



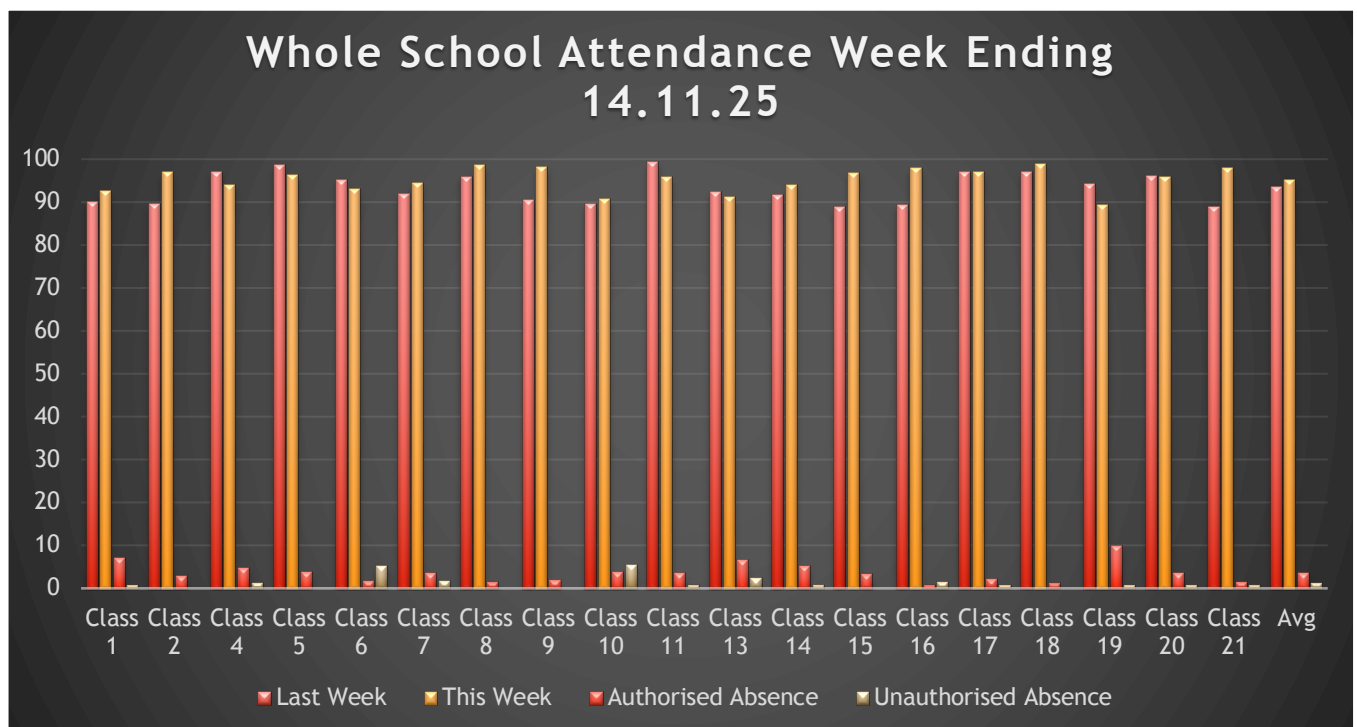
Parent Newsletter



Friday 21st November 2025



Attendance Matters



Our attendance target for the academic year is **95%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. The average attendance across the school last week was **95.2%**. This is just above our whole school target and a significant increase on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **3.6%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.2%** - 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	Pork Sausage	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

Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 28th November at 3:30pm.

Please note that access to the school site will not be granted before this time for safeguarding reasons.

There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas items, along with many festive games to enjoy. Traditional festive food will be available, and we are delighted to announce a special guest appearance from the *real* Santa Claus! Make sure you book your slot to see Santa when you arrive. There will also be boozy hot chocolate for the adults to enjoy. Musical entertainment will be provided by Abergavenny Borough Band.



We look forward to seeing you there and joining in the festive fun!

Parking

I have been monitoring the school car park in the mornings and am increasingly concerned about the number of people using it before school. Please be reminded that the car park is designated for visitors and should only be used when you are visiting the school.

In addition, the disabled parking bays are reserved exclusively for Blue Badge holders. We kindly ask that these spaces remain available for those who genuinely need them.

If things do not improve, we will be forced to close the main car park gates before school each day and again at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our site safe and accessible for everyone.

Reception Applications

Applications for reception places are now open. To secure a place for your child in reception, you will need to complete an online application. Please visit the Caerphilly.gov website, search for school admissions and click to 'Apply for a place at school.' The actual web address is www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

The closing date for Reception applications 2026 is: **12th December 2025**

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need last week.

We had a wonderful day, despite the weather! Through your generosity, you helped raise over £1012 for the charity.

Your donations will help Children in Need continue funding projects that support children and young people across the UK — including those facing poverty, living with disabilities, or struggling with their mental health. Every pound raised helps provide safe spaces, counselling, practical support, and opportunities that make a real difference in young lives.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

Markham & District Band Family Event

The Snowman: Live Press release A Magical Christmas Experience Comes to Llanhilleth:

The Snowman Live in Concert This December, Markham & District Band will bring the magic of Christmas to Llanhilleth Miners Institute with a specially curated festive concert for all ages — culminating in a live performance of the beloved film The Snowman, shown on the big screen with the soundtrack performed live.

On Sunday 14th December at 4:00pm, audiences will be treated to an afternoon of festive music and a wonderful dose of nostalgia. The Blackwood-based band will begin with a selection of seasonal favourites to spark that unmistakable Christmassy feeling, before the lights lower and The Snowman appears. The timeless classic will be accompanied by the full band, with a live vocalist and pianist helping to bring the iconic music to life in the most magical way.

From gentle snowfalls to the soaring wonder of “Walking in the Air”, this is Christmas storytelling at its most heartfelt. This event is supported by Tŷ Cerdd – Music Centre Wales, who help communities experience and create live music locally. For many families, The Snowman is not just a film — it’s a tradition. A treasured memory. This performance offers the chance to relive that magic together.

Tickets: £10 adults | £8 concessions How to book:

- Online: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/category/eaqklwmawrbm>
- Or visit the Llanhilleth Miners Institute website for details:
<https://www.llanhillethinstitute.com/> whats-on/ Date & Time: Sunday 14th December, 4:00pm

Venue: Llanhilleth Miners Institute Join us for an afternoon of music, wonder and festive memory-making. ❄️ ✨

Christmas Concert Times

Date	Year Group	Time
Tuesday 9 th December	▪ Reception ▪ Nursery (am) ▪ Nursery (pm)	▪ 9:15am ▪ 10:30am ▪ 14:00pm
Wednesday 10 th December	▪ Reception ▪ Year 1	▪ 9:15am ▪ 10:30am
Thursday 11 th December	▪ Year 1 ▪ Year 2	▪ 9:15am ▪ 10:30am
Friday 12 th December	▪ Year 2	▪ 9:15am
Monday 15 th December	▪ Year 5 / 6	▪ 18:00pm
Tuesday 16 th December	▪ Year 3 / 4	▪ 18:00pm

Wednesday 17 th December	▪ Year 3 / 4 ▪ Year 5 / 6	▪ 13:45pm ▪ 18:00pm
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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.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
Christmas Fayre (PTA)	Friday 28 th November	Whole School
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 9 th December	Nursery am & pm
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 9 th December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 10 th December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 11 th December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 11 th December	Year 2
Christmas Concert	Friday 12 th December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	Friday 12 th December	Reception – Year 6
Christmas Concert	Monday 15 th December	Year 5 / 6
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 / 4
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 / 4
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 17 th December	Year 5 / 6
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Whole School
INSET Day	Monday 5 th January	Whole School
Lovely Disco	Thursday 12 th February	Year 1 – Year 6
Book Exchange (PTA)	Friday 13 th February	Whole School
Half-Term	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Whole School
School Eisteddfod	Friday 27 th February	Whole School
Mother's Day Stall (PTA)	Monday 9 th March	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 24 th March	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Thursday 26 th March	Whole School
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Whole School
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May	Whole School
INSET Day	Friday 22 nd May	Whole School

Half-Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Whole School
Summer Disco	Thursday 4 th June	Year 1 – Year 6
Sports Day	Tuesday 9 th June	Nursery
Sports Day	Wednesday 10 th June	Reception
Sports Day	Wednesday 10 th June	Year 1
Sports Day	Wednesday 10 th June	Year 2
Sports Day	Thursday 11 th June	Rising 3s
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Sports Day	Thursday 11 th June	Year 4
Sports Day	Friday 12 th June	Year 5
Sports Day	Friday 12 th June	Year 6
Father's Day Stall (PTA)	Monday 15 th June	Whole School
Rainbow Raffle (PTA)	Friday 26 th June	Whole School
Summer Fayre (PTA)	Friday 10 th July	Whole School
Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6
INSET Day	Monday 20 th July	Whole School

Parent Newsletter

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor
Chair of Governors

