



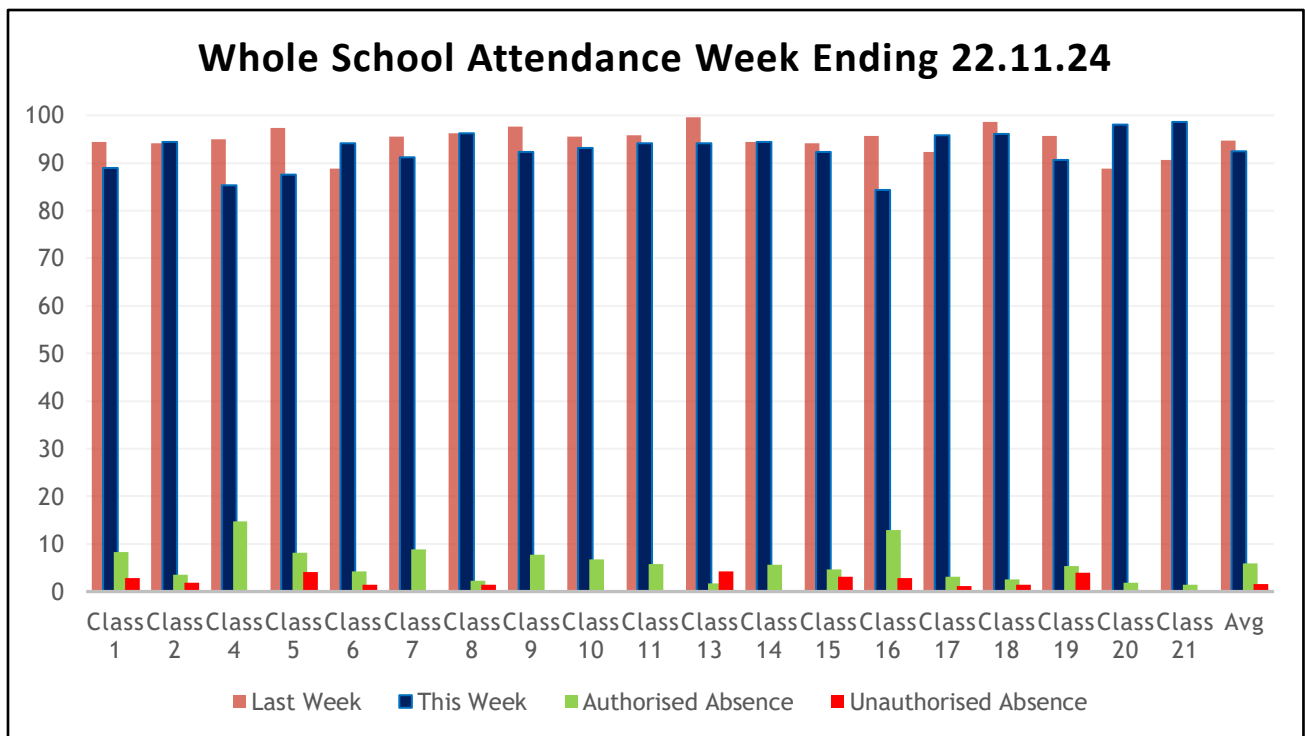
# Parent Newsletter



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 92.5%, this is slightly below our whole school target and a significant fall on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **5.9%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.6%** - 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 Jelly	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

## Past Pupil Visit

It was a real privilege on Wednesday to be able to welcome a former pupil back to Rhiw Syr Dafydd. Matthew Connick, MBE, attended our school a number of years ago and returned for the first time on Wednesday to talk to the junior children about his experiences in the Royal Navy and why he was awarded the MBE. The children asked some incredibly searching questions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Matthew for giving up his valuable time to talk to the children and hopefully inspire some of our pupils to follow in his footsteps.



## Christmas Jumpers

Pupils may wear their Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, etc. throughout December. However, normal school uniform must be worn on the bottom, e.g. trousers, skirt, etc. There is no expectation for children to wear a Christmas item every day.

## **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Once again, this year, pupils may bring a small Christmas cracker to pull with their lunch.

## **Christmas Concerts**

Please find the concert dates and times below:

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

Christmas concert letters were sent home last 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.

## **Christmas Holidays**

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

## **Parking**

Please be considerate when parking your vehicle. The disabled spaces in the school car park are for blue badge holders only. If you are parking in a disabled parking space, you must display the relevant badge. In addition, please do not block driveways on Maes Y Garn Road and Bryn Howard Terrace. I have received complaints from residents who are unable to get their cars off their driveway. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

## 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.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

You can apply by visiting [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://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



## Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
Christmas Fayre	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2
Christmas Concert	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception - Year 6
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 / 4
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 / 6
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 / 4
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 / 6
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Whole School
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Valentine Disco	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 - Year 6

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

Mrs S Windsor  
Chair of Governors

