



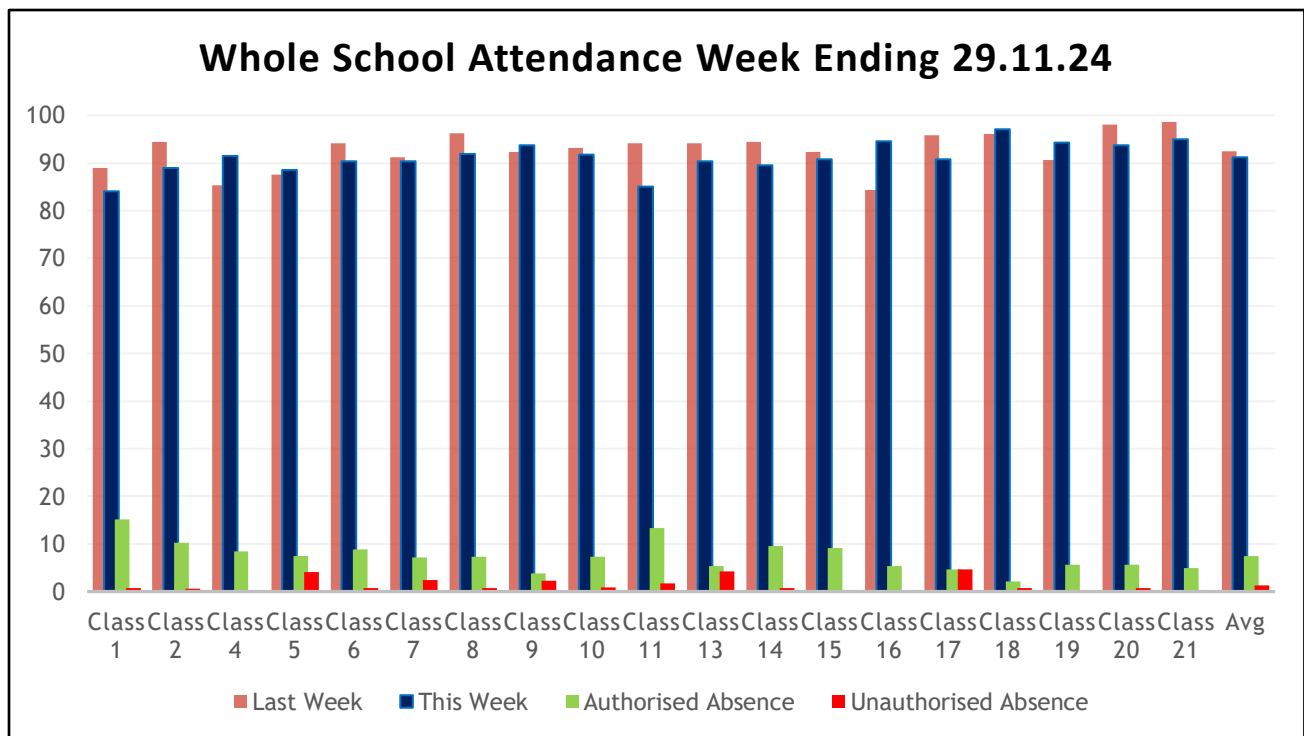
Parent Newsletter



Friday 6th 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 91.2%, this is below our whole school target and another significant fall on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **7.5%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.3%** - 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 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
Choice 1	Welsh Pork Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Welsh Sausage Roll	Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasoning & Gravy	Minced Beef Pie & Gravy	Fish Bites
Choice 2	Vegetable Nuggets (V)	Ravioli in Welsh Cheese Sauce (V)	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Filled Jacket Potato	Lemon Sole Non-Fried	Welsh Vegan Sausage Roll (V)	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Baguette
Accompaniments	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
Desserts	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 that Friday's menu will be served on Wednesday next week due to Christmas Dinner being served on Friday.

PTA Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd for organising another very successful Christmas Fayre and also our ALN Christmas Fayre. An incredible amount of hard work goes into arranging such events. It was wonderful to see so many people here supporting our school and helping to raise much needed funds. The Christmas Fayre raised over an incredible £2500. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Recycling Video

I am delighted that our school was asked by Caerphilly Council to help produce their annual Christmas Waste and Recycling video. Members of the school Eco Committee helped to film the video. The theme for this year's video is "Know your waste this Christmas".



At Christmas, an incredible amount of additional waste is produced. Remember to recycle whatever you can to help the planet. Christmas cards, wrapping paper, etc. can all be recycled.

I will provide a link to the video as soon as I receive it.



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 13th December. Once again, this year, pupils may bring a small Christmas cracker to pull with their lunch. Please be aware that Friday's menu will be served on Wednesday next week due to Christmas Dinner being served on Friday.

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 Holidays

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

If you are attending the Christmas concerts next week, please make sure you do not block any gates, driveways, etc. when parking.

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 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



Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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 21 st July	Whole School

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Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor
Chair of Governors

