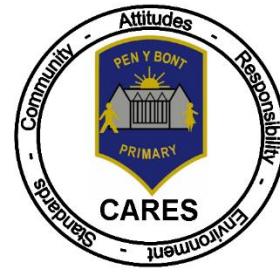


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to start by thanking so many of you who have approached myself and the team in the past few days to pass on your well wishes and positive comments about the school prior to our inspection next week. We would love for you to take advantage of the opportunity to share your thoughts, feedback, praise or concerns openly with the inspection team **in the school hall at 3:30pm on Monday 9 February.**

Only parents/carers of pupils currently attending the school should attend. Normally, no children of school age should attend with parents as this can sometimes be disruptive or distracting. We will offer an onsite creche service for the duration of the meeting for any parents and carers who require it. This will be based in our nursery department.

Access to the meeting and the creche facility will be via our main school office from 3.15 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Contact Arrangements for Our newest Teacher, In Year 1&2, Mrs Maiden Pitchers Class**

Yesterday morning, Mrs Maiden Pitcher began her maternity leave two weeks earlier than expected after going into early labour before school. As a result, much of the day was spent securing a suitable teacher to cover her class until her planned maternity cover begins after half term.

I am very pleased to share that Mr Smalley will be teaching the class for the next two weeks.

We will have Mr Smalley set up on our internal communication systems by the end of tomorrow and will share his details with you as soon as this is complete. In the meantime, please direct any questions or concerns to the school office. We apologise for the unexpected change in staffing and truly appreciate your continued support.

We would like to wish Mrs Maiden Pitcher the best of luck for the coming weeks.

## **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%

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.

This half-term at a glance:

- Spring term running average: 91.1% (1.9 percentage points below our 93% target)
- Best week so far: Spring 2 – 93.4%
- Most recent week: Spring 4 – 88.1%

### **Why 93% matters...**

Every day in school makes a difference to learning, friendships, and routines. 93% is our minimum expectation—and it's achievable with small daily choices across our whole community.

How families can help this week

- Aim for on time, every day. If your child wakes up 'not 100%', bring them in and talk to us; we'll support them in school.
- Book appointments outside school hours wherever possible.
- Avoid term time holidays, these have a big impact on the weekly average.
- Speak to us early if there are barriers (sleep, routine, transport, health). We're here to help.

Together we can finish the half-term strongly, let's make every day count and drive back to 93%+

### **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
09/02/26	Estyn Parents & Carers Meeting in the school hall @ 3.30PM
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
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