



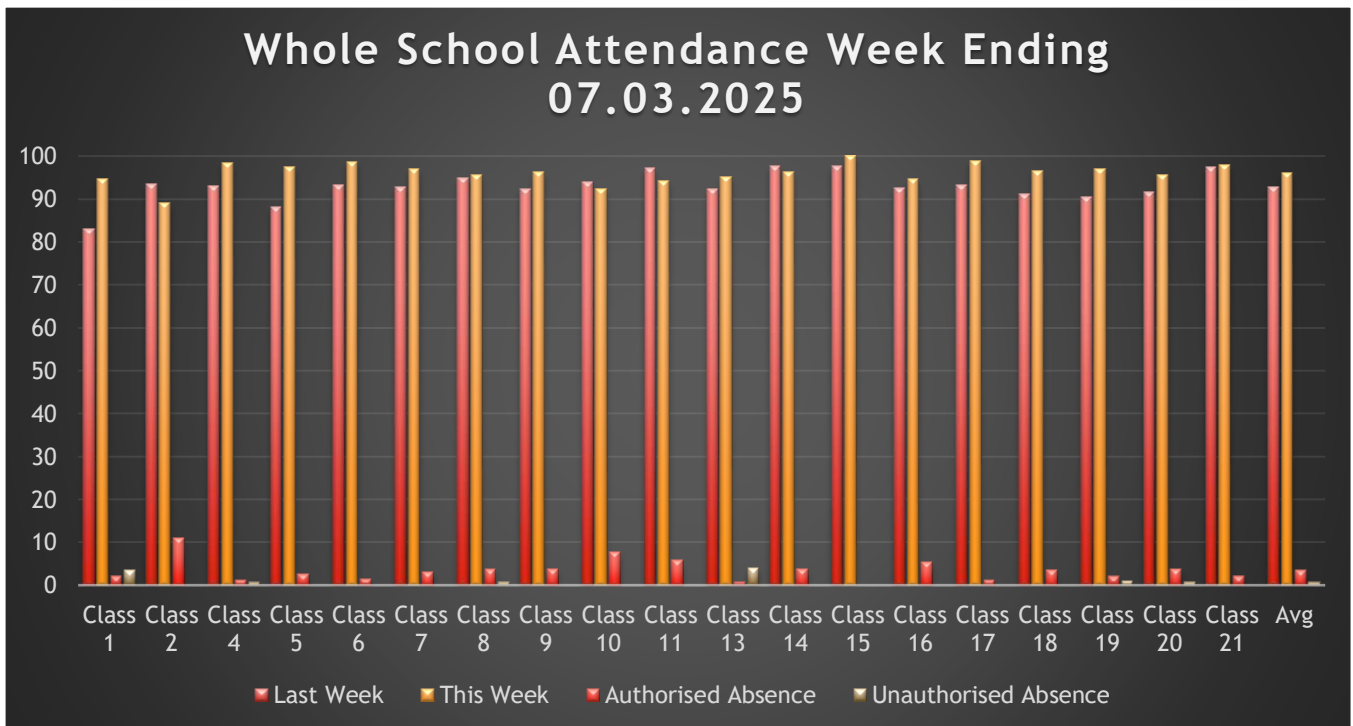
# Parent Newsletter



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## Attendance Matters



Our attendance target for the academic year is **95%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. The average attendance across the school last week was **96%**. This is above our whole school target and a significant increase on the previous week.

Congratulations to Class 15 who had 100% attendance last week. Da iawn pawb!

Authorised absences were: **3.4%**

Unauthorised absences were: **0.6%** - 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.

## 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

## School Improvement Partner

On Tuesday, our school improvement partner visited school to undertake some monitoring activities. She was extremely impressed with our school; the standard of work being produced by the children and the children themselves. As part of her visit, she looked at pupils' books and listened to learners. The pupils were extremely mature and spoke positively about their learning in the classroom. I am extremely proud of our whole school community.

## End of an Era

We have come to the end of an incredible era. Mrs Deplace has decided that the time is right to end her chapter at Rhiw Syr Dafydd and to begin writing the next chapter in her story. Mrs Deplace has been at Rhiw Syr Dafydd for well over 30 years. We will really miss her experience and perhaps, more importantly, her smile.

I'm sure you will all join with me in thanking Mrs Deplace for her hard work and dedication to generations of pupils and families. She has helped shape so many young lives and has supported countless families of children with additional learning needs.

## Asda Cashpot

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our school with the Asda Cashpot project. You raised an incredible £2005.48 which will be spent on new reading resources for school. Thank you for your incredible support!



## Red Nose Day

We will be joining with hundreds of other schools in celebrating 40 years of Red Nose Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2025. On this day, pupils may come to school in non-uniform and make a donation of any amount which will be given to the charity.

## WhatsApp

I urge all parents to check their child's phone regularly to monitor messages. I am aware that in several schools in the local area, children are being added to 'Add Everyone' group chats.

'Add Everyone' group chats can go by many names, but their purpose is often the same. These WhatsApp groups are spaces where children and young people are invited to join a chat that contains content such as sexual images, material promoting self-harm, sexual violence, racism and other inappropriate content. These chats may be created by adults seeking to connect with younger users or by young people themselves as a seemingly fun activity. However, as the name suggests, it is difficult to control who becomes a member of these groups, which means that access to children and young people can easily fall into the wrong hands. In some cases, the group owners ask for children to add their contacts to the group, 'except their parents'.

Please be vigilant and report any concerns you may have.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Our parent teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Letters will be sent home with pupils next week for you to book your appointment. Please make every effort to attend as it is important we work together. Once again, this year, the friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd will be selling refreshments on the evening.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The book fair will be open after school until 4:30pm on Monday and Wednesday and throughout the evening on parent teacher consultation days. Purchasing a book could be a good way of rewarding your child for a positive report! Please make every effort to support the book fair as school will receive commission for all books sold.

## Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
Mother's Day Stall	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School
Class & Individual Photos	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6
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
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
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
Class & individual Photos	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery - Year 5
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

## Parent Newsletter

Mr C George  
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor  
Chair of Governors

