



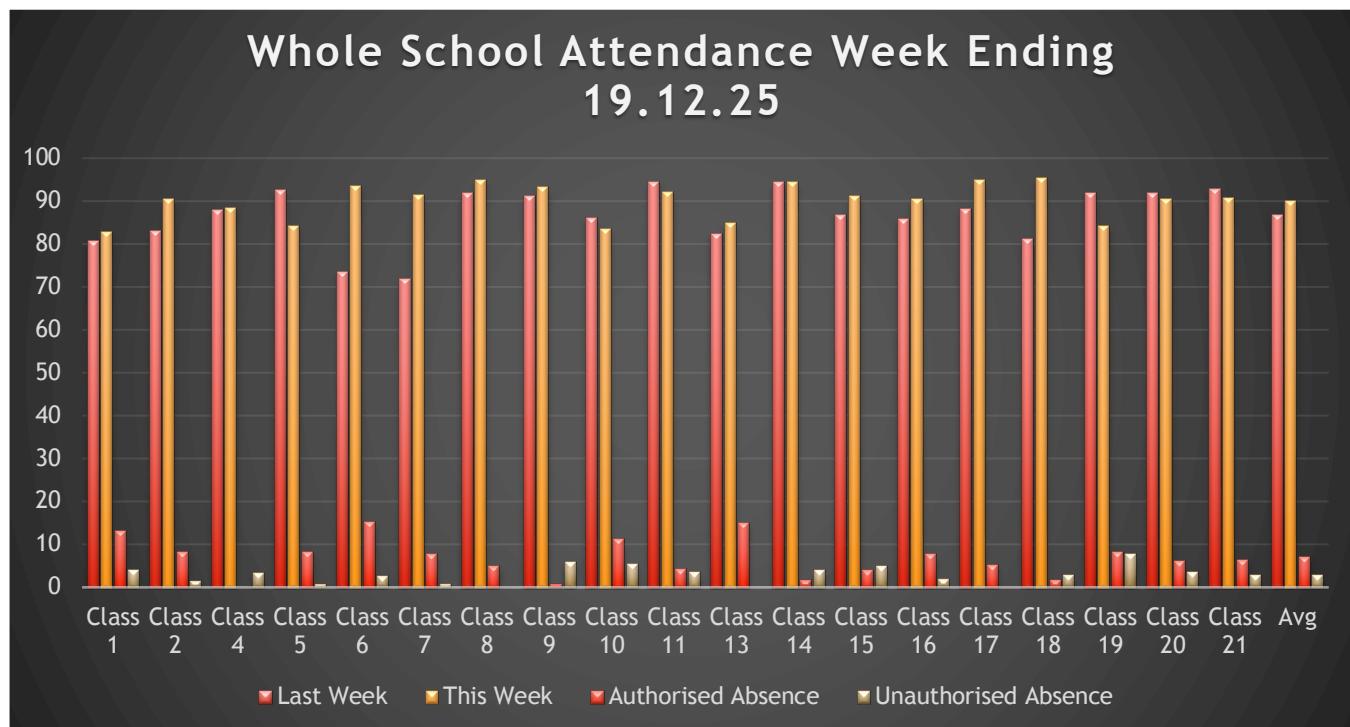
Parent Newsletter



Thursday 8th January 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 Christmas was **90.1%**. This is below our whole school target but a significant increase on the previous week.

Authorised absences were: **6.9%**

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

Inclement Weather

❄️ Inclement Weather – Snow Procedures ❄️

Although we hope that we will not be affected by snow, a **weather warning for heavy snow has been issued for Thursday into Friday**. Please read the information below regarding our procedures during periods of adverse weather.

🔔 School Closure Information

- The **main source** of information is the **Caerphilly County Borough Council website**: <https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schoolclosures>
- Once updated, information will also be shared on **Seesaw**
- I aim to post decisions **by 6:30am**.

❄️ How the Decision Is Made

When deciding whether to open the school, I consider:

- Whether staff can travel to and from school safely
- The condition of school paths and car parking
- Our ability to provide lunch
- Whether **Maes-Y-Garn Road** is safe for parents and staff to use

The decision is made by me, in consultation with Mrs Windsor (Chair of Governors)

A Request for Patience

Please be patient during severe weather. Decisions about closing the school are **extremely difficult** and are never taken lightly. Weather conditions and forecasts can change quickly, and every decision is made with the **safety of pupils, families, and staff as the priority**.

Timing of Decisions

- Decisions are made **each morning**
- During prolonged severe weather, I will try to give an **early indication the evening before**, where possible

School Site Safety

The school will only open once safe access has been established. The school caretaker will clear paths from Maes Y Garn Road to:

- **Main entrance**
- **Large Hall**
- **Nursery**
- **Reception**

Please be aware that the rear entrance to the school will remain closed until the local authority have cleared the public footpath.

Fewer paths will be cleared to a **very high safety standard**

Entry and Exit Points

- Breakfast Club: **Main entrance**
- Nursery & Reception: **Usual entrance**
- Year 1 to Year 6: **Via the cleared path to the main hall**
- Pupils will be dismissed from the **same points** if snow remains

Contacting School

- Phones can only be answered if staff can reach school
- Please use **Seesaw** where possible to reduce phone calls

If Snow Falls During the School Day

- A message will be posted on **Seesaw**
- Closure will be listed on the **Council website**
- Children will only be released to **authorised adults**
- All pupils should be collected from the main entrance
- Remaining pupils will be supervised in the hall if needed

Final Reminder

The school will only open when it has been made as safe as possible. However, **it is always a**

parent's decision whether they feel able to bring their child to school safely. If travel is unsafe, please keep your child at home.

Gritting

During periods of adverse weather, we would like to clarify the school's responsibilities regarding gritting and site safety.

The school is only permitted to grit and treat areas within the school grounds. We are not allowed to grit any areas outside the main school gates, as these areas form part of the public highway. Responsibility for gritting and maintaining public highways rests with the local authority.

We continue to take all reasonable steps to ensure that paths and entrances within the school site are treated and made as safe as possible during icy or snowy conditions.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during periods of adverse weather.

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

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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
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Mrs S Windsor
Chair of Governors

