PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin the second half of the autumn term, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our families and thank you for your continued support of Penybont Primary School.

The weeks ahead promise to be action packed, with exciting learning experiences, educational visits, special events and plenty of opportunities for our pupils to shine. We are also looking forward to our Christmas concerts and, of course, the highlight of the festive season, our amazing Christmas Extravaganza. It is always a busy and memorable time of year, and we cannot wait to share these experiences with our children and families.

As we approach Remembrance Day, poppy merchandise will be available for children to purchase in the school hall each day, from tomorrow.

Suggested donations are:

- Paper Poppies (20p)
- Poppy Stickers and Zip Pulls (20p-50p)
- Reflective Items and Key Rings (50p)
- Wristbands and Slap Bands (£1.00-£1.50)

We are also incredibly proud that two of our Year 6 pupils have been chosen to represent Penybont Primary School at Bridgend Town's Children and Families Remembrance Service this Saturday.

The service will take place between approximately 10:40am and 11:20am, and it would be wonderful to see members of our school community there as we come together to reflect, remember and pay our respects.

I would like to thank all of the parents, carers and members of our school community who have already joined our official Penybont Primary School Movember Team, as well as those who have generously donated to this fantastic cause.

Your support is helping to raise both vital funds and awareness for men's health issues, including mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together behind such an important campaign.

We would like to let parents and carers of pupils in Mrs Edwards' class know that Mrs Edwards is currently away from school recovering from an operation she underwent during the half term break. We are pleased to share that Miss Jenkins will be teaching the class during her absence, supported by the familiar and experienced Mrs Butlin, who will continue in her role as the class Learning Support Officer. We know the children will be in excellent hands and that learning will continue as normal. We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Edwards a full and speedy recovery, and we look forward to welcoming her back to school when she is well enough to return.

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.

Estyn have given the school a target of reducing persistent absenteeism, we can only meet this target with your help. Therefore, our FEO, Jade, and senior leaders will be closely monitoring attendance in even more detail this academic year and looking to contact families of pupils who are causing concern in relation to this to see if any support can be put in place.

Autumn Term Attendance So Far!

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Spring Term
Autumn 1 (04/09/26)	96.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Autumn 2 (11/09/26)	95.8%	95.9%	95.9%
Autumn 3 (18/09/26)	92.9%	95%	95%
Autumn 4 (25/09/26)	94.5%	94.9%	94.9%
Autumn 5 (02/10/26)	93.6%	94.6%	94.6%
Autumn 6 (09/10/26)	92.8%	94.3%	94.3%
Autumn 7 (16/10/26)	93.2%	94.1%	94.1%
Autumn 8 (23/10/26)	92.5%	93.9%	93.9%

A huge thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly and on time. We know that attendance can sometimes be affected by illness and family circumstances, particularly as we move into the colder months, and we greatly appreciate the efforts families make to ensure children are in school whenever possible. Our overall attendance currently stands at **93.9%**, which means that, on average, our pupils are attending school for almost 94 out of every 100 sessions. Every day in school matters, and these small gains quickly add up to make a significant difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships.

Our target: 93% | Current attendance to date: 93.9%

INSET Days 2026-27

Please find detailed below the remaining INSET days scheduled for 2026-27

- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
07/11/26	Family Remembrance Service
11/11/26	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Caerleon, Newport
18/11/26	Year 3 & 4 Trip to Cardiff Castle, Cardiff
14/11/26	Saturday Cross Country – Brynteg Comprehensive School
28/11/26	Saturday Cross Country – Porthcawl Comprehensive School
08/12/26	School Christmas Dinner
09/12/26	Years 5 & 6 Concerts
10/12/26	Years 3 & 4 Concerts
14/12/26	Years 1 & 2 Concerts
15/12/26	Reception Concert
16/12/26	Nursery Concert
17/12/26	Christmas Extravaganza – Last Day of Autumn Term
18/12/26	Inset Day