



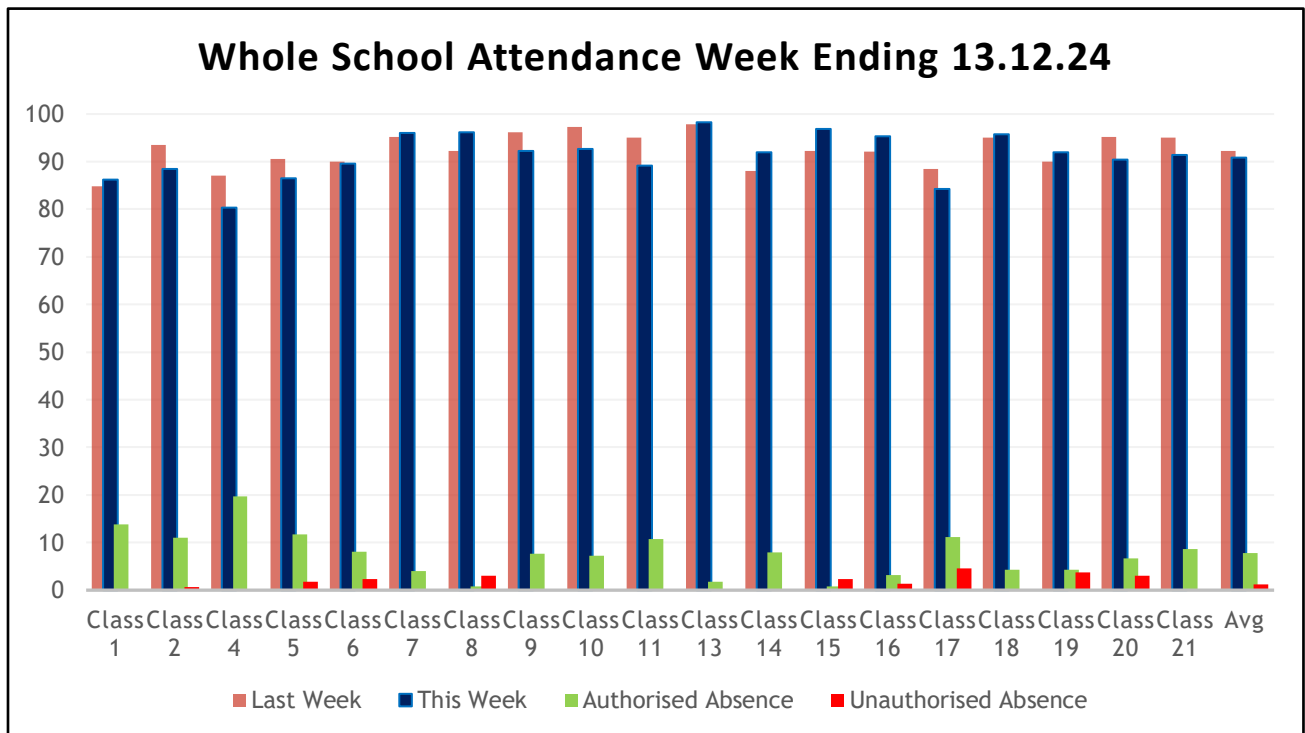
Parent Newsletter



Thursday 19th December 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 **90.9%** this is below our whole school target and a decrease on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **7.8%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.2%** - 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

When we return after Christmas, 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

Christmas

As we approach the end of an incredibly busy autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the school for their hard work, commitment and dedication. The autumn term is the longest term of the year, and we are already over one third of a way through the academic year.

The build up to Christmas is demanding but the staff always pull together to ensure the pupils have the best Christmas possible in school. It is a true team effort, from the cleaners, the caretaker, the admin team, the catering team, midday supervisors, teaching assistants and teachers. I am so incredibly grateful to them all and I am sure that parents will join with me in expressing their thanks too.

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas break with your families. May the New Year bring you peace and happiness.

Thank you again for all your support throughout the year.

'Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda'

Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you to the school cook and her amazing team for Christmas dinner last week. In total, over 500 Christmas dinners were served in record time. Dinner was delicious and was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

Christmas Holidays

Please be aware that school will close to pupils on Thursday 19th December 2024 and will reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd

As we come to the end of term, I would like to say a huge thank you to the dedicated group of parents who form the 'Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd'. This term alone, they have contributed a significant amount of money to the school, including paying for the development of 'Brodie's Garden' in the school playground at a cost of over £7000. I am extremely grateful for their continued hard work and support.

If you would like to become a member of the 'Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd', please contact the school office.

Reception Hearing Screening

All pupils in the reception classes will have their hearing tested on Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th January. If there are any issues regarding this, please contact the school office.

Building Site Safety

There are a number of construction projects taking place in the local area. I have been informed that pupils have been seen accessing the building site at the old Oakdale Comprehensive School. I will be reminding children about the dangers of construction sites in school but would appreciate parental support in talking to the children at home.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
INSET Day	Friday 20th December	Whole School
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 rd December - Friday 3 rd January	Whole School
INSET Day	Monday 6th 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

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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
INSET Day	Friday 23rd May	Whole School
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 21st July	Whole School

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Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor
Chair of Governors

