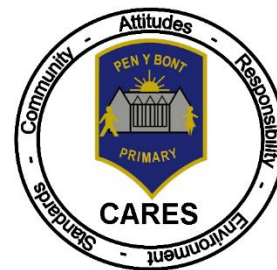


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Thursday 4th December 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Thomas and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Harper, on Friday 5th December. We send our warmest congratulations to them and wish their family all the very best during this special time.

To ensure continuity for the class, we have appointed Miss Samuel for the duration of Mrs Thomas' maternity leave. Miss Samuel will officially take over class duties from Monday 5th January. In the meantime, a supply teacher will be supporting the class. Last Thursday, Miss Samuel spent time with Mrs Thomas getting to know the children and familiarising herself with our school routines, so she is well-prepared to step into her new role.

Let the Magic of Christmas Begin!

The festive season is here, and we can't wait to welcome you to our Christmas concerts starting tomorrow with our Reception cohort!

Performance Times:

- Morning Show: 10:00 AM
- Afternoon Show: 2:00 PM

To make the experience extra special, gates will open 30 minutes before each performance so you can:

- Enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink
- Purchase a raffle ticket
- Grab the best seats in the house

Please bring cash for refreshments and raffle tickets.

Important Information:

- Entry to the school hall will be via **Gate A** and along the white pathway adjacent to the school field only.
- Don't forget your tickets!

A huge thank you to our amazing staff for all their hard work in preparing these performances, and to our parents and carers for supporting us with costumes—your efforts make these events truly magical!



We can't wait to celebrate this festive season with you and our little stars!

Keeping Our Pupils Safe Online

As we celebrate the wonderful talents of our pupils during school concerts over the next 2 weeks, we kindly ask all parents and carers not to post any videos or recordings of these events online. While sharing these moments can feel special, posting them publicly can put children at risk by exposing their identities and locations.

Our priority is to keep every child safe. Online platforms can be unpredictable, and once a video is uploaded, it's difficult to control who sees it or how it's used. By keeping concert videos private, we help protect our pupils' privacy and security.

Thank you for supporting us in creating a safe and secure environment for all our children

Christmas Extravaganza

We will be holding our annual Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 18th December the last day of term. As ever, we will have a day full of fun and surprises, maybe we'll even get a visit from the big man himself!

The cost is £5 per child and payment must be made via the scopay app. If you haven't set up your scopay account please contact the school office.


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.

Attendance Update — Autumn Term (to 5 Dec 2025)

We're working steadily towards our whole-school target of **93%**. This term began strongly and November showed encouraging improvement. Let's keep building great habits so every child is in, on time, every day.

- Best week so far: Autumn 1 (w/b 5 Sept) at 94.2% 
- Weeks at/above the 93% target: 2
- Term-to-date running average: 91.5% (getting closer!)
- November uplift: Average 91.4%, with a strong run around mid-November.

How we'll hit 93%: If we sustain 95%+ weekly attendance, our running average will climb quickly. Every day in school makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support.

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%
Autumn 10 (14/11/25)	92.1%	92.0%	92.0%
Autumn 11 (21/11/25)	89.8%	91.8%	91.8%
Autumn 12 (28/11/25)	91.1%	91.7%	91.7%
Autumn 13 (05/12/25)	88.9%	91.5%	91.5%

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
09/12/25	Reception Christmas Concerts
10/12/25	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concerts
11/12/25	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concerts
12/12/25	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Trip
15/12/25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concerts
15/12/25	Year 1 & 2 Family Christmas Workshops
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