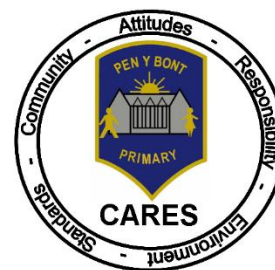


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda, Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a happy and healthy break over the holidays and that your new year has got off to a good start.

I would like to thank you all for your support again over the last calendar year. We try our best to provide wonderful learning experiences for our pupils while offering challenge and support to those who need it. Your children would not be able to achieve all that they do in our school if it wasn't for your support and backing, diolch yn fawr.

I have been around all classes this morning and all the children are back with smiles on their faces and have settled down really well after the break. The vast majority of pupils have come back to school in their uniforms today, some haven't. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day.

This Spring term is split into 7 weeks followed by 5 week half terms. Please note, that we have our 4<sup>th</sup> INSET Day scheduled on 23<sup>rd</sup> February where all staff will be receiving more Maths and Numeracy Training to help support your child's learning.

## **Spring Term Topic – Carnival of Culture**

This Term's topic is entitled 'Carnival of Culture', where each class will look at various Carnivals and events that take place around the world, such as St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, Chinese New Year and Holi etc. The topic mainly focuses on objectives from within the Expressive Arts and Humanities AOLE's. The children will be creating their own music and dances and performing them during our very own day long Carnival of Culture in our school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, please put this date into your diaries now!

Each department will share their more detailed plans for this topic with you by the end of next week.

## **Parent & Carer Survey**

Next Monday, I will be sharing my annual Parent & Carer Survey with you. As always, I will look at all your responses and address any issues that we need to in order to further improve our school.

For the first time, I will also anonymise the data and share it with our Parent & Carer Council so that they too can focus on key items for further school development in our next meeting.

## 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 19 Dec 2025)

Thank you, families, for your support throughout the Autumn Term. Every day in school makes a difference, and we've seen lots to celebrate:

- **Strong start:** Our best week was the first week back (94.2% on 05 Sept) with another great week in early November (92.6% on 07 Nov).
- **Steady overall picture:** Across the term, weekly attendance averaged 91.1% (median 91.0%), with most weeks sitting around the 91–92% mark.
- **Consistency highlights:** We achieved five weeks at or above 92%. Late November and December were tougher (as often happens), and we'll use that learning to spring forward in the new term.

### Our spring goal:

Let's aim for **93%+ weekly attendance**. Little changes build big gains:

- Keep morning routines calm and consistent.
- Try to schedule appointments outside school hours where possible.
- Please let us know early if your child is unwell and return as soon as they're ready.
- Arrive on time: being present from the start of the day helps learning and confidence.

Together, we can make every day count. Thank you for everything you do—your partnership truly matters.

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%
Autumn 14 (12/12/25)	89.3%	91.3%	91.3%
Autumn 15 (19/12/25)	90.4%	91.2%	91.2%

### **INSET Days 2025-26**

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

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
05/01/26	First day of Spring 1
13/02/26	Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
23/02/26	INSET Day 4
24/02/26	First Day of Spring 2 Half Term for pupils
27/03/26	Carnival of Culture – All day event in Penybont Primary School
27/03/26	Last Day of Spring 2 Half Term
28/03/26	Start of Easter Holidays
13/04/26	First Day of Summer 1