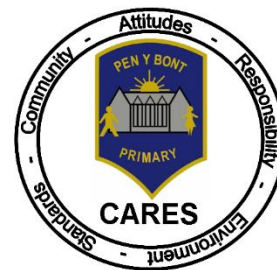


PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents & Carers,

At Penybont Primary School, we are proud to be a Healthy School, and we want to ensure that every child has the best start to their day with nutritious food that supports learning and wellbeing.

Recently, we've noticed that some lunchboxes contain items such as sweets, chocolate bars, and even lollipops. While these treats might seem harmless, they are high in sugar and provide little nutritional value. Regular consumption can affect children's energy levels, concentration, and overall health.

Why Healthy Lunchboxes Matter

- Better Focus and Learning: Balanced meals help children concentrate and stay alert throughout the day.
- Long-Term Health: Reducing sugary snacks lowers the risk of obesity and dental problems.
- Positive Habits: Encouraging healthy eating now sets the foundation for lifelong wellbeing.

What to Include:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Wholegrain bread, wraps, or pasta
- Lean proteins (chicken, eggs, beans)
- Water

What to Avoid:

- Fizzy drinks
- Sweets, chocolate bars, and lollipops
- High-sugar snacks

Thank you for supporting our commitment to a healthy school environment. Together, we can make sure every child thrives.

Remembrance Day Parade

On Saturday, 8th November, Mrs James, Skylar and Esme represented Penybont Primary School at the Family Remembrance Day service in Bridgend. This important occasion gave us the opportunity to join the wider community in honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their today so that we could have our tomorrow.



We are proud of our school's presence at this event, which reminds us of the importance of remembering and reflecting on the courage and selflessness of those who served. Thank you to Mrs James and our pupils for showing such respect and representing our school so thoughtfully.



School Photographs

Your child will have brought home their photo proofs recently. All sibling photos will only be online for viewing. Please scan the QR code on the proof or visit www.fspwales.com and type in the child's personal access code to view and order prints. All purchased prints will then be sent to school for distribution.

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	Details
Wednesday 3 rd December	School Christmas Dinner	Further details to follow
Friday 5 th December	Pop Up Shop– Year 6	Bridgend Shopping Centre Further details to follow
Tuesday 9 th December	Reception Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Thursday 11 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Monday 15 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert	AM concert only
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Extravaganza	Last day of Autumn term Further details to follow

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

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 28th November. More details regarding this will follow closer to the time.

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.

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.

We started the term on a high note with 94.2% attendance in the first week. Although there was a dip to 89.7% in Week 3, things have been steadily improving since then. Our latest figure is 92.6%, bringing the overall average to 91.9%. While we're not quite back to the opening week's level, the upward trend is encouraging—thank you for helping us aim to keep attendance strong!

Let's keep the momentum going and aim for 95% next week! Everyday counts, together we can make it happen!

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Autumn Term
Autumn 1 (05/09/25)	94.2%	94.2%	94.2%
Autumn 2 (12/09/25)	93.7%	93.9%	93.9%
Autumn 3 (19/09/25)	89.7%	92.4%	92.4%
Autumn 4 (26/09/25)	90.1%	91.8%	91.8%
Autumn 5 (03/10/25)	90.4%	91.5%	91.5%
Autumn 6 (10/10/25)	91.0%	91.4%	91.4%
Autumn 7 (17/10/25)	92.4%	91.6%	91.6%
Autumn 8 (24/10/25)	91.5%	91.5%	91.5%
Autumn 9 (07/11/25)	92.6%	91.9%	91.9%

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Officer for persistent absenteeism and families will be contacted soon to support an improvement in attendance.

INSET Days 2025-26

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

- Friday 19th December 2025
- Monday 23rd February 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
03/12/25	School Christmas Dinner
05/12/25	Pop Up Shop– Year 6
09/12/25	Reception Christmas Concerts
10/12/25	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concerts
11/12/25	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concerts
15/12/25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concerts
16/12/25	Nursery Christmas Concert

18/12/25	Christmas Extravaganza, last day of Autumn term
19/12/25	INSET Day 3
05/01/26	First day of Spring Term