



Parent Newsletter

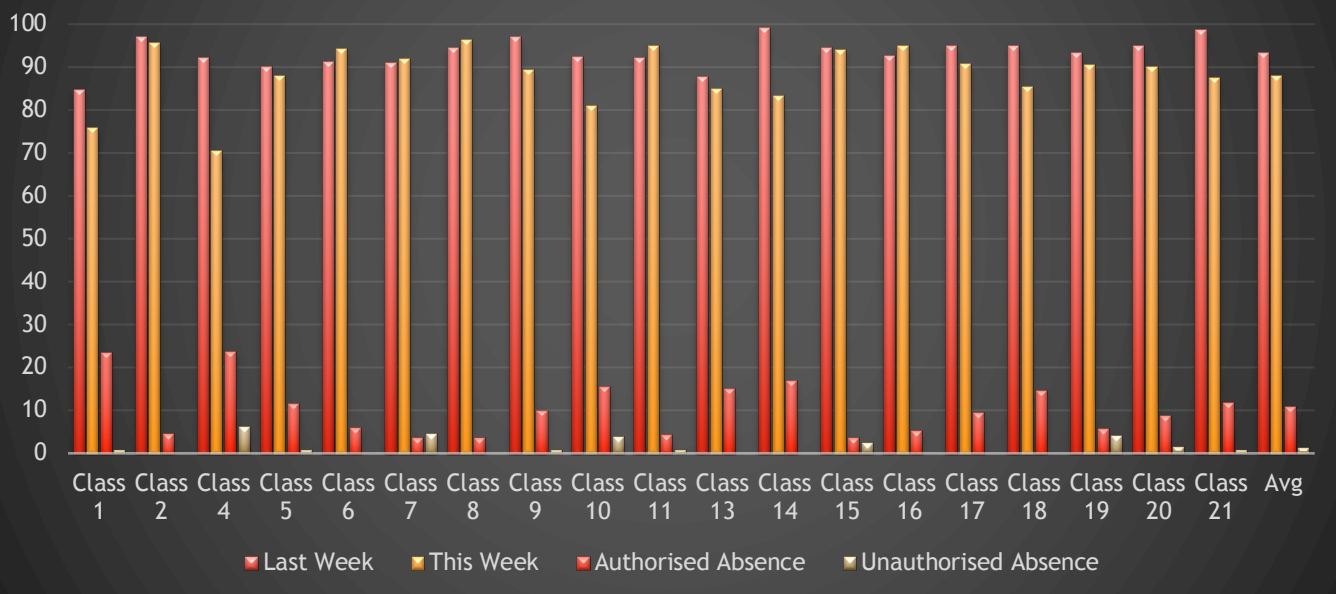


Friday 5th December 2025



Attendance Matters

Whole School Attendance Week Ending 28.11.25



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 **88%**. This is below our whole school target and a significant decrease on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **10.7%**

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	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Welsh Vegan Sausage Roll (V)	Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers Non-Fried	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

Leader of The Senedd Visit

On Monday, we welcomed Jane Hutt, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to school. It was a wonderful honour to be chosen to host the visit to see our breakfast club provision. Information regarding the visit can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.gov.wales/support-tackle-child-poverty>

Flu

We would like to inform you that we have a confirmed case of influenza (flu) within the school community. As you may be aware, flu is highly contagious and can spread easily through coughing, sneezing, and close contact with others.

To help reduce the risk of further transmission, please monitor your child for common flu symptoms, which can include fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, and body aches. If your child is unwell, we kindly ask that you keep them at home until they are feeling better and free from fever.

We encourage all families to support good hygiene practices, including regular hand-washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding sharing water bottles or food. These simple steps make a significant difference in limiting the spread of illness.

We will continue to follow our usual cleaning and hygiene procedures within the school and will notify you if any further updates arise.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our school community healthy.

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**

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 12th 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 of that week due to Christmas Dinner being served on Friday.

Christmas Holidays

Please be aware that school will close to pupils on Friday 19th December 2025 and will reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Christmas Concert Times

Date	Year Group	Time
Tuesday 9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reception▪ Nursery (am)▪ Nursery (pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 9:15am▪ 10:30am▪ 14:00pm
Wednesday 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reception▪ Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 9:15am▪ 10:30am
Thursday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Year 1▪ Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 9:15am▪ 10:30am

Friday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am
Monday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 / 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18:00pm
Tuesday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 / 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18:00pm
Wednesday 17 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 / 4 Year 5 / 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13:45pm 18:00pm

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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
INSET Day	Friday 1 st May	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
Sports Day	Thursday 11 th June	Year 3
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

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Mr C George
Headteacher

Mrs S Windsor
Chair of Governors

