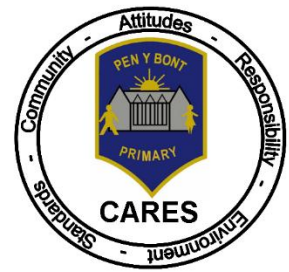


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Monday 22nd June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we head into a week of exceptionally hot weather, I want to reassure you that our pupils' safety and comfort remain our top priorities. As you may be aware, temperatures are expected to reach around 33°C tomorrow (Tuesday), and Red Extreme Heat Warnings have been issued for Wednesday and Thursday. School will remain open as normal tomorrow, with heat mitigation measures in place.

While we are aware of speculation regarding potential closures later in the week, no official decision has been made for Wednesday or Thursday yet. We are currently reviewing the situation in line with the latest Welsh Government guidance and are awaiting advice from the local authority. We will update you with a definitive decision as soon as possible, and I thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Year 6 Leavers Information

Full details and timings for our upcoming Leavers' Evening on Thursday 16th July will be published later this week.

As part of the celebrations, we are delighted to host our traditional staff and pupil BBQ party, which will once again feature a vibrant Hawaiian theme, that the children are welcome to join in with.

In keeping with a wonderful school tradition that has spanned the last decade, Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to wear fluorescent tutus and brightly coloured outfits for the last day of school also. Stay tuned for the full itinerary coming your way in the next few days!

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.

Summer Term Attendance So Far!

| Week Ending | Weekly Attendance | Running Attendance | |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Since September 2025 | Since Start of Spring Term |
| Summer 1 (17/04/26) | 94.3% | 91.5% | 94.3% |
| Summer 2 (24/04/26) | 94.1% | 91.5% | 94.2% |
| Summer 3 (01/05/26) | 93.1% | 91.6% | 93.7% |
| Summer 4 (08/05/26) | 92.1% | 91.6% | 93.4% |
| Summer 5 (15/05/26) | 92.1% | 91.6% | 93.1% |
| Summer 6 (22/05/26) | 90.5% | 91.6% | 92.8% |
| Summer 7 (05/06/26) | 91.5% | 91.6% | 92.6% |
| Summer 8 (12/06/26) | 89.3% | 91.5% | 92.1% |
| Summer 8 (19/06/26) | 86.9% | 91.1% | 91.5% |

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, I would like to draw your attention to our current attendance data above. Our school target is 93%, and a closer look at the figures shows a concerning downward trend. In particular, our weekly attendance has dropped significantly from 94.3% at the start of the summer term to just 86.9% last week.

Every single day of school matters immensely. When children miss school, they miss vital building blocks in their education, creating gaps in learning that can be incredibly difficult to bridge.

A major factor driving this recent decline is the number of families taking holidays during term time. While we fully understand the financial and scheduling pressures of booking family trips, these absences have a direct and disruptive impact. Not only do they interrupt your child's academic progress and social momentum, but they also significantly pull down our collective school performance data.

INSET Days 2025-26

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

- Monday 20th July 2026

INSET Days 2026-27

Please find detailed below the INSET days planned for the next academic year. These have been agreed by our governors.

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 2nd October 2026
- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

| Date | Detail |
|----------------------------|--|
| 03/07/26 | Penybont Primary Football Tournament. Year 5&6 |
| 07/07/26 | 'House of the term' winners funday – All classes |
| 09/07/26 | Parent & Carer Open Afternoon, Book Look etc |
| 14/07/26 | In School Transition Morning |
| 16/07/26 | Year 6 Leavers Evening |
| 20/07/26 | Inset Day 6 – School Closed |
| To Be Confirmed ... | |
| T.B.C | Year 5 Camping |