



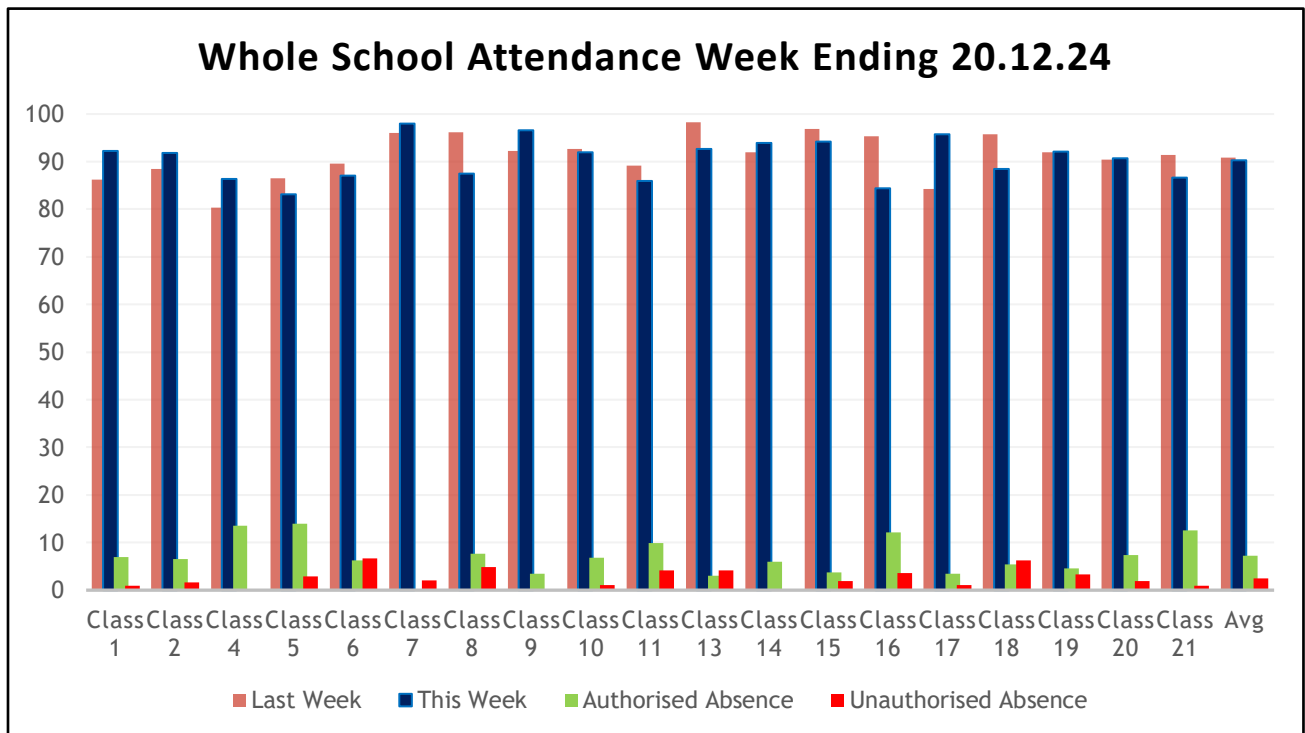
# Parent Newsletter



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Attendance Matters



Our attendance 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 Christmas was **90.3%** this is below our whole school target and a decrease on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **7.3%**

Unauthorised absences were: **2.5%** - All absences **must** be reported to the school office.

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.

## Welcome Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back to school for the beginning of the spring term. This week we welcomed our youngest pupils into school, our rising 3s.

The pupils and staff have settled well after the Christmas break and are already hard at work driving up standards. A focus this term for the school is 'Independent Learning.' This is an approach where pupils take responsibility for their own learning, developing the skills and strategies needed to learn independently, rather than relying entirely on teacher-led instruction. This approach encourages pupils to become more self-directed, reflective, and resourceful learners.

Independent learning involves:

1. **Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving:** Pupils are encouraged to ask questions, explore different ways to approach tasks, and think critically about the information they encounter.
2. **Self-Regulation:** Pupils are guided to set goals, manage their time effectively, and assess their own progress. They learn how to stay motivated and focused on their tasks.
3. **Collaborative Learning:** While independent, pupils often work with peers, sharing ideas and learning from each other, which helps build communication and teamwork skills.
4. **Exploration and Inquiry:** Independent learning often includes projects or inquiries where pupils can explore topics of interest on their own or in small groups, fostering curiosity and a love of learning.
5. **Learning Across the Curriculum:** Independent learning is not confined to one subject area. It is woven across all aspects of the Welsh curriculum, allowing pupils to apply their learning in a variety of contexts.

Independent learning is a key aspect of the **Curriculum for Wales**, which aims to develop learners as "**ambitious, capable learners**" who are able to "**apply their knowledge and skills in a wide range of situations**". The intention is to help students become lifelong learners who can adapt to new challenges and continue learning beyond school.

## Late Arriving Pupils

This week a significant number of pupils have arrived late for school. Parents should be aware that any pupil arriving after 8:45am receives a late mark on the register. These registers are monitored by the education welfare officer. Please make every effort to ensure that pupils arrive before the school gates close.

Please remember that the school gates close at 8:45am each morning. Pupils arriving after this time must be taken to the main school reception and signed in. Please do not ask staff to keep the gates open as this would be in breach of our safeguarding procedures.

## School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 2 of the menu. Please check with your child that they like the menu option before they come to school.



## LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 2



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Choice 1</b>	Hot Dog with Onions & Tomato Ketchup	Fruity Curry	Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding Seasoning & Gravy	Jumbo Fish Finger	Chicken Chunks
<b>Choice 2</b>	Tomato Pasta Bake with Garlic & Herb Bread (V)	Welsh Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Margarita Pizza (V)	Macaroni Cheese Made with Welsh Cheese (V)	Cheese Omelette (V)
<b>Choice 3 Daily Special</b>	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Welsh Cheese Toasted Panini (V)	Meatball Baguette with BBQ Sauce (V)	Filled Sandwich	Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers Non-Fried
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried with Tomato Ketchup Salad Bar Peas Coleslaw	Rice/Noodles Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Mixed Vegetables Corn on Cob	Sage & Thyme Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Carrots Cabbage Peas	Pommes Noisettes Tomato & Garlic Cheesy Twist Bread Salad Bar Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Crispy Fries & Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
<b>Desserts</b>	Strawberry Flapjack	Arctic Roll	Jelly	Fruit Sponge with Custard	Plain Cookie Served with Fruit

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

## Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
Valentine Disco	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 - Year 6
Half-Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School
School Eisteddfod	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School
Mother's Day Stall	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School
Cardiff Bay Trip	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
INSET Day	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole School

Half-Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School
Summer Disco	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 - Year 6
Father's Day Stall	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School
Sports Day	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery
Sports Day	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception
Sports Day	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1
Sports Day	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2
Sports Day	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 / 4
Sports Day	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 / 6
Sports Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Various
PGL Residential	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6
Transition Day	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School
Rainbow Raffle	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School
Reports	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6
INSET Day	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School

## Parent Newsletter

Mr C George  
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor  
Chair of Governors

