



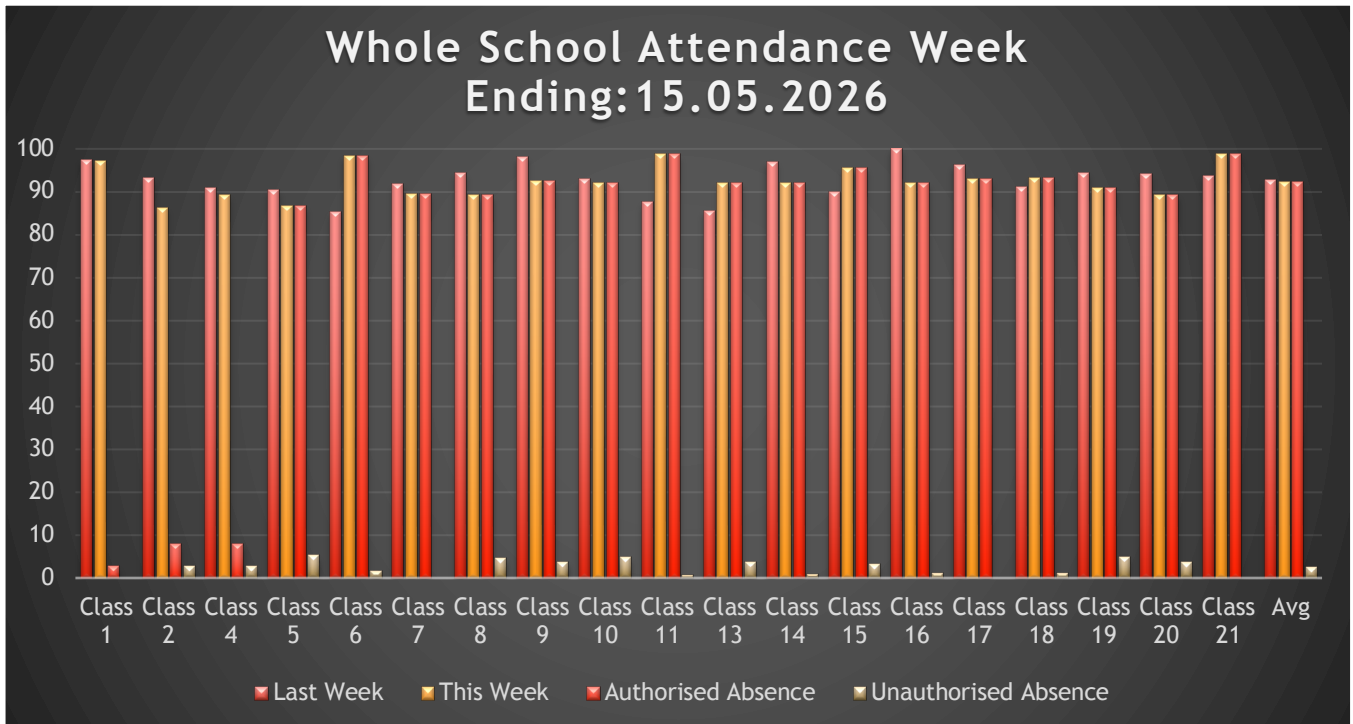
# Parent Newsletter



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 **92.2%**. This is below our whole school target and a decrease on the previous week!

Authorised absences were: **5.4%**

Unauthorised absences were: **2.5%** - 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

When we return after half term, we will be on Week 1 of the menu. Please check with your child that they like the menu option before they come to school.



### LUNCHTIME MENU WEEK 1



| Week 1                        | Monday                                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                           | Thursday                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Choice 1</b>               | Welsh Beef Lasagne                                                                                       | French Bread Pizza                                                                           | Sliced Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy                                                              | Sweet Chilli Chicken                                                                           | Harry Ramsdens Fish Portion                                                                           |
| <b>Choice 2</b>               | Welsh Cheese & Onion Savoury Bake (V)                                                                    | Ravioli in Tomato Sauce served with Welsh Cheese & Focaccia Bread (V)                        | Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (V)                                                              | Margarita Pizza (V)                                                                            | Welsh Beef Burger or Quorn Burger (V) in a Bun with Ketchup                                           |
| <b>Choice 3 Daily Special</b> | Fish Goujons Non-Fried                                                                                   | Filled Jacket Potato                                                                         | Pork Sausage                                                                                        | Filled Wrap                                                                                    | Filled Baguette                                                                                       |
| <b>Accompaniments</b>         | Garlic & Herb Bread<br>Seasoned Twisted Potatoes with Various Sauces<br>Salad Bar<br>Baked Beans<br>Peas | Wholemeal Savoury Rice<br>Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried<br>Salad Bar<br>Sweetcorn<br>Green Beans | Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes<br>Mashed/Boiled Potatoes<br>Salad Bar<br>Cabbage<br>Carrots<br>Swede | Noodles<br>Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried<br>Salad Bar<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>BBQ Beans | Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried<br>Chipped Potatoes with Various Sauces<br>Salad Bar<br>Corn on Cob<br>Peas |
| <b>Desserts</b>               | Chocolate & Pear Brownie with Ice Cream                                                                  | Various Fruit Crumble & Custard                                                              | Jam or Fruit Welsh Cake with Fruit Wedges                                                           | Welsh Lan Y Laeth Yoghurt                                                                      | Flapjack                                                                                              |

A Selection of Filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Baguettes or Wraps are also available daily  
Please Note: The above menu contains allergens

## Parent Governor

We currently have two vacancies on the Governing Body for Parent Governors.

This is an important voluntary role that involves both supporting and constructively challenging the school to help ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils. Parent Governors work in partnership with staff and fellow governors to help shape the strategic direction of the school, monitor progress and contribute to key decision-making.

No prior experience is required—just an interest in supporting the school community and a commitment to helping the school continue to develop and improve.

The Governing Body typically meets once a term for full governing body meetings, with occasional additional visits, training, or committee work throughout the year.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please complete the nomination form available via Seesaw.

## Sporting Success

Over recent weeks, we have enjoyed a number of fantastic sporting successes at Rhiw Syr Dafydd.

Our girls' football team competed in the Welsh National Schools Finals in Newtown, finishing 4th in the whole of Wales – an incredible and well-deserved achievement.

Our athletics squad were crowned Caerphilly Schools champions, demonstrating great determination and teamwork throughout.

In addition, our rugby team were named champions at the Apollo Rugby Tournament in Blackwood, a superb accomplishment.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to the school netball team, who finished as runners-up in the cluster tournament – another fantastic achievement.

I am extremely proud of all the pupils involved, whose commitment, effort and sportsmanship have been outstanding. They have represented the school brilliantly.

## Lion King

I am extremely proud of the pupils who have taken part in our production of *The Lion King*. The confidence shown by each and every pupil has been truly remarkable.

The quality of the singing, acting and overall performances has been outstanding and well beyond what might be expected for their age. Each performance has been met with great enthusiasm, and we have been delighted to entertain three full audiences who have thoroughly enjoyed every show.

A huge thank you must also go to all of the staff whose dedication, time and hard work have helped make these performances such a tremendous success.

## Sports Days

We have listened to parental feedback and this year each junior year group will have its own dedicated sports day. This change will give pupils more opportunities to participate and compete in a wider range of races. Please see information below for the timings of each event:

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Time</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Nursery (am)      | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June    | 9:15am      |
| Nursery (pm)      | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June    | 13:30pm     |
| Reception         | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June | 9:15am      |
| Year 1            | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June | 10:45am     |
| Year 2            | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June | 13:30pm     |
| Year 3            | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June  | 9:30am      |
| Year 4            | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June  | 13:30pm     |
| Year 5            | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June    | 9:30am      |
| Year 6            | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June    | 13:30pm     |

Our Rising 3 pupils will have their Sports Day in the infant hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June:

Morning Rising 3s: 9:15am

Afternoon Rising 3s: 14:00pm

## **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

Our Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The assembly will start at 6:00pm and children should be back in school at 5:30pm. Further details will be provided closer to the time of the event.

## **Half-Term**

We would like to wish all of our families a happy and relaxing half-term break.

It looks like we are fortunate to have some sunshine on the way, so we hope you are able to make the most of the great outdoors and enjoy some quality time together.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this half-term – it is greatly appreciated.

## **INSET Days**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be school INSET Days.

## **Dates**

| <b>Event</b>             | <b>Date</b>                                           | <b>Year Group</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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      |
| INSET Day                | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                           | 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      |

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| 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 |

## Parent Newsletter

**Mr C George**  
Headteacher

**Mrs S Windsor**  
Chair of Governors

