



# Parent Newsletter

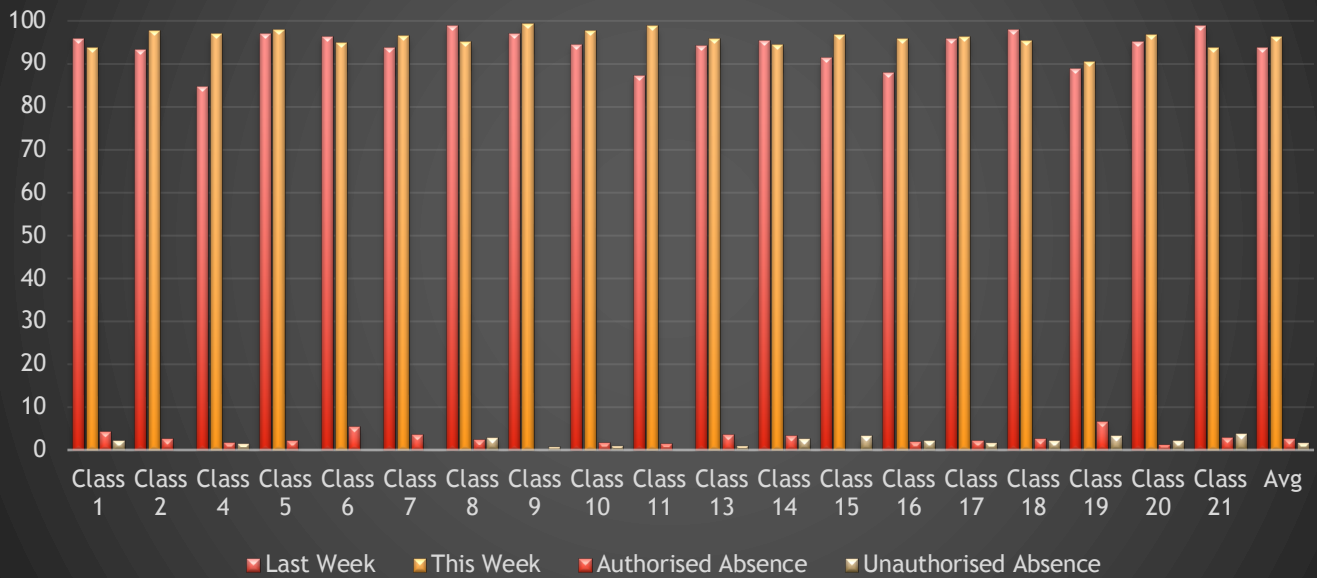


Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## Attendance Matters

### Whole School Attendance Week Ending: 17.04.2026



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 **96.1%**. This is above our whole school target and a significant improvement on the previous week!

Authorised absences were: **2.4%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.5%** - 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	Pork Meatballs
<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	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	Fruit & Ice Cream	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

## PGL Meeting Year 6 Parents

We would like to inform you that there will be a meeting for all parents of children attending the PGL trip in June. The meeting will provide important information about the trip, including the schedule, activities, and any necessary preparations.

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Location:** Large Hall

We encourage all parents to attend to ensure your child is fully prepared and to answer any questions you may have.

## End of an Era

After more than thirty-five years of dedicated service, Mrs Mulhall has made the decision to retire at the end of this academic year. Her final day with us will be 31st August 2026.

Mrs Mulhall has been a truly integral part of our school community for over three decades. Throughout that time, she has supported pupils, staff, and families with exceptional care, kindness, and commitment. Her steady presence, attention to detail, and willingness to go above and beyond have made a lasting difference to generations of children and colleagues alike.

Many of you will know Mrs Mulhall as the friendly and highly organised face behind so much of the school's day-to-day running. Whether ensuring everything was in the right place, offering a helping hand, or quietly keeping things ticking along, her contribution has been invaluable. Quite simply, the school will not feel the same without her.

On a personal note, I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support she has given me. Her experience, encouragement, and wisdom have played an important role in my own journey into school leadership, and I know many others feel the same.

While Mrs Mulhall is very modest and has insisted she does not want any fuss, it is only right that we recognise and celebrate her remarkable contribution. We will therefore be organising a fitting farewell later in the year and will share further details with you in due course.

Although she is stepping away from her official role, I am pleased to say that Mrs Mulhall will always remain part of the Rhiw Syr Dafydd family, and we hope she will visit us from time to time.

Please join me in thanking Mrs Mulhall for her outstanding service and in wishing her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

## **INSET Day**

School will be closed to all pupils on Friday 1st May for a scheduled INSET Day.

During this time, staff will be taking part in professional development led by Dr. Coral Harper, focusing on developing a trauma-informed approach to education. The training will explore how experiences of trauma can impact children's learning, behaviour, and emotional wellbeing, and will provide staff with practical strategies to better support all pupils in a compassionate and consistent way.

This work forms an important part of our ongoing commitment to becoming a fully trauma-informed school, ensuring that our environment is safe, supportive, and responsive to the needs of every child.

## **Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
INSET Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Whole School
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School
Drama Production	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 / 6
Drama Production	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 / 6
INSET Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Whole School
Half-Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School

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

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Mr C George  
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

