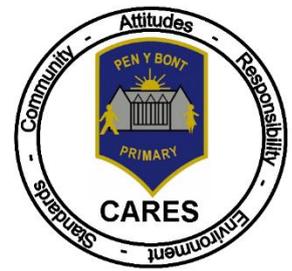


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for their support throughout our recent school inspection. Your encouragement and partnership mean a great deal to us. We are very pleased with how the inspection went, and we are proud of how clearly the inspection team recognised the strong care, commitment and sense of community we hold for every one of our pupils. We look forward to sharing the full report with you once it is officially published in April.

## **Congratulations to Mrs Maiden-Pitcher**

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Maiden-Pitcher has welcomed a baby boy. We send our warmest congratulations to her and her family during this special time. While she is on maternity leave, Miss Taylor will be the class teacher for the duration of the year, ensuring continuity and high-quality provision for all pupils.

We would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Mrs Mulcahy back to her role in Year 3 & 4. It is lovely to have her return to the team.

## **School Discos – Important Information**

Our school discos will be taking place this week, and we are very much looking forward to the fun ahead. Pupils are welcome to come to school on the day of their disco dressed in their *disco clothing* if they wish.

For pupils in Reception to Year 2, dismissal will take place as normal but slightly later, at 3:15pm tomorrow. Their disco will run from 2:15–3:15pm.

Pupils in Years 3&4 may stay in school between 3:15pm and 3:30pm if parents would prefer them to remain on site between the end of the school day and the start of their disco.

Collections for the Years 3–6 discos will be directly from the school hall, via the white pathway and Gate A. Please arrive for 4.30 to collect the children.

Disco Schedule:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

- 2:15 – 3:15pm: Reception to Year 2
- 3:30 – 4:30pm: Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

- 3:15 – 4:30pm: Years 5 & 6

We're excited for two brilliant afternoons of music, dancing and celebration!



## All Day School Carnival – Friday 27th March

A reminder that our whole-school Carnival will take place on **Friday 27th March**.

We are very excited for this vibrant, cultural celebration and would be grateful if parents and carers could complete the linked form to let us know:

- if you have any contacts with dance organisations or musical groups who may like to perform.
- if you would be interested in hosting a workshop or cultural workstation (e.g., henna tattooing).
- or if you know any street-food vendors who may wish to join us for the day.

Please complete this form if you can help us celebrate, we would love for you to be part of the day. <https://form.jotform.com/260533942063050>

The Carnival will be an all-day a celebration (9am – 3.15pm) of cultures from across our community. 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, class performances of songs and dances, and 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!

## 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

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%

Thank you to all families who are working hard to get children into school every day. We hit our 93% target in Spring Week 2 (93.4%), which shows what we can achieve when attendance is a shared priority. We now need to keep that consistency.

**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
24/02/26	First Day of Spring 2 Half Term for pupils
24/02/26	School Discos 2:15 - 3:15pm: Reception to Year 2 3:30 - 4:30pm: Years 3 & 4
25/02/26	School Discos 3:15 - 4:30pm: Years 5 & 6
02/03/26	Eisteddfod celebrations in School
03/03/26	Eisteddfod class showcases for parents and carers
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

