Messages: Excuse notes

1. Five pupils were absent from school yesterday. Complete their excuse notes with the right verb. Use the past simple. (There is one extra verb.)

   1. Jason was absent yesterday because he ........ to his aunt’s wedding.
   2. Jenny was off school yesterday because she .......... the school bus.
   3. I am sorry that Euan .......... ill.
   4. I am sorry that Dominic .......... diarrhoea.
   5. Rebecca was off because she .......... and .......... her arm.

2. Johnny was absent every day last week! What were his excuses? Follow the letters and find the sentences.

   1. His hamster died.
   2. ..............................................................
   3. ..............................................................
   4. ..............................................................
   5. ..............................................................
3. Look at the pictures and complete the Absence Record.

![Alice Smith](image1.png)

![Dean Armstrong](image2.png)

![Richard Short](image3.png)

![Kylie Preston](image4.png)

### Absence Record

**St John's High School**

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4. You didn't go to school last week – you went to the park! Invent two excuses and write your mum or dad's name!

![Your excuses can be sensible or funny.](image5.png)