



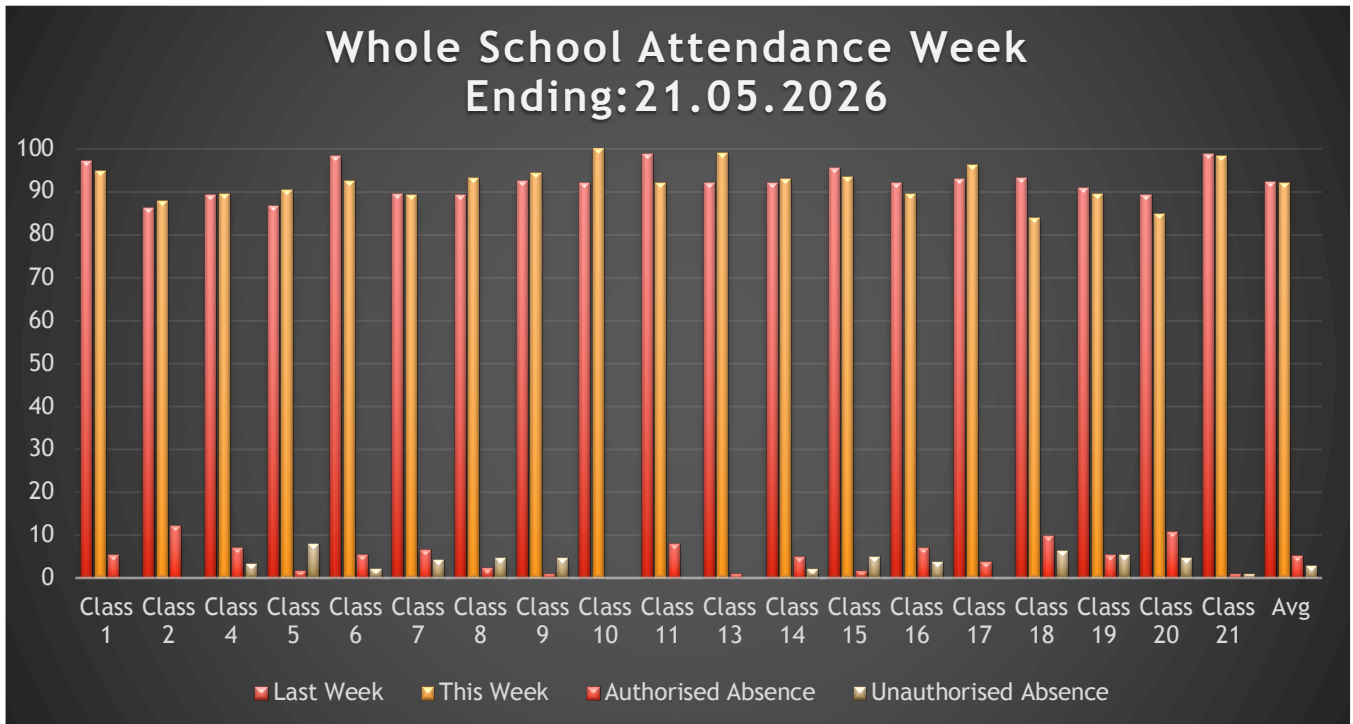
Parent Newsletter



Thursday 4th June 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 the week before half term was **92%**. This is below our whole school target and a slight decrease on the previous week!

Authorised absences were: **5.1%**

Unauthorised absences were: **2.9%** - 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

Caerphilly School Football Trails

The Caerphilly Schools District Trials will be taking place next week for children in **U11 and U12 (as of September 2026)**.

If you would like your child to be considered for selection, please ensure that a registration form is completed **by Saturday 6th June**. You can register your child by clicking on the link below to complete the form.

Please note that if your child already plays for a club team, their registration may have already been submitted. In this case, you may wish to check with the club before completing the form.

<https://caerphillyschoolsfootball.co.uk/boys-u11/>

<https://caerphillyschoolsfootball.co.uk/boys-u12/>

Telephones

Due to planned equipment upgrade, there may be some disruption to the phone lines on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9th and 10th June, respectively. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Oakdale & Penmaen Community Newsletter

I have attached a copy of the newsletter for your information. The newsletter contains important information about upcoming community events.



Oakdale & Penmaen Community Newsletter

June-August 2026 edition

- **3 June:** Coffee Morning at Oakdale Welfare Bowls Club (£3 per person).
- **4 July:** Summer in the Square (Oakdale Square).
- **11 July:** Bargoed Summer Music Festival (Bargoed town centre).
- **18 July:** Blackwood Beach Party (Blackwood town centre).
- **29–30 August:** Caerphilly Cheese Festival (Caerphilly town centre & castle grounds).

News & Notices

New! Monthly Community Litter Pick
Hosted by TOPP, join your neighbours to keep Oakdale and Penmaen tidy! We meet at the Oakdale Community Centre to gather kit and then head out. Second Saturdays of every month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Upcoming dates are 13 June, 11 July and 8 August. Email teampartnership@gmail.com with questions.

Oakdale Welfare Bowls Club Seeking Support
The recently-restored club is facing significant threats due to funding cuts from the local authority. They are seeking support from local businesses and residents to help make up the shortfall. For more information or to offer sponsorship, email club secretary Janet Hoare, janet.hoare@sbw.com.

Get Involved!
Do you want to help make Oakdale and Penmaen wonderful places to live? Get involved! Your ideas, skills, enthusiasm, and time are needed. Join us at our next meeting 10 June, 6 p.m. at Oakdale Community Centre or email us at teampartnership@gmail.com to learn more.

Community events

Coffee Morning with Oakdale Welfare Bowls Club
🕒 3 June, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
📍 Oakdale Welfare Bowls Club
Welcome to all to support your local bowls club. Coffee/tea/toast/cake. Meet old and new friends. £3 per person.

Keeping Safe Online

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting children's wellbeing and safety, we would like to share some useful information about keeping children safe online.

The internet and digital devices are an important part of children's learning and daily lives, and it is essential that we work together to help them use technology safely, responsibly, and positively.

We have shared guidance and resources which are available for you to access on Hwb. These materials include helpful advice on topics such as online safety, social media, gaming, screen time, and how to support children in making safe choices online.

We encourage all parents and carers to take some time to read through the information and discuss online safety regularly with their children.

Information can be found using the following link: <https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

Sports Days

The weather forecast for next week is looking very mixed, which makes planning for Sports Day particularly challenging. We are monitoring the forecast closely and will continue to review conditions as the week progresses. While we are very keen for the children to enjoy their Sports Day experience, the health and safety of all pupils, staff, and families remains our top priority.

We will communicate any updates or changes as soon as possible. In the meantime, please be patient and bear with us as we make decisions based on the most up-to-date information. We appreciate your understanding and support.

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

Our Rising 3 pupils will have their Sports Day in the infant hall on Thursday 11th 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 14th 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.

Dates

Event	Date	Year Group
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

