



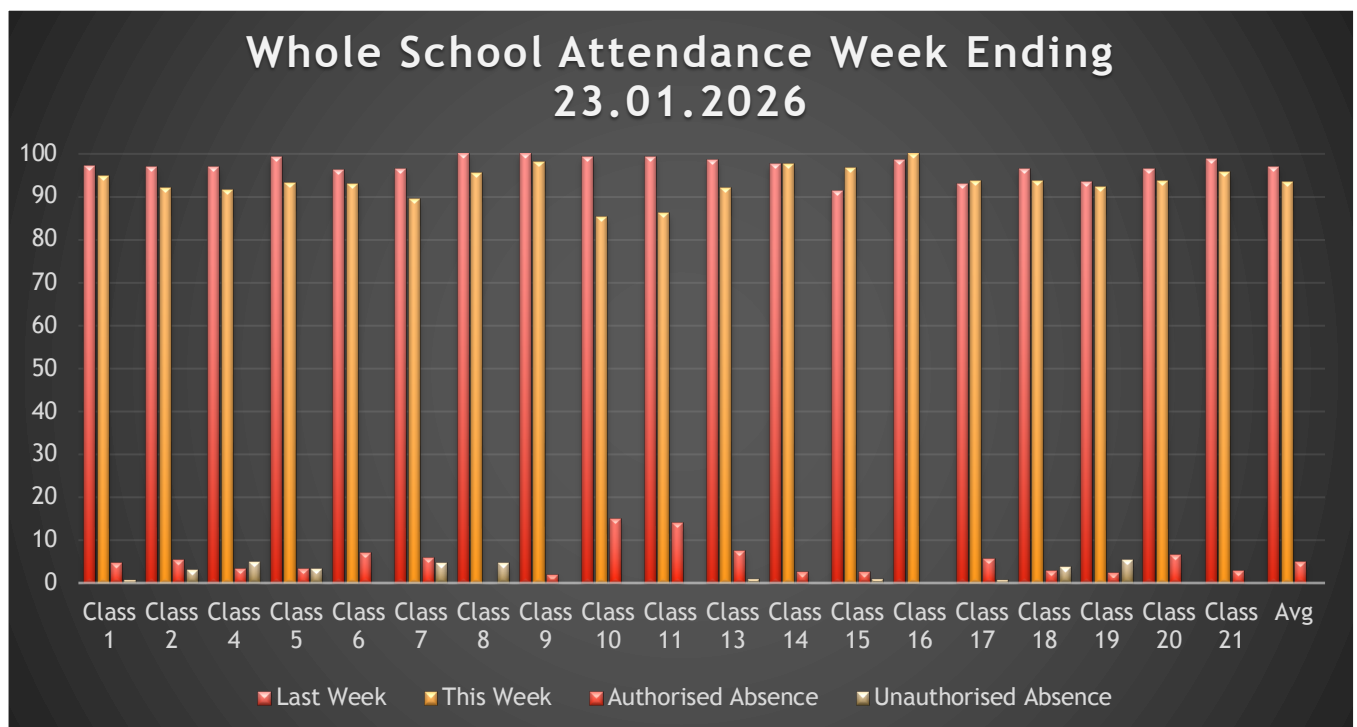
# Parent Newsletter



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## 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 **93.4%**. This is below our whole school target and a **significant decrease** on the previous week!

Authorised absences were: **4.9%**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.7%** - 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

## Road Closure

We have been informed that commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, essential drainage works will be undertaken on Bryn Howard Terrace. This will result in a partial road closure and appropriate pedestrian measures to ensure public safety. It is anticipated that the works will last approximately two to three weeks.

It is highly likely the works will cause traffic disruption before and after school.

## Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- To 31 March 2019, Universal Credit – This was done as a temporary measure, pending the development of new eligibility criteria
- From 1 April 2019, Universal Credit - provided your household has an annualised net earned income (Net earned income is defined as household income after taxes and deductions. It does not include income from Universal Credit or other benefits) of no more than £7,400 (as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

For children/young people to be eligible to receive free school meals:

- You, as a parent, or your child, must receive the relevant benefit or support payment
- You should have submitted an application for free school meals to the local authority (or an application should have been submitted on your behalf)
- The application should have been approved by the local authority, or documents should have been seen by the local authority which strongly indicate your child is eligible.

The quickest and simplest way to apply for free school meals is online. You can do this by clicking on the following link: <https://beta.caerphilly.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals>

If your child is eligible for free school meals, you can also claim the school's essentials grant.

## **Schools Essentials Grant**

This grant provides £125 (except for year 7 which is £200) to buy school uniform, equipment, sports kit, and kit for activities outside of school for your child.

The scheme for the 2025/26 academic year will begin on 1 July 2025 and end on 31 May 2026.

This grant applies to all eligible pupils of compulsory year groups (Reception – Year 11), Looked After Children, and those who are classed as No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

This funding is for pupils currently eligible for free school meals and does not extend to pupils who receive free school meals under the transitional protection or universal primary free school meal scheme.

## **Dates**

Event	Date	Year Group
Lovely Disco	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 – Year 6
Book Exchange (PTA)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School
Half-Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School
School Eisteddfod	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School
Mother's Day Stall (PTA)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School

Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School
INSET Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Whole School
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School
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

**Mrs S Windsor**  
Chair of Governors

