



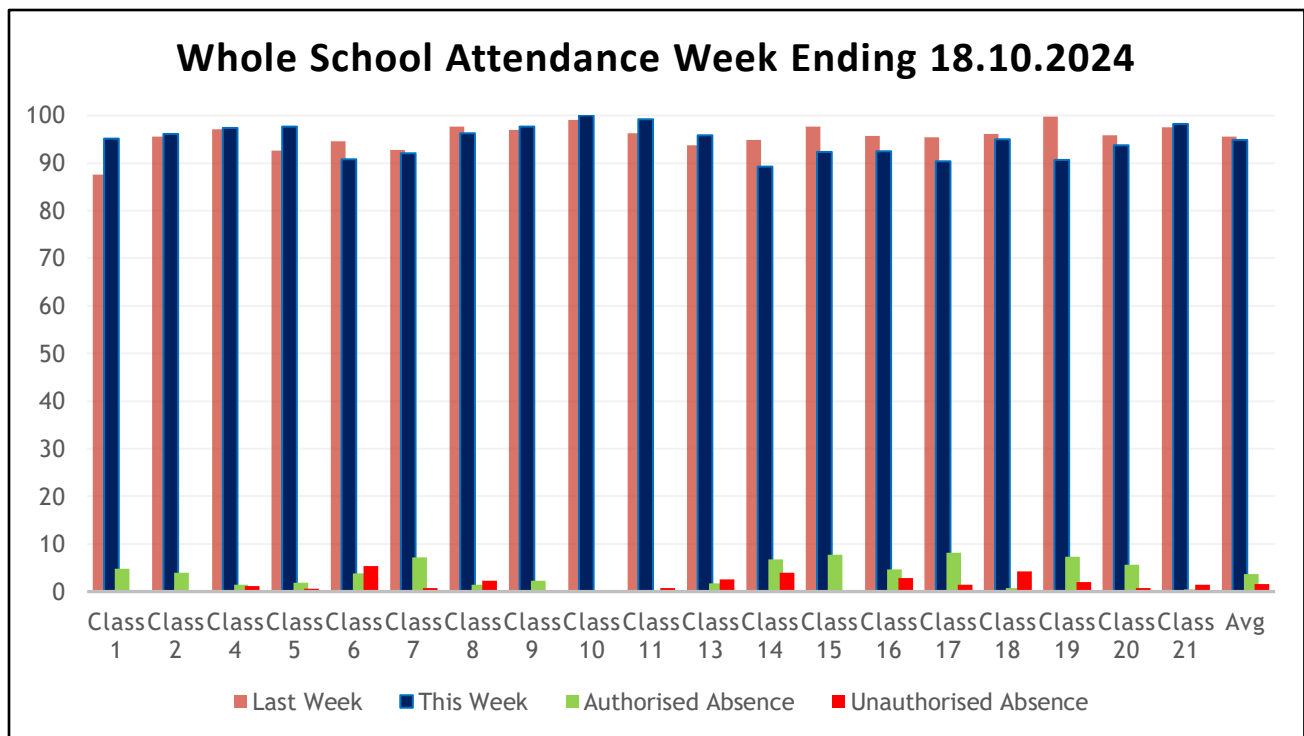
Parent Newsletter



Friday 25th 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 94.80%, this is below our whole school target and a slight decrease on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **3.7%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.60%** - 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

After half-term, 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

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent teacher consultations this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and guardians in school to discuss progress with the class teachers. My thanks also to the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd for selling refreshments on both evenings.

Oakdale Library

I have no doubt that many of you will be aware of the proposal to close a number of libraries throughout Caerphilly. Oakdale library is one the libraries that has been identified for closure. As a school, we regularly take our pupils to the library to borrow books and to listen to stories. We use the library as a way of encouraging our children to read more books. If you would like to object to the closure of Oakdale library, please visit the library and complete a form to voice your objection.

Sweet Stall

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd will be selling sweets on the playground after school today, Friday 25th October.

Math for Adults

We have been asked to share the information opposite with you. Maths for adults Wales, have been running the free maths for parents' courses for the last few months with other schools in the community and there's still space left for courses for this term. The courses are free for parents to develop their Maths skills, which would then enable you to support your children at our school with Maths homework to improve outcomes. The courses are flexible for parents, and the company can work around jobs and school pickups, etc. For further information please scan the QR code on the poster opposite.



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Remembrance Day

This year's community Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 10th November. The parade will assemble opposite the former Oakdale Post Office at 10:40am. It would be wonderful if as many pupils as possible could walk with the school as part of the parade. Once again, this year, pupils from Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School will be actively involved in the service. The school car park will be open for anyone wishing to use it.

Various items for the Poppy Appeal will be available from school after half-term. Suggested donations for items are below. Sales of these items will take place in the individual classrooms but please note there will be a limited stock of each item.

- Zip Pulls: Suggested donation 50p
- Reflector: Suggested donation 50p
- Wristband: Suggested donation £1.00
- Slap Bands: Suggested donation £1.50

We also have poppies available for a small donation.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest Festival. We had an incredible amount of food items donated. All the items have been collected from school and will be used to support vulnerable families. Thank you again for your amazing support!

Happy Half-Term

It has been an incredibly busy half-term for staff and pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work. I would also like to thank parents and grandparents for your continued support for our school. Enjoy a happy and relaxing half-term break with your families.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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

Mrs S Windsor
Chair of Governors

