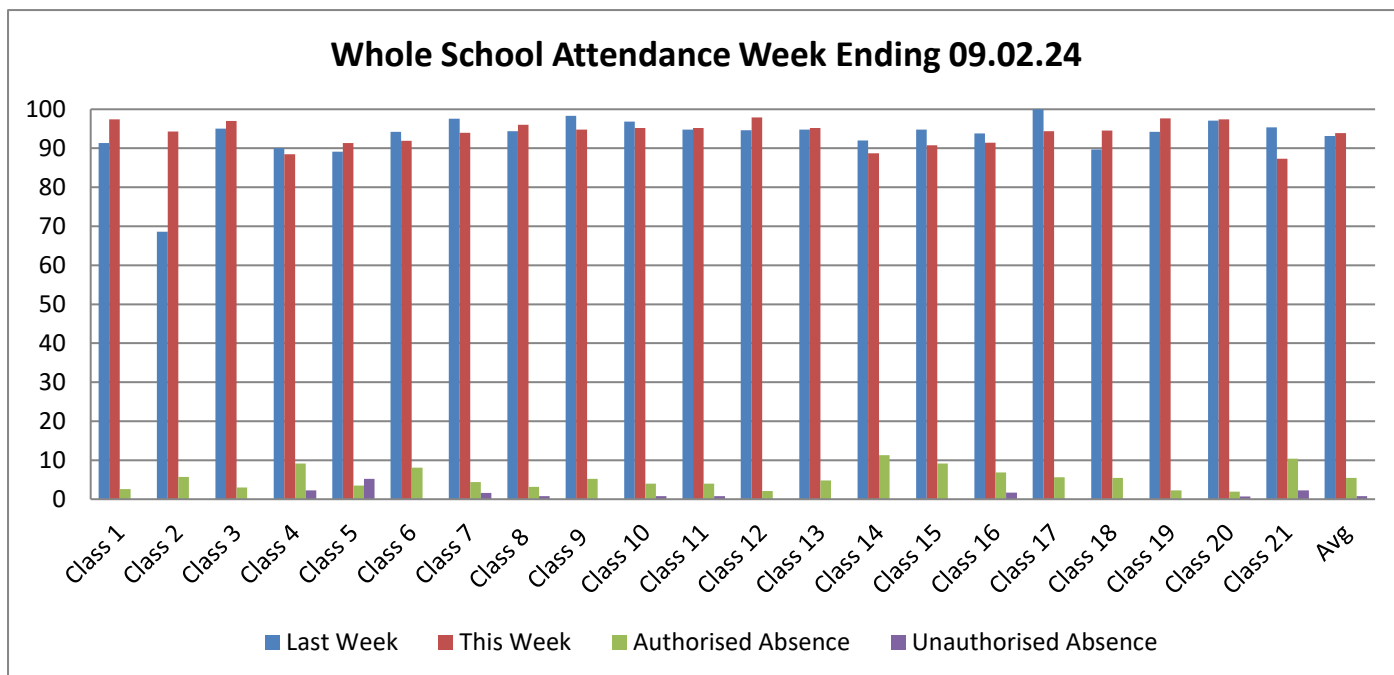


**Parent Information Sheet – Friday 23rd February 2024**

**Attendance**



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child’s class is performing. The average attendance across the school the week before half term was **93.85%**, this is just below our whole school target but a slight increase on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **5.5%**

Unauthorised absences were: **0.80%**. If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school office and inform them of the reason. It is imperative that all absences from school are reported to the school office. This will help to reduce the percentage of unauthorised absences at the school. Failure to report your child’s absence from school could result in a prosecution from the educational welfare officer.

**School Uniform Policy**

Please be aware that in line with our school uniform policy, no make-up is permitted in school. This includes false nails, nail varnish and eye lash extensions.

We have a significant amount of lost property in school. I am aware just how expensive school uniform is and the frustration when items go missing. Please ensure your child’s name is written inside all clothing. This will enable us to return lost items.

**Eisteddfod**

We will be holding our school Eisteddfod on Friday 1st March 2024. On this day, pupils are welcome to come to school in their traditional Welsh outfits. The Eisteddfod is a wonderful celebration of Welsh life and I very much look forward to seeing the pupils perform.

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### Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March, we will join with schools across the country by celebrating Comic Relief. On this day we are encouraging pupils to come to school wearing something red. If you don't have anything red, please don't buy anything new. We are asking for a donation which will be given to the charity.

### Food Bank

We are still collecting items for the local food bank in Blackwood. If you would like to donate any items, please bring these to the main reception area or send them into school with your child. I am extremely proud of the number of items you have donated in the past. Thank you for your continued support.

### School Dinners

Next week, we will be on **Week 2** of the menu.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Choice 1</b>	Welsh Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Beef, Chicken or Vegetable Curry	Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding Seasoning & Gravy	Fish Goujons Non- Fried	Chicken Chunks
<b>Choice 2</b>	Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Welsh Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Veg Nuggets (V)	Quorn Hot Dog with Onions & Ketchup (V)
<b>Choice 3 Daily Special</b>	Hot Dog with Onions & Ketchup	Chicken or Quorn Sweet Chilli Wrap (V)	Plant Based Meatball Wholemeal Panini (V)	Macaroni Cheese (V) made with Welsh Cheese	Salmon Fish Cake Non-Fried
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Mashed Potatoes Garlic & Herb Bread Seasoned Wedges Non- Fried Salad Bar Peas Broccoli	Rice Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw	Sage & Thyme Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Carrots/Parsnips Sprouts	Pommes Noisettes Tomato & Garlic Cheesy Twist Bread Salad Bar Coleslaw Baked Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Crispy Fries & Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
<b>Desserts</b>	Strawberry Flapjack	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Jelly & Mousse	Adam & Eve Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie Served with Banana Wedges

A Selection of Filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Baguettes or Wraps are also available daily  
Please note: The above menu contains allergens

We are aware of some potential 'teething' issues this week with the choice of meals at lunchtime. This is something we are monitoring carefully with Caerphilly catering.

### Jewellery

Please be aware, that in line with our policy, children should not be wearing hoop earrings to school. These pose a serious health and safety risk. Small, stud earrings are permissible as long as they can be removed for physical education lessons.

### LoveLy Disco

Thank you to the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd for arranging the disco this week. A great deal of time and effort goes into arranging these events for the children. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

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**Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Year Group</u></b>
Eisteddfod	1st March 2024	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	19th & 21st March 2024	Whole School
Easter Holidays	25th March – 5th April 2024	Whole School
Cardiff Bay Trip	18th & 19th April 2024	Year 4
Summer Disco	2nd May 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
May Day Bank Holiday	6th May 2024	Whole School
Half Term	27th – 31st May 2024	Whole School
Nursery Sports Day	11th June 2024	Nursery
Reception Sports Day	12th June 2024	Reception
Year 1 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 1
Year 2 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 2
Year 3 / 4 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 5 / 6
Rising 3s Sports Day	14th June 2024	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	14th June 2024	
Reserve Sports Day	18th June 2024	
PGL Residential	19th – 21st June 2024	Year 6
Transition Day	26th June 2024	Whole School
School Reports	5th July 2024	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	12th July 2024	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	16th July 2024	Year 6

**Mr C George**  
**Headteacher**

**Mr G Jones**  
**Chair of School Governors**