



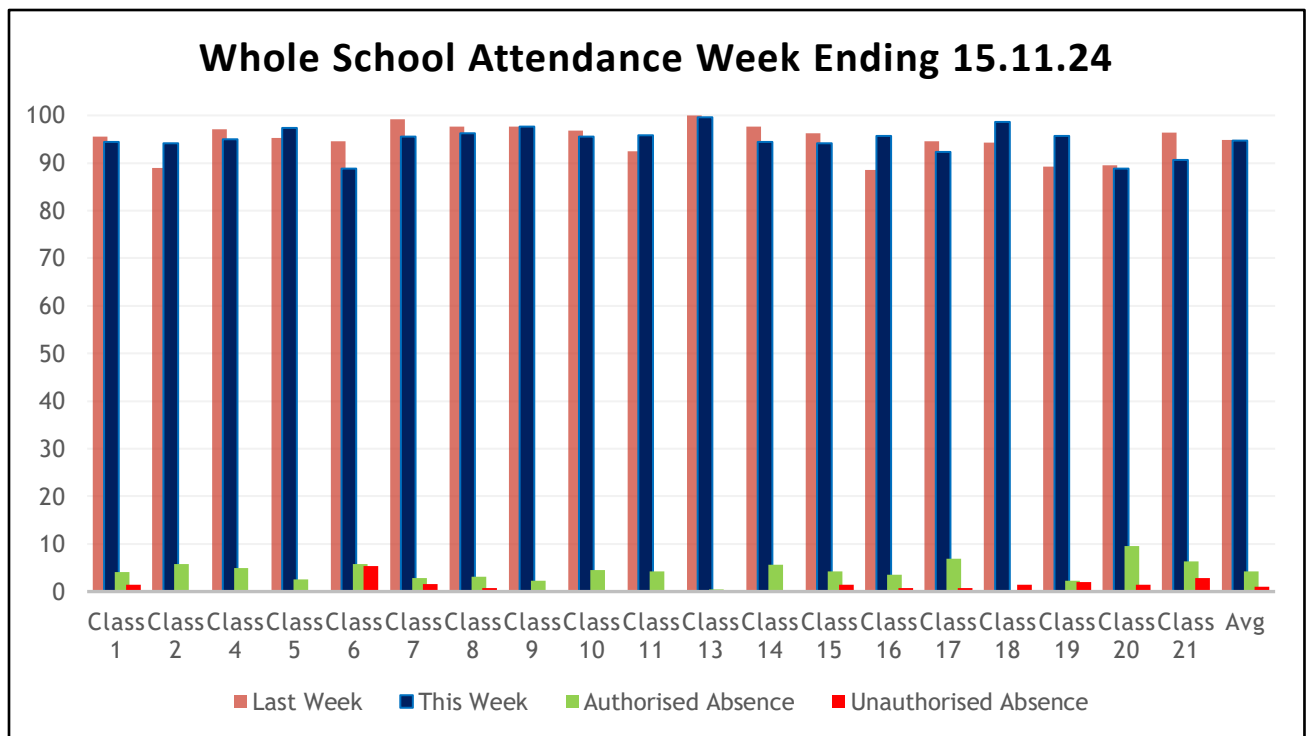
Parent Newsletter



Friday 22nd November 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 94.8%, this is slightly below our whole school target but in line with the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **4.2%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1%** - 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 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 Fayre

Our Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 29th November at 3:15pm. Please note, access to the school will not be granted before this time for safeguarding reasons.

This year, we have a record number of stallholders attending the fayre, selling a variety of exciting Christmas items. There will also be lots of fun games to play and traditional turkey rolls will be available. Father Christmas will be making a special guest appearance – make sure you get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!



Christmas Concerts

Please find the concert dates and times below:

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	Tuesday 10 th December	10:15am (Morning Nursery) 13:45pm (Afternoon Nursery)
Reception (Class 1)	Tuesday 10 th December	9:15am
Reception (Class 2)	Wednesday 11 th December	9:15am
Year 1		10:30am
Year 1	Thursday 12 th December	9:15am
Year 2		10:30am
Year 2	Friday 13 th December	9:15am
Year 3/4	Tuesday 17 th December	18:00pm
Year 5/6	Tuesday 17 th December	13:30pm
Year 3/4	Wednesday 18 th December	13:30pm
Year 5/6	Wednesday 18 th December	18:00pm

Christmas concert letters to order tickets have been sent home this week with your child.

If you haven't received an order form, please contact the school office.

Home Reading Books

As a school, we have invested a significant amount of money on purchasing new reading books for the children to take home. Please take good care of the books and ensure that all books are returned to school when your child has finished reading them.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for your support with Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £766.82 for the charity. Well done everyone!

Christmas Holidays

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

School Choir

I am pleased to inform you that our school choir will be singing in Sainsbury's Pontllanfraith on Saturday 23rd November at 10 – 11am.

Reception Applications

The application process is now open for parents/guardians of Nursery aged pupils to apply for Reception in September 2025. You must apply for a place in Reception even if your child already attends our Nursery setting. The closing date for applications is 13th of December.

You can apply by visiting www.caerphilly.gov.uk and searching for school admissions or by scanning the QR code below. For help and support call the Admissions team on 01443 864870



Parents ALN Café

Every Thursday at 2pm, Zoe and Rhi would like to invite: Parents, Grandparents and Carers of children with additional needs, to a support group and café. Come and have some cake and chat with other parents. Find the support and help you need, with like minded people. Come along to the main school reception to be taken to the café.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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
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
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
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

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Chair of Governors

