

# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As always, we kindly ask for your continued support in keeping our school site safe, particularly during drop off and collection times. Please ensure that you park considerately and safely outside the school gates, avoiding any restricted areas or spaces that may block access for local residents or emergency vehicles. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for all our pupils.

We are very much looking forward to our all-day carnival on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to come together and celebrate. The children have been working hard in preparation, and we can't wait to share a fun filled day of activities, performances, and colourful carnival spirit with you all.

We look forward to seeing you at the carnival and thank you for your ongoing support.

## **All Day School Carnival of Culture– Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Our whole-school Carnival will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The Carnival will be an all-day celebration (9am – 3.15pm) of cultures from across our community and festivals around the world.

The day will begin with our Easter Bonnet Parade, after which pupils will be dismissed to their parents and carers to explore and enjoy the Carnival together.

There will be a range of entertainment throughout the day, including Chinese lion dancers, Maypole dance workshops, Samba drumming workshops, line dancing, music, Welsh folk dancing and class performances of their songs and dances that they have created. We will finish with a joyful colour run in the afternoon in honour of the Holi festival, Parents & carers are encouraged to participate in this too!

We have a range of food vendors attending the carnival and a range of refreshments will be available to purchase.

The canteen will be closed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for the 'Carnival of Culture' and the whole school will need a packed lunch. If you require your child to have a school packed lunch, please message the school office confirming your choice of ham or cheese no later than 2pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Any requests after the cut off will be declined and you will have to provide a lunch for your child from home.

Things your child will need for the day:



- Easter Bonnet / Easter Egg competition entry
- Old clothes / white T-shirts for Holi Colour Run (adults will need these also if running with pupils)
- Sunglasses / Goggles / eye protection for the colour run
- £3 paid to Scopay to participate in colour run (only pupils pay).
- Packed lunch (unless ordered with the school before hand)

### **Red Nose Day, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Cake / Biscuit Sale**

Our Penybont Pioneer 'Funraisers' group have decided to raise money for Comic Relief through a cake / biscuit sale!

All classes will make / decorate a small treat and these will be on sale before, during and after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We would really appreciate your donations for this amazing charity. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

On the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, as part of our Carnival, we will be holding our Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg Parade, weather permitting.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils: Can you make an Easter Bonnet at home and bring into school on the morning of the event.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils: Can you decorate a themed Easter Egg and bring in on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Decorating!

### **Teacher - Parent & Carer, Pupil Progress Meetings**

Pupil Progress Meetings (Teacher Consultations) will take place during the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. These meetings are an important opportunity to check how well your child is doing, hear about the progress they are making across different areas of the curriculum, and discuss any other relevant information that helps support their learning.

Consultations will be available in person or by phone, giving you flexibility to choose what works best for you. Details on how to book your appointment will be shared next week.

### **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: Spring Term - Let's hit 93% together

We've seen some really encouraging improvements in attendance over the past half-term. After a steady start in January, our weekly attendance has strengthened, with several weeks rising above 92%. **Notably, the week ending 27th February reached an impressive 94.5%**, our highest of the term so far.

Our running attendance since September remains stable at 90.9%, and our Spring Term attendance continues to hold at 91.2%. Thank you to all our families for your continued efforts, every school day truly makes a difference.

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Spring Term
Spring 1 (09/01/26)	88.9%	91.2%	88.9%
Spring 2 (16/01/26)	93.4%	91.4%	91.4%
Spring 3 (23/01/26)	90.4%	91.4%	91.1%
Spring 4 (30/01/26)	88.1%	90.3%	91.1%
Spring 5 (06/02/26)	92.0%	90.7%	91.2%
Spring 6 (13/02/26)	88.1%	90.3%	91.0%
Spring 7 (27/02/26)	94.5%	90.8%	91.2%
Spring 8 (06/03/26)	91.9%	90.9%	91.2%

## INSET Days 2025-26

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

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
13/03/26	Football & Netball Fixtures, Home v Mynydd Cynffig
16/03/26	Rugby & Netball Fixtures, Home v Ysgol Cynwyd Sant (Monday fixtures!)
26/03/26	Bridgend Primary 5's Football Tournament (Boys Team & Girls Team)
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 Term