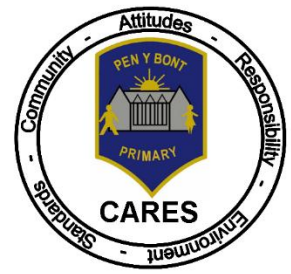


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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we continue to enjoy a busy and exciting summer term, we would encourage all families to take a moment to check the dates for the many forthcoming events and activities taking place over the coming weeks.

There is always so much to look forward to at Penybont, and these shared experiences are such an important part of school life for our children and families. There is just one event still to be finalised, and that is our much anticipated Year 5 camping experience.

We are very keen to make this happen, as we know it would be a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to enjoy time together, grow in confidence, develop independence and create special memories with their friends before the end of term.

Our biggest challenge so far has simply been finding a consistent spell of good weather so that the experience can take place safely and successfully. Even so, we remain hopeful that conditions will improve and that we will still be able to provide this special experience for our Year 5 pupils this term.

We are also very much looking forward to our rescheduled Nursery Sports Morning, third time lucky, hopefully! This will now take place on Friday 19th June, from 9.30am until approximately 10.00am on the main school field. We are keeping everything crossed for good weather and hope that our youngest pupils will finally be able to enjoy this special event with their families. To make the morning even more enjoyable, there will also be bacon rolls and hot drinks available for families to purchase.

School Uniform Addition

We are also pleased to share a small but helpful addition to our school uniform. Pupils will now have the choice of wearing either a white polo shirt or a navy polo shirt to school.

This change has come about thanks to the valuable feedback shared through our Parent & Carer Council, particularly around the challenge of keeping white polo shirts looking clean and fresh for long periods of time. We are very grateful to the group for raising this suggestion, which we hope will offer families a little more flexibility while still maintaining our smart school appearance. Both uniform shops in Bridgend have been informed of this addition to our uniform.

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%

Thank you, as always, to the many families who work hard to ensure their children attend school every day and arrive on time, ready to learn. Your support makes a real difference. Strong attendance helps children to feel settled, confident and fully involved in all aspects of school life, and it plays a vital role in helping them make the best possible progress.

At the start of the summer term, attendance was encouraging, with weekly figures beginning at 94.3%. However, over recent weeks we have seen a gradual decline, with attendance standing at 89.3% in the most recent week. Our attendance since the start of the spring term has also fallen from 94.3% to 92.1%.

Although there are many reasons why children may be absent from school, one significant factor affecting our figures continues to be holidays taken during term time. We completely understand that family time is important and that parents and carers make decisions with the best of intentions. However, term-time holidays can have a considerable impact on both children's learning and the school's overall attendance. Even a short period away can mean missed lessons, missed routines, and missed opportunities to build knowledge and confidence alongside classmates.

We know that by continuing to work together, we can improve this picture. Every single day in school matters, and regular attendance gives children the very best chance to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to give every child the strongest possible start and every opportunity to succeed.



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
19/06/26	Nursery Sports Morning
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
14/07/26	In School Transition Morning
16/07/26	Year 6 Leavers Evening
20/07/26	Inset Day 6 – School Closed
To Be Confirmed ...	
T.B.C	Year 5 Camping