



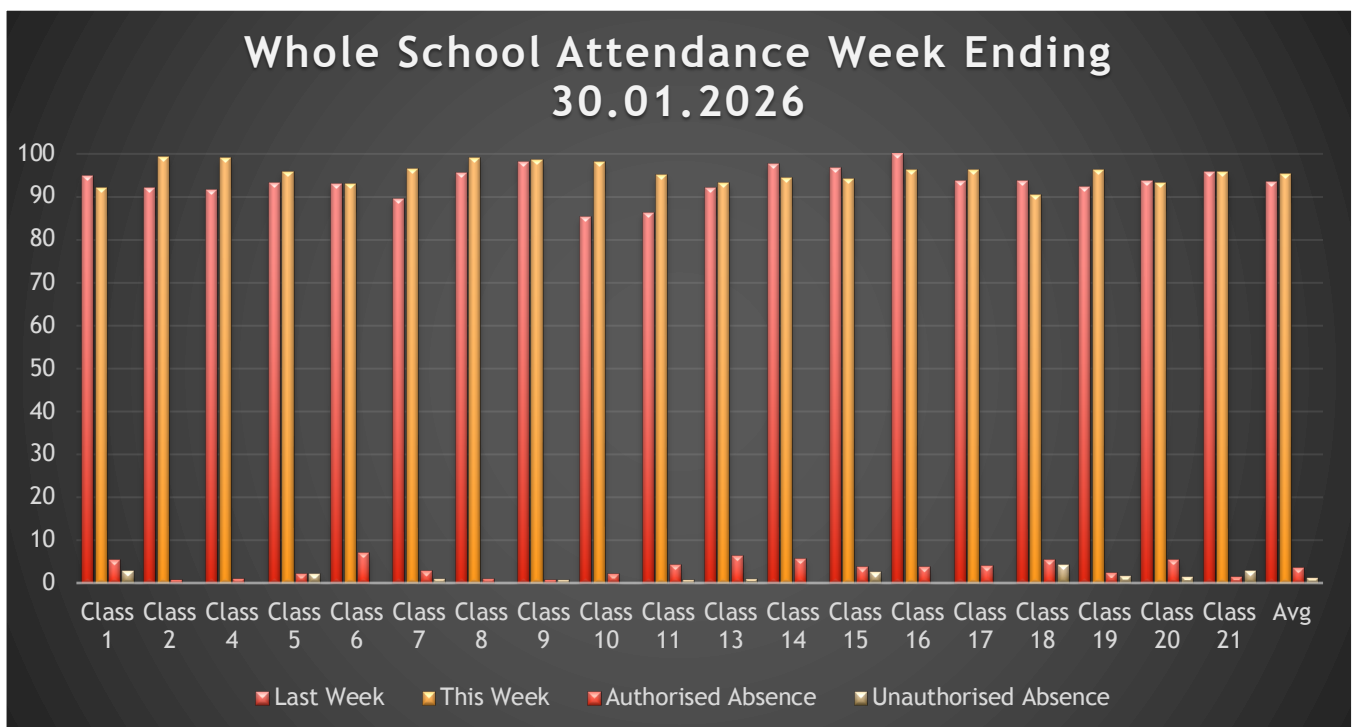
Parent Newsletter



Friday 6th February 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 **95.4%**. This is just above our whole school target and a **significant increase** on the previous week!

Authorised absences were: **3.5**

Unauthorised absences were: **1.1%** - 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

Lovely Disco

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd are holding their 'Lovely Disco' on Thursday 12th February.

Years 1 and 2 disco will run from 4:00 – 4:45pm. Children should be brought to the main reception door ready for a 4pm start. Entrance is £1.50, this includes a drink and a snack. Pupils should be collected at the end of the disco from the outside classroom door.

The junior disco will run from 5:00 – 6:00pm. Children should be brought to the junior entrance at the rear of the school ready for a 5pm start. Entrance to the disco is £1. Refreshments will be on sale for pupils to purchase, including hot dogs. All pupils must be collected at the end of the disco. Parents should wait at the junior entrance until you are told to go to the hall to collect your child.



Book Exchange

On Friday 13th of February, the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd will be holding a Book Exchange Day.

Last year's event was very successful, and we're looking forward to another great day of sharing and enjoying books.

As this is the last day before half-term, pupils are also invited to wear non-uniform on the day. The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd have suggested a £1 donation, which will go towards supporting school activities and events.



Parking

Parking in the school car park at the end of the school day has become a serious concern.

There have been multiple instances of vehicles being abandoned in the car park, including on pavements and on the zebra crossing. In addition, a number of parents are using the **disabled parking bays without displaying a Blue Badge**. These spaces are **reserved exclusively for our disabled pupils and visitors**, and misuse of them is unacceptable.

I have contacted both the **Local Authority** and **Gwent Police**, who will be monitoring the parking situation.

Please be aware that the school is **under no obligation to provide parking facilities**. If irresponsible and unsafe parking continues, I will have **no option but to lock the car park gates** at the end of the school day and restrict access **to Blue Badge holders only**.

I urge all parents and carers to **park responsibly and consider the safety of our pupils, staff, and visitors**.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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

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Chair of Governors

