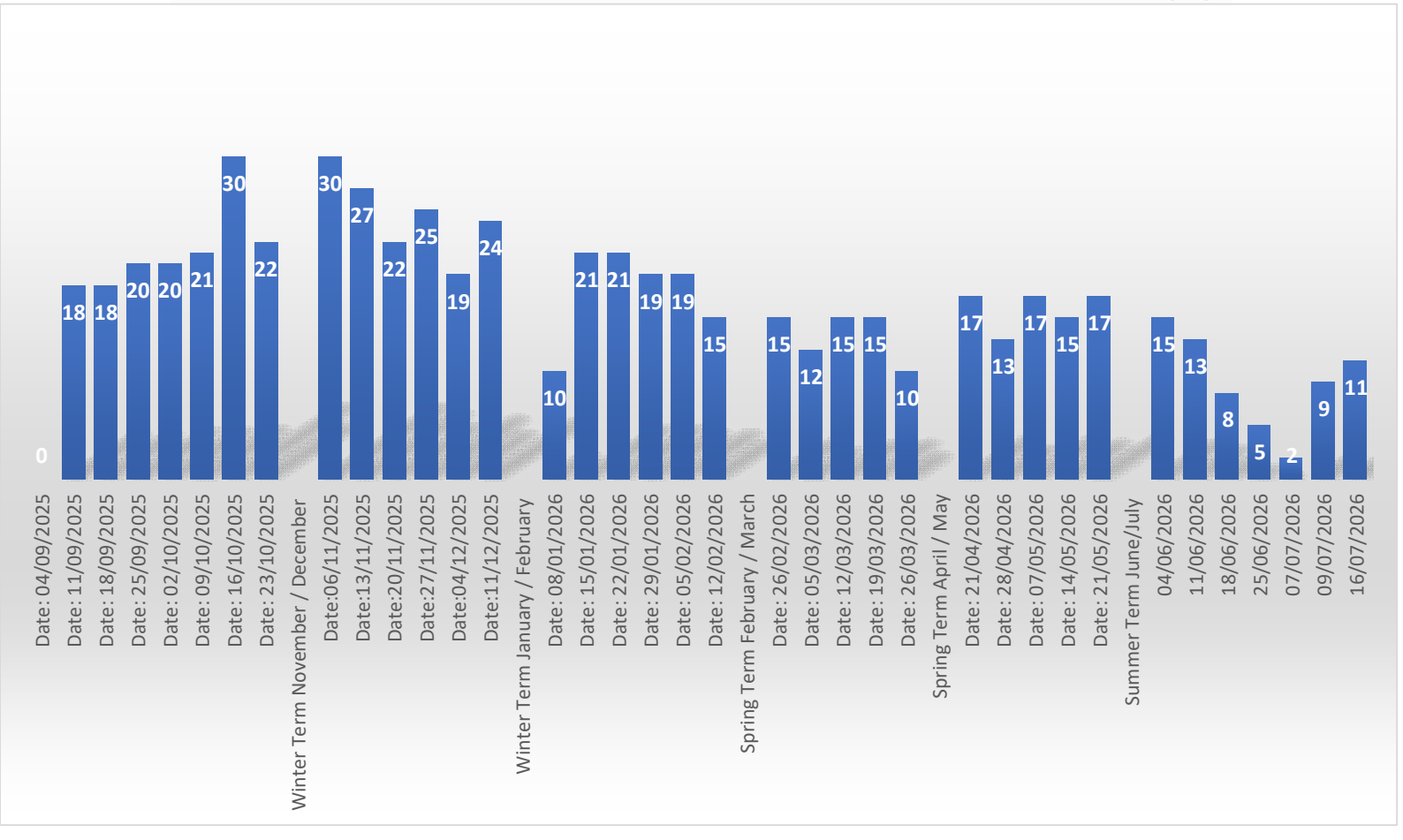
Monkmoor Junior

Attendance was recorded across 36 sessions, with a total of 610 attendances during the reporting period. The average attendance was approximately 17 young people per session, with a median attendance of 17.

Attendance was particularly strong during the autumn and winter periods. The highest recorded attendance was 30 young people, reached on two occasions.

There was a gradual reduction in attendance from the spring onwards, with the lowest attendance of 2 recorded in July. Despite this reduction, attendance remained at 10 or above for the majority of sessions.

Sessions recorded	36
Total attendances	610
Average attendance	16.9
Median attendance	17
Highest attendance	30
Lowest attendance	2
Sessions with 10+	32 (89%)
Sessions with 15+	26 (72%)
Sessions with 20+	12 (33%)
Sessions with 25+	4 (11%)



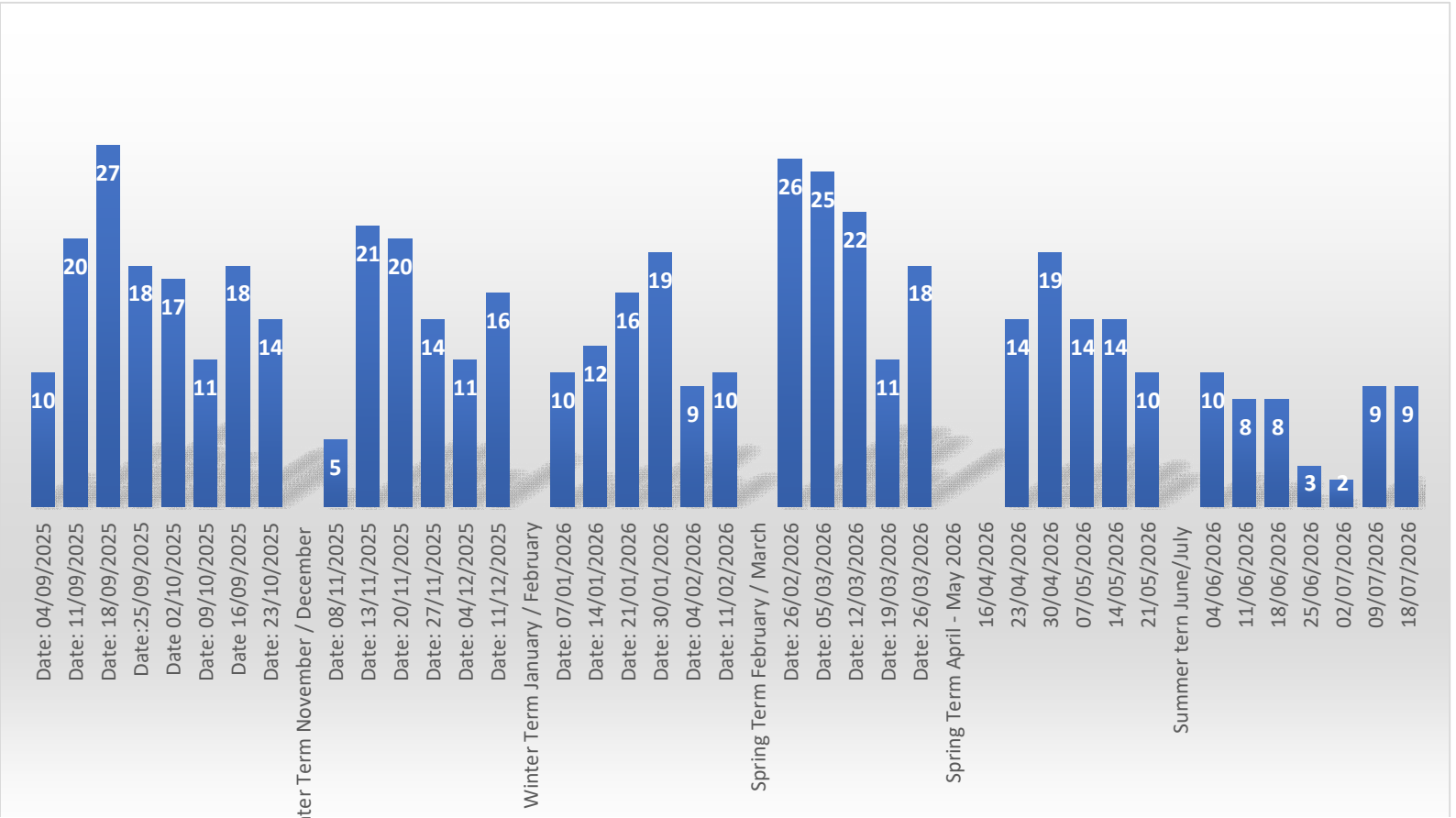
Monkmoor Senior

Attendance was recorded across 37 sessions**,** with a total of 520 attendances during the reporting period. The average attendance was approximately 14 young people per session, with a median attendance of 14**.**

Attendance was particularly strong during the autumn term and again during February/March. The highest recorded attendance was 27, with several sessions attracting 20 or more young people.

There was a clear reduction in attendance towards the end of the reporting period, particularly during June and July, when attendance averaged approximately 7 young people per session**.**

Sessions recorded	37
Total attendances	520
Average attendance	14.1
Median attendance	14
Highest attendance	27
Lowest attendance	2
Sessions with 10+	29 (78%)
Sessions with 15+	15 (41%)
Sessions with 20+	7 (19%)



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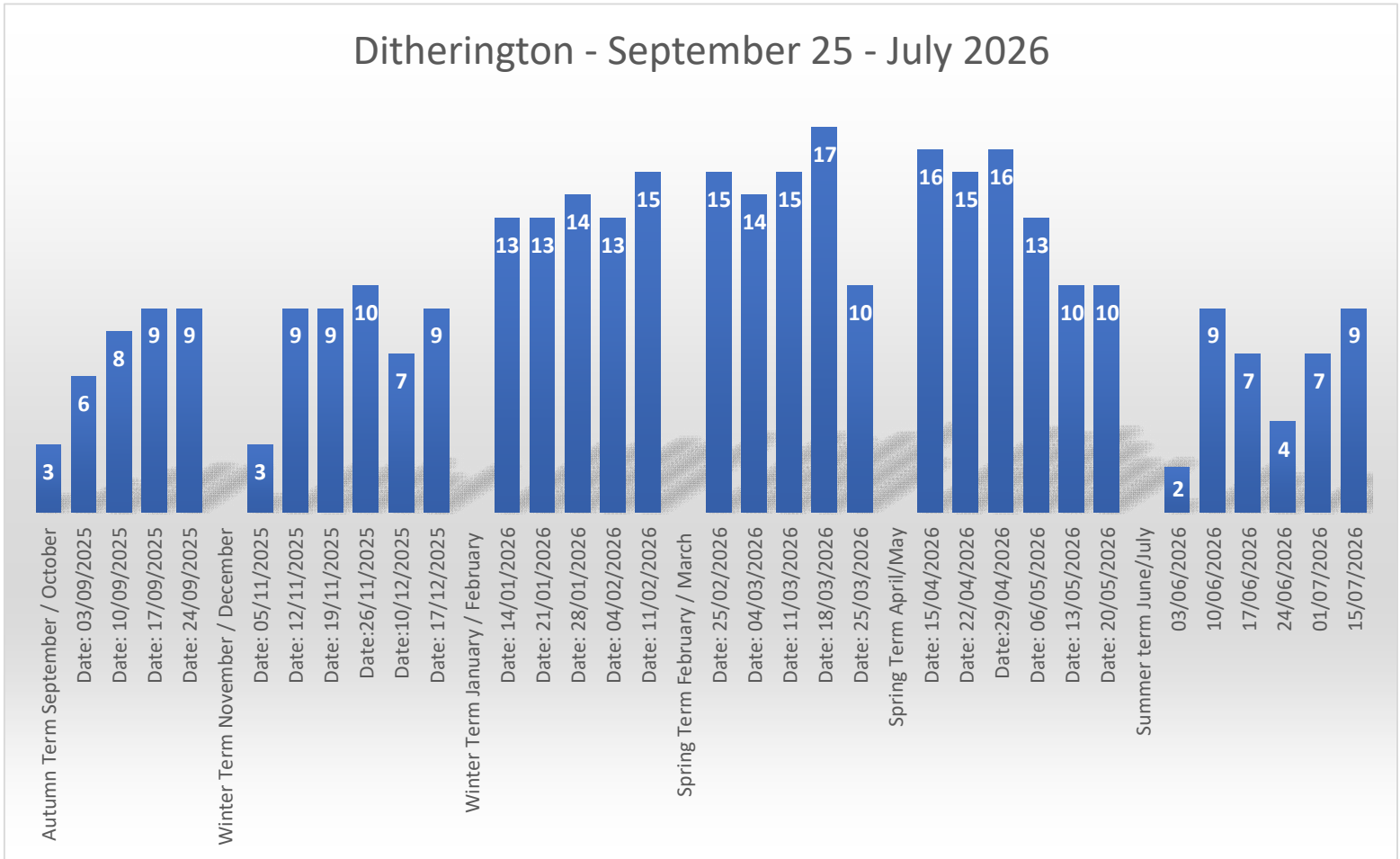
During the year, youth attendance was recorded across 33 sessions, with a total of 339 attendances. The average attendance was approximately 10 young people per session, with a median attendance of 10.

Attendance increased significantly during the winter and spring terms. The strongest period was February–March, when the average attendance was approximately 14 young people per session, with the highest individual attendance of 17.

There was a noticeable reduction in attendance during the summer period, with the June–July sessions averaging approximately 6 young people per session.

Key figures:

- **33** sessions recorded
- **339** total attendances
- **10** average attendance per session
- **10** median attendance
- **17** highest attendance
- **2** lowest attendance
- **17 sessions** achieved attendance of 10 or more
- **13 sessions** achieved attendance of 13 or more
- **7 sessions** achieved attendance of 15 or more



The Hive

Attendance was recorded across 32 sessions**,** with a total of 318 attendances during the period shown. The average attendance was approximately 10 young people per session**,** with a median attendance of 10**.**

Attendance was strongest during the early autumn period, reaching a peak of 15 young people. Numbers were generally maintained at around 10–12 throughout much of the year, although there were some individual sessions with lower attendance.

The overall pattern is relatively stable, with no prolonged period of either very high or very low attendance.

Key figures

Measure	Result
Sessions recorded	32
Total attendances	318
Average attendance	9.9
Median attendance	10
Highest attendance	15
Lowest attendance	4
Sessions with 10+	24 (75%)
Sessions with 12+	8 (25%)
Sessions with 13+	4 (13%)

