



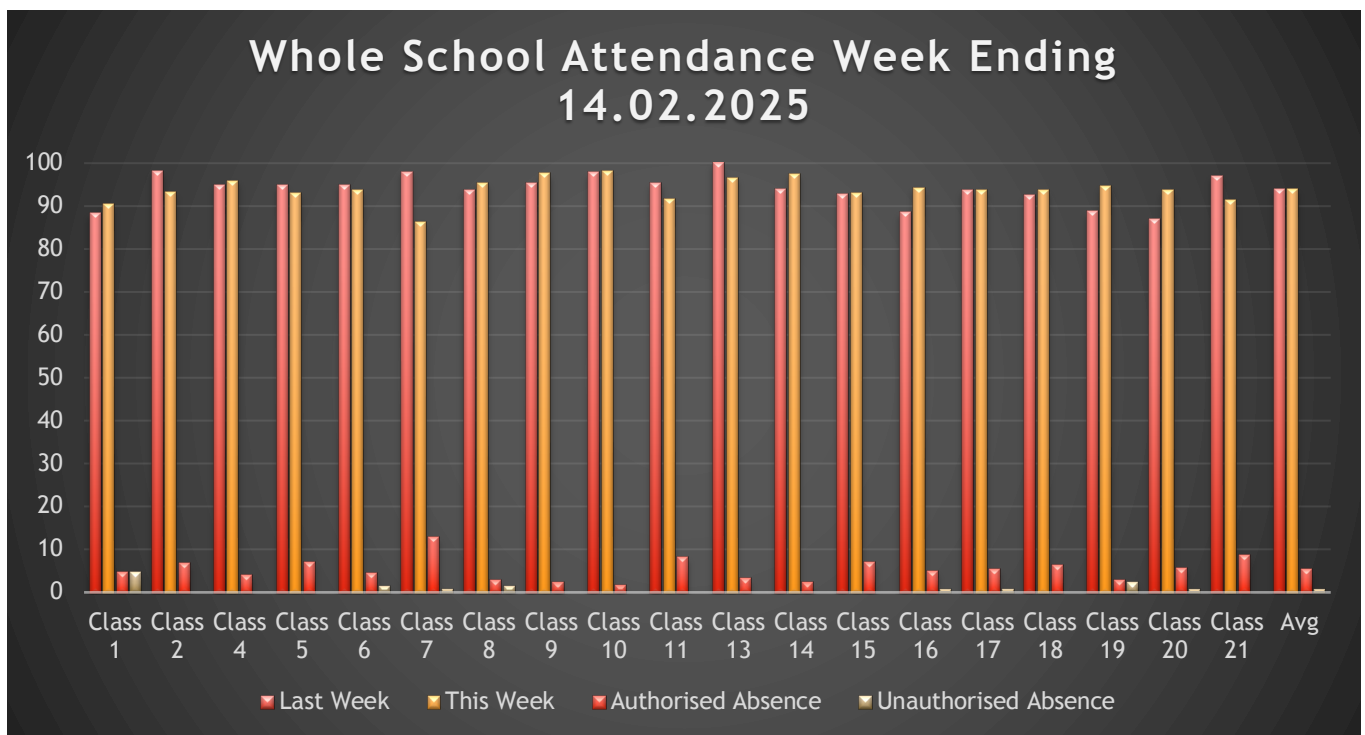
# Parent Newsletter



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025



## Attendance Matters



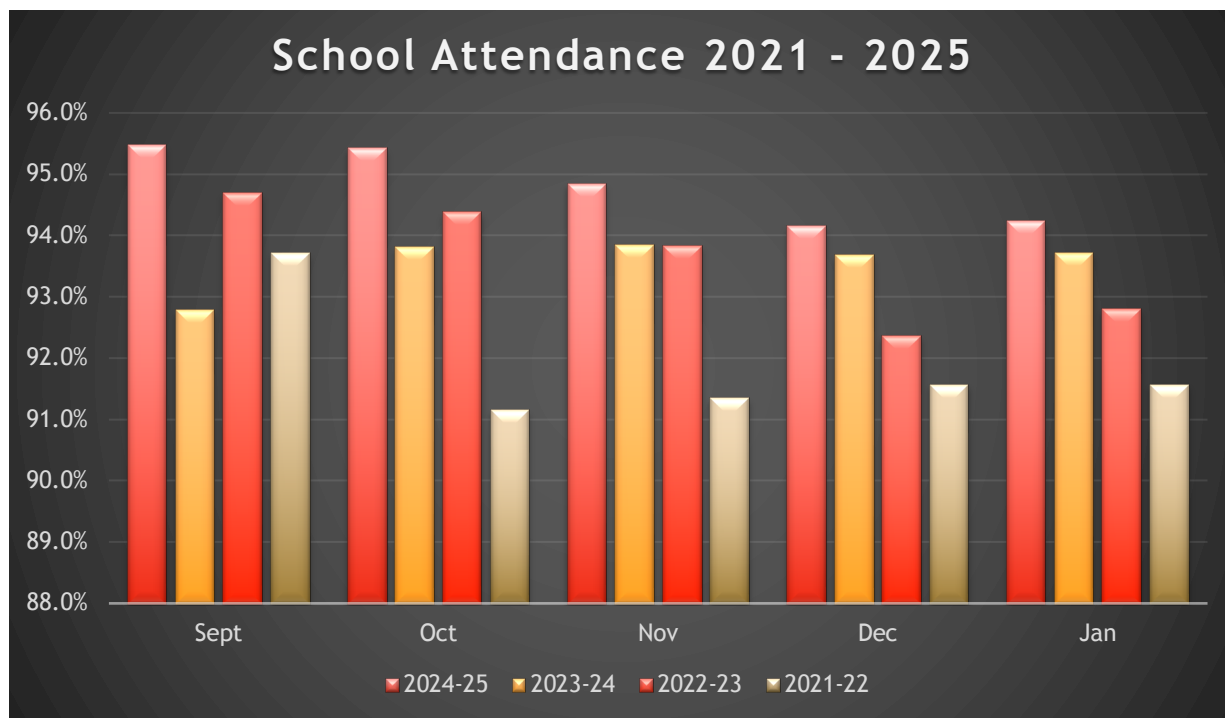
Our attendance target for the academic year is **95%** Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. The average attendance across the school last week was **93.90%** this is below our whole school target but the same as the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **5.4%**

Unauthorised absences were: **0.7%** - 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.

## Attendance Trends



As you can see from the chart above, our whole school attendance has gradually improved year on year. However, we still have plenty of work to do. Our attendance for January 2025 was 94.2%, this is below our whole school target but an increase on the same time last year when attendance in January was 93.7%. *Thank you all for your efforts – well done everyone!*

## School Dinners

After half term, we will be on Week 3 of the menu. Please check with your child that they like the menu option before they come to school.




### LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 3



Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Choice 1</b>	Welsh Pork Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Welsh Sausage Roll	Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasoning & Gravy	Minced Beef Pie & Gravy	Fish Bites
<b>Choice 2</b>	Vegetable Nuggets (V)	Ravioli in Welsh Cheese Sauce (V)	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
<b>Choice 3 Daily Special</b>	Filled Jacket Potato	Lemon Sole Non-Fried	Welsh Vegan Sausage Roll (V)	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Baguette
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Mashed Potatoes Pasta Salad Bar Cheesy Coleslaw Peas & Sweetcorn	Mexican Bread Potato Croquettes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Boiled/Mashed Potatoes Salad Bar Cauliflower/Swede Peas	Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Peas Farmhouse Mixed Veg	Boiled Potatoes Chipped Potatoes With Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
<b>Desserts</b>	Sticky Orange Date Brownie & Orange Wedges	Various Fruit Crumble & Custard	Various Flavoured Mousse	American Pancake with Fruit & Ice Cream	Chocolate Cookie

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


Please be aware there be a change to the menu on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to celebrate Dydd Gwyl Dewi.




# ST. DAVIDS DAY

**MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2025**

LAMB MEATBALLS WITH GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES & PEAS  
OR  
CHEESE & LEEK RISSOLE  
CHIPPED POTATOES & BAKED BEANS



VARIOUS SALAD BAR ITEMS



VANILLA ICE CREAM TUB WITH A CARAMEL SWIRL

FRESH MILK & DRINKING WATER, WHOLEMEAL BREAD, FRUIT BAR, FRUIT & WELSH ICE CREAM AND YOGHURT AVAILABLE DAILY.  
THE MENU MIX DISPLAYED IS FOR GUIDANCE ONLY.  
CAERPHILLY CATERING SERVICES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.  
CUSTOMERS WILL BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DAILY ACCOMPANIMENTS SELECTION.  
PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE MENU CONTAINS ALLERGENS.

## Eisteddfod

We will be holding our school Eisteddfod on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025. On this day, pupils are welcome to come to school in their traditional Welsh outfits. The Eisteddfod is a wonderful celebration of Welsh life, and I very much look forward to seeing the pupils perform.

This year's home / school tasks are as follows:

- **Year 5 and 6** will have a photography competition and need to enter a series of 4 colour photographs on the theme of Roots.
- **Year 3 and 4** will design a T-Shirt (front on A4 and back on A4, present on A3) to convey any aspect or aspects of the theme Roots.
- **Lower School** will have to create a 2D picture suitable to hang on a wall, using one or combination of these media: Pencil, Ink, Creon, Pastel or Paint to measure no more than 760mm x 560mm.

All of these competitions come directly from the Urdd Eisteddfod 2025 syllabus.

Every entry completed will earn points.

## Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd

A big thank you to the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd for arranging the book swap last week. There was a real buzz around the school and the children enjoyed talking about the books they had chosen.



The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd will be holding a sweet shop at the end of the school day on Friday. This will be in the outdoor classroom on the playground if it is wet.

## Footpath

The footpath running alongside the running track across to Pen-Y-Groes will be locked from 5:00pm – 7:30am each day. The gates will remain locked over the weekend and through school holidays.

## Construction Sites

There are currently a number of construction sites around the Oakdale area. Please remind children to stay away from any construction sites and to be extra vigilant when crossing roads as there are a number of additional heavy vehicles using the roads.

## Half-Term

School will close for the half-term break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 and reopen on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxing half-term break with your families. Hopefully the sun will make an appearance!

## Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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
<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
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
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>

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Mr C George  
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

