



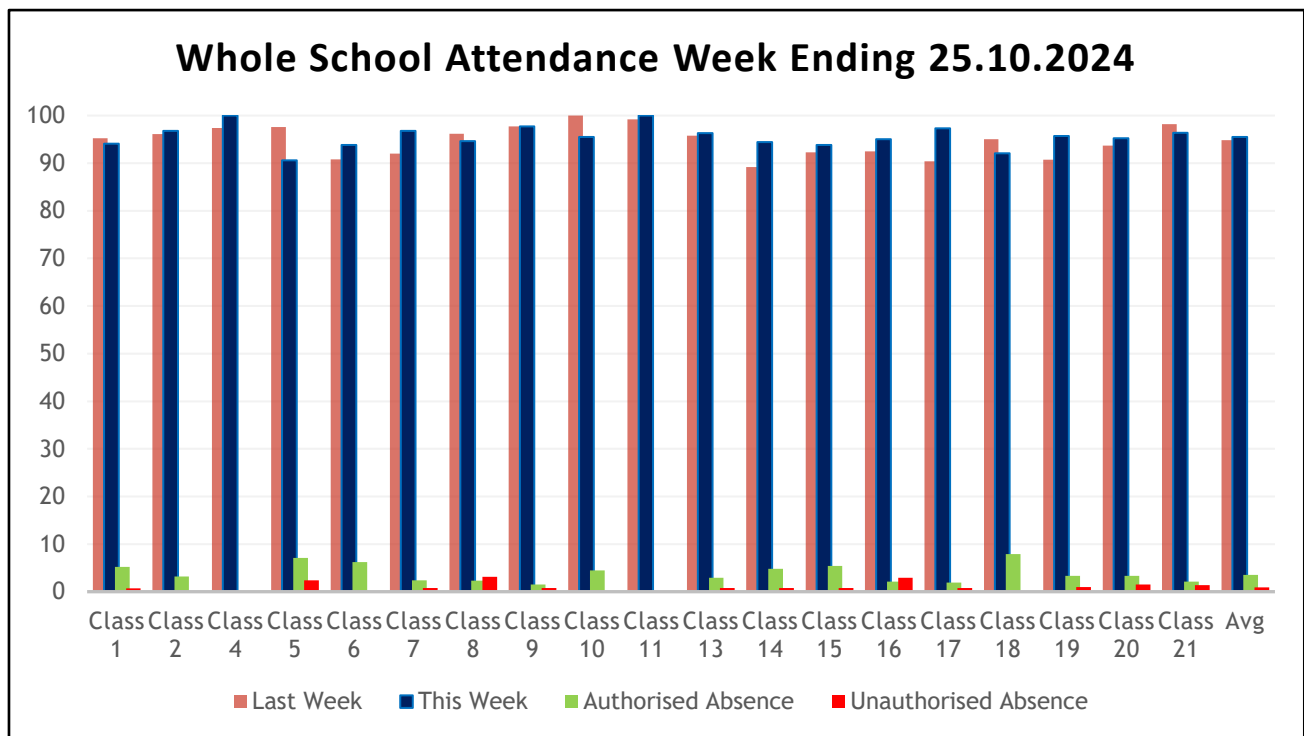
Parent Newsletter



Friday 8th 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 the week before half-term was 95.50%, this is slightly below our whole school target but a slight increase on the previous data.

Authorised absences were: **3.5%**

Unauthorised absences were: **0.9%** - 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
Choice 1	Hot Dog with Onions & Tomato Ketchup	Fruity Curry	Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding Seasoning & Gravy	Jumbo Fish Finger	Chicken Chunks
Choice 2	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)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Welsh Cheese Toasted Panini (V)	Meatball Baguette with BBQ Sauce (V)	Filled Sandwich	Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers Non-Fried
Accompaniments	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	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
Desserts	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

If you are taking your child for a medical appointment or they will be arriving at school late, could you please telephone the school office before 9:30am to book their lunch. This will help the school cook to ensure she has made the correct number of meals.

Christmas Concerts

Whilst I am aware the dates for the Christmas concerts were shared some time ago, I am conscious that the times of the concerts have not been shared. 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	Thursday 12 th December	10:30am
Year 1	Thursday 12 th December	9:15am
Year 2	Thursday 12 th December	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 will be sent home the week beginning 18th November.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need this year on Friday 15th November 2024. Once again, this year, we are asking for donations which will be given to the charity. Pupils will be given the opportunity to cover Pudsey Bear with coins / notes. Friday 15th November will be a non-uniform day for staff and pupils.



Remembrance

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.

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.

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



Toys

Our reception classes are desperate for donations of toy cars / small vehicles for the children to play with in class. If you have any cars you would like to donate, please bring them to the main school reception. In addition, they are also looking for any off cuts of artificial grass.

Parking

We have received complaints about vehicles being parked irresponsibly on Bryn Howard Terrace. Residents have been unable to move their vehicles off their drives as their driveways have been blocked. Please think carefully when parking. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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
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

