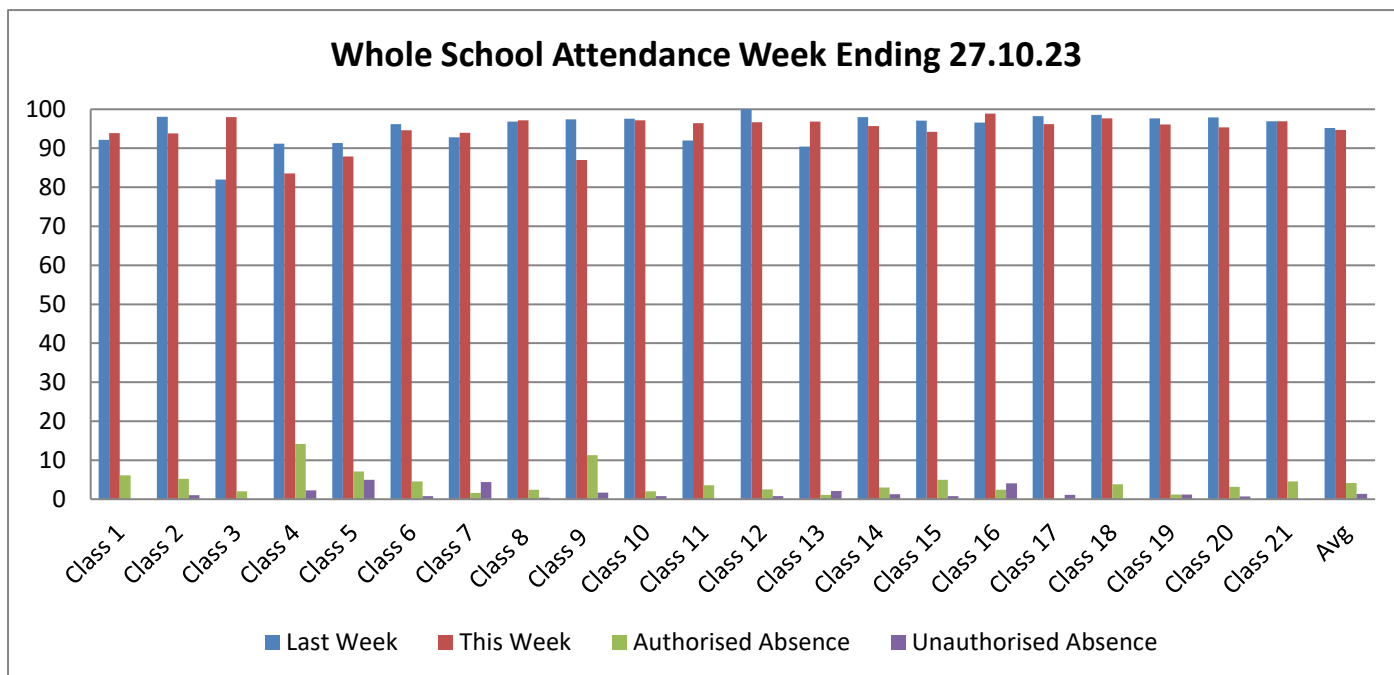


Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 9th November 2023

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 the week before half-term was 94.67%, this is slightly below our whole school target and a fall on the previous week.

Authorised absences last week were: **4.1%**

Unauthorised absences last week were: **1.4%** (This is up from 1.0% the previous week)

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.

Remembrance

This year’s community Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 12th November. The parade will assemble opposite the former Oakdale Post Office at 10:40am. It would be wonderful if as many pupils as possible could walk with the school as part of the parade. Once again this year, pupils from Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School will be actively involved in the service. The school car park will be open for anyone wishing to use it.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need this year on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Once again, this year, we are asking for donations which will be given to the charity. Pupils will be given the opportunity to cover Pudsey Bear with their coins / notes in the school hall. Friday 17th November will be a non-uniform day and pupils may wear the merchandise which is available in supermarkets should you wish to purchase it. As in previous years, Year 6 pupils will be making and selling cakes.

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### 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 2 of the menu.

### Week 2

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Lasagne/Pasta Bake	Minced Beef Pie & Gravy	Sliced Pork & Seasoning Served with Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Portion
Choice 2	Margherita Pizza (V)	Ravioli & Cheese (V)	Cottage Pie (V)	Pizza Bagel (V)	Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
Accompaniments	Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Potato Croquettes Garlic Mushrooms Baked Beans	Parsley Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Carrots Peas	Sage & Thyme Dry Roast Potatoes Boiled Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower	Rice Potato Croquettes Sweetcorn & Peas Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes Served with Ketchup Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans Tomatoes
Desserts of the day (fruit available daily)	Yoghurt	Delight & Fruit Juice	Raspberry Mousse Slice	Fruity Flapjack	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit Juice

### Reception Applications

Applications for admission to Reception classes in September 2024 are now open. Even if your child already attends our Nursery setting, you must still apply for a place in Reception by 15th December 2023. Failure to apply by this date may result in your child not being allocated a place.



## Admission to Reception September 2024

Applications are now open for admission to Reception classes in  
September 2024

**You must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

You can apply by visiting [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) and searching for school admissions or by scanning the QR code below  
For help and support call the Admissions team on 01443 864870



### **Flu Vaccinations**

There will be a mop up session on Thursday 16th November for any pupils who missed the initial visit.

### **School Photographs**

I am aware of a number of concerns regarding the quality of the school photographs that were taken recently. I will be discussing this with Colorfoto.

If you haven't already done so, you can access your school photographs online by clicking on the link below:

[www.clickfoto.co.uk](http://www.clickfoto.co.uk)

You should have your access code. However, if you have misplaced the code, please contact the school office.

### **Dates**

We will provide you with the times of the Christmas Concerts in next weeks newsletter.

Please be aware there has been a slight change to the date of the Year 5 / 6 concert. They will now take place on the 18th and 20th December.

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Year Group</u></b>
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	18th & 20th December	Year 5 / 6
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>22nd December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Christmas Holidays	25th December – 5th January	Whole School
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>8th January 2024</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
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

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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**