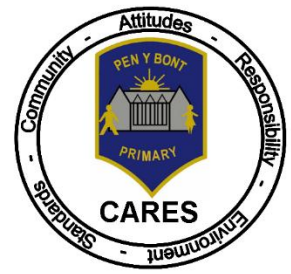


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Wednesday 1st July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have some mixed news to share as we come towards the end of term. It is with a little sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Samuel, who will have her last day with us on Friday 3rd July, as Mrs Thomas returns from her maternity leave on Monday 6th July. Miss Samuel has made a fantastic contribution during her time with us and has been a valued member of our team. We know that our Year 3 pupils have loved being taught by her.

The good news is that this is not a final farewell, Miss Samuel will be returning to Penybont in September after successfully securing a permanent teaching position with us! Congratulations to Miss Samuel on this well deserved appointment.

We are also delighted to share that Miss Edwards has been appointed as a permanent teacher within the school, many congratulations to her too. We are extremely lucky to have you.

Looking ahead, end of term reports will be shared with parents and carers on Friday 10th July. Within the report, you will also find information about your child's class teacher for September. To support this transition, we have planned an in-school transition morning on Tuesday 14th July, giving pupils the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher and prepare for the year ahead.

House of the Term Fun Day

We are delighted to share that on Tuesday 7th July, all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 will be invited to take part in our *House of the Term Fun Day*. This special event is a reward for the fantastic effort pupils have shown in earning house points throughout the year.

Across the school, children have demonstrated our values every day; showing kindness, working hard, and supporting one another, and their contributions to their house teams have really made a difference.

The Fun Day will be a wonderful opportunity for pupils to celebrate their achievements together, enjoy a range of activities, and take pride in being part of their house.

For the day, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit. As we are hoping for good weather, please also ensure children bring sun cream, a sun hat, and a water bottle so they can stay safe and comfortable throughout the day.

We are looking forward to a fun filled celebration of teamwork and positive attitudes shown by all our pupils.

Year 5 Camping Experience Update

We are very disappointed that we have been unable to secure a suitable date for the Year 5 camping experience this term. This has largely been due to the unsettled weather conditions, with a combination of persistent rain and periods of extremely high temperatures making it difficult to plan a safe and enjoyable experience for the children.

However, we want to reassure you that this is an experience we remain fully committed to providing. We will ensure that our current Year 5 pupils have the opportunity to take part early in the new school year, so that they do not miss out.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Year 6 Leavers Information

I look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 6 pupils to our leavers assembly which will be held at 4pm on Thursday 16th July. There will be 2 audience member spaces available in our school hall for each pupil, the same as all years, this is due to the fire regulations that we have in place. Year 6 pupils are welcome to stay in school at the end of the day, until the assembly starts.

As part of the celebrations, we are delighted again host our traditional staff and pupil BBQ immediately after the assembly, which will feature a vibrant Hawaiian theme that children are welcome to embrace. This is scheduled to finish at 7pm. You can collect your children from Gate A, the white pathway!

In keeping with a much loved school tradition spanning the past decade, Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to wear fluorescent tutus and brightly coloured outfits on their final day of school, Friday 17th July.

Year 6 Transition Update - Brynteg

I have attached a letter from Brynteg for our Year 6 pupils. Last week's postponed transition day has been rescheduled for Monday 13th July.

School Attendance

The table below identifies three sets of statistics relating to school our whole school attendance. The 'Weekly Attendance' figure shows the attendance for that week. The 'Running Attendance' shows the school's attendance percentage from September to date and for this term to date.

If the percentages are coloured red, they are below our whole school target of 93%. If they are coloured in green, they are equal to or above our 93% attendance target for the whole school.

Summer Term Attendance So Far!

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Spring Term
Summer 1 (17/04/26)	94.3%	91.5%	94.3%
Summer 2 (24/04/26)	94.1%	91.5%	94.2%
Summer 3 (01/05/26)	93.1%	91.6%	93.7%
Summer 4 (08/05/26)	92.1%	91.6%	93.4%
Summer 5 (15/05/26)	92.1%	91.6%	93.1%
Summer 6 (22/05/26)	90.5%	91.6%	92.8%
Summer 7 (05/06/26)	91.5%	91.6%	92.6%
Summer 8 (12/06/26)	89.3%	91.5%	92.1%
Summer 9 (19/06/26)	86.9%	91.1%	91.5%
Summer 10 (26/06/26)	80.4%	91.0%	90.8%

Attendance across the first part of the summer term remained positive overall, with weekly figures above 90% for much of April and May. This has supported a steady *running attendance* of around 91% since September and over 90% since the start of the spring term.

As the term progressed into June, attendance dipped slightly, which is typical at this time of year. Over recent weeks, weekly attendance reduced from 91.5% (week ending 5 June) to 80.4% (week ending 26 June). Despite this, the overall attendance figures have remained relatively stable, showing the continued commitment of most families to regular school attendance.

It is important to note that the very hot weather during the week had a significant impact on attendance at the end of the week. On Friday, attendance dropped sharply to just 74%, which heavily influenced the overall weekly figure.

We appreciate families' ongoing support with attendance and encourage all pupils to be in school every day wherever possible, as even small improvements make a big difference over time.

INSET Days 2025-26

Please find detailed below the remaining INSET days scheduled for 2025/26;

- Monday 20th July 2026

INSET Days 2026-27

Please find detailed below the INSET days planned for the next academic year. These have been agreed by our governors.

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 2nd October 2026
- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027

- Tuesday 20th July 2027

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
03/07/26	Penybont Primary Football Tournament. Year 5&6
07/07/26	'House of the term' winners funday – All classes
09/07/26	Parent & Carer Open Afternoon, Book Look etc
13/07/26	Brynteg Transition Day – New Date
14/07/26	In School Transition Morning
16/07/26	Year 6 Leavers Evening
20/07/26	Inset Day 6 – School Closed

