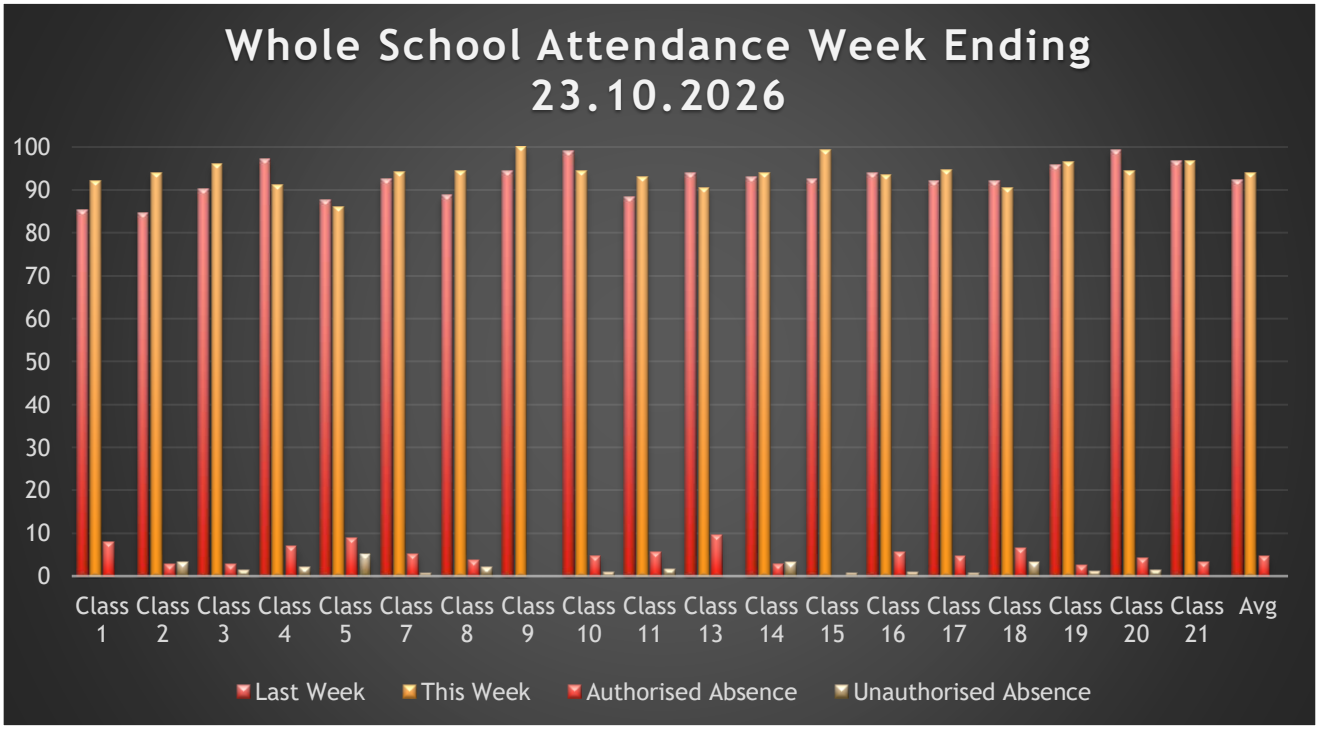
Parent Newsletter

Friday 6th November 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 before half-term was **93.8%.** This is below our whole school target but a slight increase on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **4.62%**
Unauthorised absences were: **1.48% -** 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
Choice 1	Hot Dog with Onions & Tomato Ketchup	Fruity Curry	Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding Seasoning & Gravy	Jumbo Fish Finger	Pork Meatballs
Choice 2	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)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Welsh Cheese Toasted Panini (V)	Meatball Baguette with BBQ Sauce (V)	Filled Sandwich	Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers Non-Fried
Accompaniments	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
Desserts	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

Remembrance Day Parade – Sunday 8th November

This year's community Remembrance Day Parade will take place on **Sunday 8th November**. The parade will assemble opposite the old Oakdale Post Office at **10:40am**.

We would love to see as many pupils as possible represent Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School by walking together in the parade. Once again, our pupils will be actively participating in the service itself.

The school car park will be open for anyone attending. We look forward to seeing a strong turnout from our school community!

Children in Need

We are excited to let you know that we will be celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 13th November**.

Once again this year, we will be covering Pudsey in notes and coins to raise money for this fantastic cause. We would be very grateful for any donations the children can bring in to help fill Pudsey's outline!

Pupils are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** for the day and are welcome to wear any Children in Need merchandise available in shops.

Our **Year 6 pupils** will also be making and selling cakes to help raise even more money. Cakes will be 50p each. Please send £1 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class along with CIN on the day.

PTA Christmas Jumper & Costume Sale!

The PTA will be selling a selection of Christmas jumpers and costumes on **Wednesday 18th November**. If you have any Christmas Jumpers or Costumes you would like to donate to the PTA, please send them into school as soon as possible.

This is the perfect opportunity to get organised and purchase your Christmas items early, before the festive rush begins!

Come along, grab yourself a bargain and get into the Christmas spirit!

Thank you for supporting our PTA!

Keeping Children Safe on WhatsApp

We would like to remind parents and carers of the potential risks associated with children using WhatsApp. Although it can seem like a harmless way for children to keep in touch with friends and family, WhatsApp can expose children to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, unkind messages, unknown contacts and group chats that may not always be suitable for their age.

We encourage parents to take an active role in their child's online safety by regularly checking their phone and discussing who they are communicating with. Some simple steps can help keep children safe: check their privacy settings and ensure their profile photo, status and personal information are only visible to trusted contacts; set group privacy settings so that only known contacts can add them to groups; encourage children never to respond to messages from strangers or share personal information, photos or their location; and remind them that they should always tell a trusted adult if something they see or receive makes them feel uncomfortable.

Most importantly, keep an open and supportive conversation about their online activities so that children feel confident coming to you if something goes wrong. **Please remember that the recommended minimum age for WhatsApp is 13, and it is important to consider whether your child is ready to use the app.**

Dates (2026 – 2027)

Event	Date	Year Group
PTA Shopping Trip	Saturday 14th November	Whole School
PTA Christmas Jumper Sale	Wednesday 18th November	Whole School
Christmas Fayre (PTA)	Friday 4th December	Whole School
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 8th December	Nursery
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 8th December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 9th December	Reception
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 9th December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 10th December	Year 1
Christmas Concert	Thursday 10th December	Year 2
Christmas Concert	Friday 11th December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	Friday 11th December	Reception – Year 6
Christmas Concert	Monday 14th December	Year 5 & 6
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 15th December	Year 3 & 4
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 16th December	Year 3 & 4
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 16th December	Year 5 & 6
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January	Whole School
Half-Term	Monday 8th – Friday 12th February	Whole School
INSET Day	Monday 15th February	Whole School
Santes Dwynwen Disco	Thursday 28th January	Year 1 – Year 6
Mother's Day Stall (PTA)	Monday 22nd February	Whole School
Vision & Growth Screening	Tuesday 23rd – Thursday 24th February	Reception
Swimming	Monday 1st March – Friday 19th March	Year 5
Swimming	Monday 5th April – Friday 23rd April	Year 5
Eisteddfod	Friday 5th March	Whole School
PTCs	Monday 15th – Thursday 18th March	Whole School
PTA Sweet Shop	Friday 19th March	Whole School
Easter Holidays	Monday 22nd March – Friday 2nd April	Whole School
INSET Day	Monday 5th April	Whole School
Cardiff Bay	Tuesday 4th – Wednesday 5th May	Year 4
Class Photographs	Tuesday 25th May	Nursery – Year 2
Class Photographs	Wednesday 26th May	Year 3 – Year 6

		Year 6 Leavers
INSET Day	Friday 28th May	Whole School
Half-Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Whole School
Summer Disco (PTA)	Thursday 10th June	Year 1 – Year 6
Father's Day Stall	Monday 14th June	Whole School
Sports Day	Tuesday 22nd June	Nursery
Sports Day	Wednesday 23rd June	Reception Year 1 Year 2
Sports Day	Thursday 24th June	Rising 3s Year 3 Year 4
Sports Day	Friday 25th June	Year 5 Year 6
Rainbow Raffle	Wednesday 30th June	Whole School
School Reports	Friday 2nd July	Whole School
Year 6 Residential	Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th July	Year 6
Summer Fayre (PTA)	Friday 9th July	Whole School
Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 13th July	Year 6
INSET Day	Monday 19th July	Whole School
INSET Day	Tuesday 20th July	Whole School

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