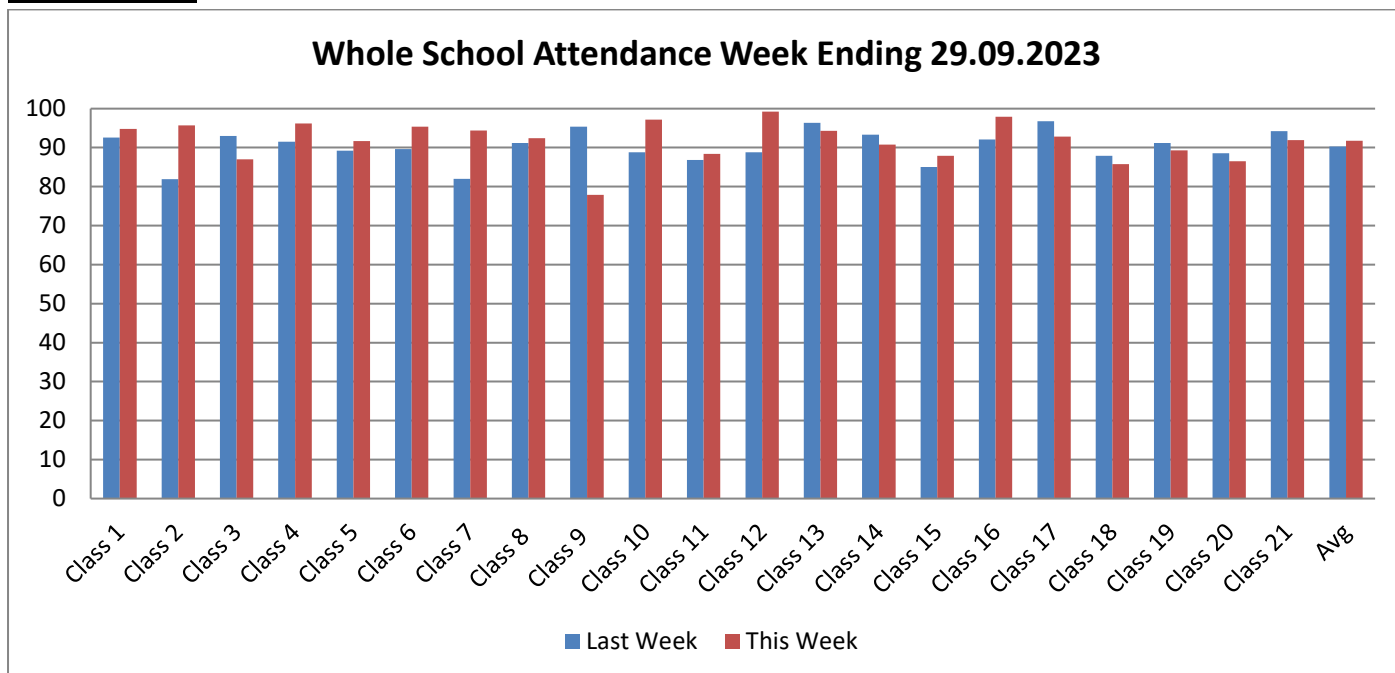




**Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 5th October 2023**

**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 last week was 91.8%, this is significantly below our whole school target but a slight increase on the previous week.

**School Gates**

From Monday 9th October, the school gates will be locked at 8:45am each morning. I have instructed staff that gates must be closed at this time as part of our safeguarding procedures. If you arrive at school after this time you should bring your child to the main reception to sign them in. At the end of the school day, the gates will be opened at 2:50pm.

**Jewellery**

Over recent days I have noticed an increasing number of pupils wearing hoop earrings. These earrings are not to be worn in school as they pose a health and safety risk. From Monday of next week, I will be speaking to any pupils wearing such earrings.

The only earrings that are permitted in school are stud earrings and your child needs to be able to remove these for physical education lessons. Thank you for your support.

**Secondary School Applications**

In September 2024, Year 6 children will transfer to Secondary School. To secure a place for your child, you will need to complete an application online.

Please visit the [Caerphilly.gov](http://Caerphilly.gov) website, search for School Admissions and click to ‘Apply for a place at school’. The actual web address is as follows: [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Respect Share Determined Passionate Successful

You **must** complete the form by the **27th October 2023**. Please note, you must include your council tax number on the form. You will find this number on your council tax statement in the top right-hand corner.

Your child's attendance at a feeder Primary/ Junior school does not provide automatic entry into your preferred Secondary school. It is your home address that will determine their catchment school. If your child resides at more than one address (i.e. if there are shared custody arrangements in place), then the address at which the child spends most of the school week should be used.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is fast approaching. Once again, this year we are collecting items that can be donated to the local food bank. We appreciate how difficult things are at the current time so please only send something in if you can afford to do so. Just one tin could make a huge difference.

Over recent years we have collected over a tonne of food and your support has been outstanding. If you have any items that you would like to donate for our Harvest Festival please send them into school with your child or alternatively bring any donations to the main office. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

A reminder that our parent teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th October 2023. Separate letters will be sent home on Monday 9th October for you to be able to book a time with your child's class teacher. Please make every effort to attend as it is important we work together to improve standards for all.

### School Dinners

Please check with your child that they like the school menu option before they come to school. Next week we will be on week 3 of the menu.

#### Week 3 Menu

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Sausage	Meatballs	Sliced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Cottage Pie	Sea Stars or Salmon Fishcake Served with Fruity Curry Sauce
Choice 2	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Tomato & Lentil Pasta Bake (V)	Sausage (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Cheese Panini (V)
Accompaniments	Chipped Potatoes Garlic Bread Baked Beans Broccoli Spinach	Potato Swirls Whole-wheat Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce Potato Croquette Peas, Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Crispy Roast Potatoes/Mashed Potatoes Cabbage, Carrots, Peas	Mashed Potatoes Non Fried Herby Potato Bites Carrots Coleslaw	Chipped Potatoes Served with Ketchup Savoury Wedges Baked Beans, Peas, Side Salad
Desserts of the day (fruit available daily)	Yoghurt	Artic Roll & Fruit Juice	Yoghurt	Caramel Apple Crumble & Ice Cream	Honey & Lemon Cookie & Fruit Juice

**Dates**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Year Group</u></b>
Intensive Swimming	2nd – 20th October	Year 4
Autumn Disco	19th October	Year 1 – Year 6
School Photographs	23rd October	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	24th & 26th October	Whole School
Half-Term	30th October – 3rd November	Whole School
INSET Day	6th November	Whole School
Christmas Fayre	8th December	Whole School (PTA)
Nursery Christmas Concerts	12th December	Nursery
Reception Christmas Concerts	12th & 13th December	Reception
Year 1 Christmas Concerts	13th & 14th December	Year 1
Year 2 Christmas Concerts	14th & 15th December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	15th December	Reception – Year 6
Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concerts	19th & 20th December	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concerts	19th & 20th December	Year 5 / 6
INSET Day	22nd December	Whole School
Christmas Holidays	25th December – 5th January	Whole School
INSET Day	8th January 2024	Whole School
Love-ly Disco	8th February 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
Half-Term	12th – 16th February 2024	Whole School
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

**School Photographs**

The photographers will be in school on Monday 23rd October 2023.

We will be offering the following service.

- All children will have an individual photograph taken.
- Sibling photographs will be offered. You will need to complete a request slip for this. This is for brothers and sisters who are all within Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary (Nursery to Y6)
- Family Photographs are for any combination of adults and children, including children who are not in this school e.g. older/younger brothers and sisters. These are available before school from 8am onwards on Monday 23rd October 2023.
- Photographs will be taken in our large hall.

All photographs will be offered via an on-line proof service.

Please remember to complete the slip below if you require a sibling photograph.

If you require a family photograph, simply turn up between 8am and 8:45am on Monday 23rd October 2023. Please be aware that no family photographs can be taken after 8:45am.

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**Sibling Photograph**

I would like my children to have their photograph taken together. Please list all children to be in the photograph, starting with the eldest.

Name of Child / Class

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

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