PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We were incredibly proud of Carson and Evie, who represented our school at the Children and Families Remembrance Parade over the weekend. It was also wonderful to see so many other pupils taking part with their different hobby and community groups, including Beavers and Guides, as well as governors and pupils attending with their families to pay their respects.

Remembrance Day is an important opportunity for us all to pause, reflect and remember those who served and sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. Thank you to everyone who represented our school and community with such respect, pride and maturity on this significant occasion.





Christmas Concert Information

As always, we will be providing a vast number of events for our pupils again this year, culminating in our amazing Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 18th December!

Here is a summary of events we have planned for this year:

Date	Event	Detail
08/12/26	School Christmas Dinner	Further details to follow
09/12/26	Years 5 & 6 Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
10/12/26	Years 3 & 4 Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
14/12/26	Years 1 & 2 Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
15/12/26	Reception Concert	AM concert only
16/12/26	Nursery Concert	AM concert only
17/12/26	Christmas Extravaganza	Last Day of Autumn Term

As in previous years, each department will have both a morning and an afternoon performance, except for nursery and reception pupils, who will only perform once each, as two performances would be too demanding for them.

In each concert, for years 1-6, the youngest year group will form the choir and the oldest year group will perform on stage. This is repeated every year, ensuring that everyone has had opportunity to be in both the choir and on stage within the last 2 concerts. Information regarding costumes and ticket box office days will be sent home in due course.

Families will be given the option of buying up to 2 tickets per pupil in the concert (ie either 2 for the am, OR 2 for the pm, OR 1 for both). The remainder of tickets going on sale on a first come first served basis.

Tickets will be on sale from 23rd November. More details regarding this will follow closer to the time.

Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop for Parents and Carers.

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop at Penybont Primary School on Thursday 12th of November to start at 2.30 (please aim to arrive at 2.15 to ensure a prompt start.)

This workshop is designed to help parents understand the vital role they play in supporting their child's reading journey. We will explain how we teach phonics, phonemic awareness, key words, and reading skills, as well as introduce you to our reading scheme, Oxford Reading Tree.

During the session, we will:

- Explain the importance of reading at an early age.
- Demonstrate how phonics is taught in Reception.
- Explore key reading terminology that you may hear your child using.
- Share practical strategies to support reading at home.
- Show how our reading books and home reading system work.
- Provide an opportunity to ask questions and develop your own understanding of phonics.
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We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. This workshop will help us establish clear expectations and ensure we work together to give every child the best possible start in reading. By understanding how reading is taught in school, you will be better equipped to support your child at home and help them achieve success.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child's reading journey.

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.

Estyn have given the school a target of reducing persistent absenteeism, we can only meet this target with your help. Therefore, our FEO, Jade, and senior leaders will be closely monitoring attendance in even more detail this academic year and looking to contact families of pupils who are causing concern in relation to this to see if any support can be put in place.

Autumn Term Attendance So Far!

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Spring Term
Autumn 1 (04/09/26)	96.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Autumn 2 (11/09/26)	95.8%	95.9%	95.9%
Autumn 3 (18/09/26)	92.9%	95%	95%
Autumn 4 (25/09/26)	94.5%	94.9%	94.9%
Autumn 5 (02/10/26)	93.6%	94.6%	94.6%
Autumn 6 (09/10/26)	92.8%	94.3%	94.3%
Autumn 7 (16/10/26)	93.2%	94.1%	94.1%
Autumn 8 (23/10/26)	92.5%	93.9%	93.9%
Autumn 9 (06/11/26)	94.6%	94%	94%

Our attendance continues to be positive, with this week's figure rising to 94.6% and our overall attendance since September now standing at 94%, which remains above our school target of 93%.

Thank you to all our families for helping pupils attend regularly and arrive ready to learn. Every school day matters, and your continued support makes a real difference to children's learning, wellbeing and progress.

Our target: 93% | Current attendance to date: 94%

INSET Days 2026-27

Please find detailed below the remaining INSET days scheduled for 2026-27

- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
11/11/26	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Caerleon, Newport
12/11/26	Reception Reading Workshop for Families
12/11/26	Y3&4 mixed and Y5&6 girls football competition
18/11/26	Year 3 & 4 Trip to Cardiff Castle, Cardiff
14/11/26	Saturday Cross Country – Brynteg Comprehensive School
28/11/26	Saturday Cross Country – Porthcawl Comprehensive School
08/12/26	School Christmas Dinner
09/12/26	Years 5 & 6 Concerts
10/12/26	Years 3 & 4 Concerts
14/12/26	Years 1 & 2 Concerts
15/12/26	Reception Concert
16/12/26	Nursery Concert
17/12/26	Christmas Extravaganza – Last Day of Autumn Term
18/12/26	Inset Day