



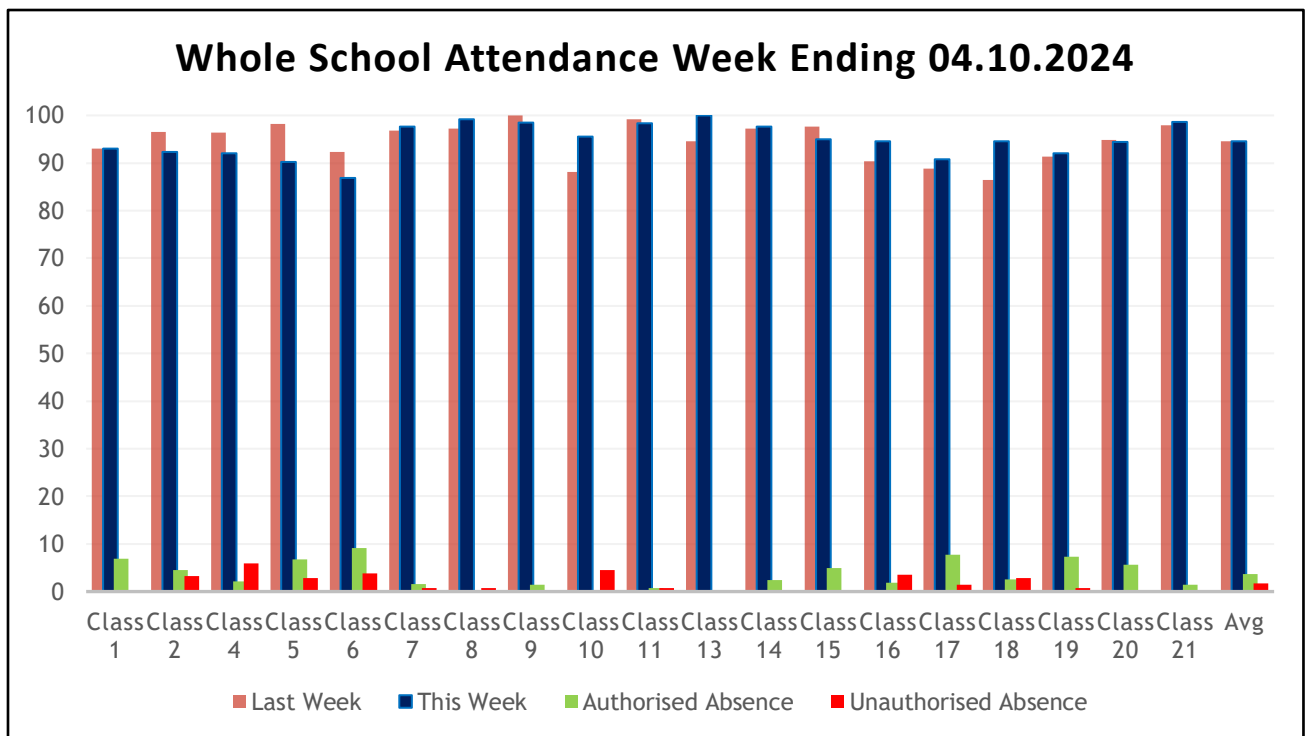
Parent Newsletter



Friday 11th October 2024



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 last week was 94.60%, this is below our whole school target and level with the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **3.7%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.70%** - 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.

Diwrnod Shwmae

On Tuesday 15th October we will be celebrating 'Diwrnod Shwmae'. This is a celebration of the Welsh language and culture. This year, we are holding the day in memory of our friend and colleague, Mrs Angelene Griffiths, a passionate and fluent Welsh speaker, who sadly passed away last year. We will be selling rice crispy cakes at a cost of 50p, and all money raised will be donated to Velindre. We look forward to your support.

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 1 of the menu. Please check with your child that they like the menu option before they come to school.



LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 1



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Welsh Beef Lasagne	French Bread Pizza	Sliced Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Sweet Chilli Chicken	Harry Ramsdens Fish Portion
Choice 2	Welsh Cheese & Onion Savoury Bake (V)	Ravioli in Tomato Sauce served with Welsh Cheese & Focaccia Bread (V)	Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (V)	Margarita Pizza (V)	Welsh Beef Burger or Quorn Burger (V) in a Bun with Ketchup
Choice 3 Daily Special	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Filled Jacket Potato	Chicken Goujons	Filled Wrap	Filled Baguette
Accompaniments	Garlic & Herb Bread Seasoned Twisted Potatoes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas	Wholemeal Savoury Rice Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Sweetcorn Green Beans	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Cabbage Carrots Swede	Noodles Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Mixed Vegetables BBQ Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Chipped Potatoes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Corn on Cob Peas
Desserts	Chocolate & Pear Brownie with Ice Cream	Various Fruit Crumble & Custard	Jam or Fruit Welsh Cake with Fruit Wedges	Welsh Lan Y Laeth Yoghurt	Flapjack

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

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 18th October. Once again, this year, we are asking parents to donate food items such as tins, cereals, pasta, etc. All items collected will be donated to the HTC charity and will help homeless people across the Gwent area. If you would like to donate any items, please send them into school with your child. Alternatively, you can drop items off at the main school office. Thank you for your anticipated support.

School Photographs

All children have had their photographs taken today. They should have brought a form home from school with them. Photographs will be available online today from 4pm.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school places are now open. To secure a place for your child at secondary school you will need to complete an online application.

Please visit the Caerphilly.gov website, search for school admissions and click to 'Apply for a place at school.' The actual web address is www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

The closing date for applications is **25th October 2024**.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Our parent teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October. Letters have been sent home with pupils for you to book your appointment. If you haven't received a letter, please contact the school office.

Please make every effort to attend the as it is important we work together. Once again, this year, the friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd will be selling refreshments each evening.

Spooky Disco

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd are holding their 'Spooky Disco' on Thursday 17th October.

Years 1 and 2 disco will run from 4:00 – 4:45pm. Children should be brought to the main reception door ready for a 4pm start. Entrance is £1.50, this includes a drink and a snack. Pupils should be collected at the end of the disco from their outside classroom door.

The junior disco will run from 5:00 – 6:00pm. Children should be brought to the junior entrance at the rear of the school ready for a 5pm start. Entrance to the disco is £1. Refreshments will be on sale for pupils to purchase, including hot dogs. All pupils **must be** collected at the end of the disco. Parents should wait at the junior entrance until you are told to go to the hall to collect your child.

Children may come to the disco in their costumes but please think carefully about anything which could cause upset to others.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a disco to nursery and reception pupils. We have tried this in the past and children have got extremely upset.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
Swimming	Monday 30 th September - Friday 18 th October	Year 4
School Photographs	Friday 11 th October	Whole School
Spooky Disco	Thursday 17 th October	Year 1 - Year 6
Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 22 nd October	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Thursday 24 th October	Whole School
Half-Term	Mon 28 th October - Fri 1 st November	Whole School
Christmas Fayre	Friday 29 th November	Whole School
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 th December	Nursery
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 th December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 th December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 12 th December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 12 th December	Year 2
Christmas Concert	Friday 13 th December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	Friday 13 th December	Reception - Year 6
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3 / 4
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 17 th December	Year 5 / 6
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 18 th December	Year 3 / 4
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 18 th December	Year 5 / 6
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 rd December - Friday 3 rd January	Whole School
INSET Day	Monday 6 th January	Whole School
Valentine Disco	Thursday 13 th February	Year 1 - Year 6
Half-Term	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th February	Whole School
School Eisteddfod	Friday 7 th March	Whole School
Mother's Day Stall	Monday 24 th March	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 8 th April	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Thursday 10 th April	Whole School
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 th - Friday 25 th April	Whole School
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May	Whole School
Cardiff Bay Trip	Tuesday 6 th - Wednesday 7 th May	Year 4
Half-Term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May	Whole School
Summer Disco	Thursday 5 th June	Year 1 - Year 6
Father's Day Stall	Monday 9 th June	Whole School
Sports Day	Tuesday 10 th June	Nursery
Sports Day	Wednesday 11 th June	Reception
Sports Day	Wednesday 11 th June	Year 1
Sports Day	Wednesday 11 th June	Year 2

Sports Day	Thursday 12 th June	Year 3 / 4
Sports Day	Thursday 12 th June	Year 5 / 6
Sports Day	Friday 13 th June	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 13 th June	Various
PGL Residential	Wednesday 18 th - Friday 20 th June	Year 6
Transition Day	Tuesday 24 th June	Whole School
Rainbow Raffle	Friday 27 th June	Whole School
Reports	Friday 4 th July	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	Friday 11 th July	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6
INSET Day	Monday 21 st July	Whole School

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Mr C George
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

