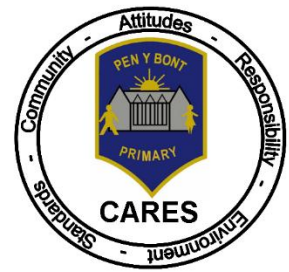


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has certainly been a frustrating time with the Welsh weather recently! Yesterday, we made the difficult decision to postpone our **Nursery Sports Day** for the second time due to the poor conditions, only for the weather to brighten beautifully by lunchtime. Unfortunately, the safety and comfort of our youngest learners must always come first, and we know how disappointing these last minute changes can be for everyone. **A new date has now been arranged for Friday 19th June**, and we are very much hoping for kinder weather on that day.

We are also continuing to keep a close eye on the long term forecast so that we can confirm arrangements for our Year 5 camping experience. We know how much the children are looking forward to this exciting opportunity, and we are eager to go ahead as soon as there is a suitable sustained break in the weather. We hope to be able to share an update with families very soon.

Sadly, the unsettled conditions are also affecting wider events, with Brynteg cancelling tomorrow's football festival due to the forecast and the Urdd athletics event scheduled for 16th June also now cancelled. We are very grateful to all parents and carers for your continued understanding, flexibility and support at this time. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we do our very best to make safe decisions while still providing memorable experiences for our children.

## 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%

Attendance in the first half of the summer term started positively at 94.3% but has shown a gradual decline over the following weeks, reaching 90.5% before improving slightly to 91.5% in the most recent week. Overall attendance since September 2025 has remained broadly steady at around 91.5%–91.6%, while attendance since the start of the spring term has fallen from 94.3% to 92.6%, showing that rates have weakened over time.

These figures highlight the importance of maintaining a strong focus on attendance as even small weekly drops can have a significant impact on pupils' learning over time. Every school day matters because missing school means missing vital teaching, learning opportunities, social development, and routines that help children succeed. Improving attendance remains a key priority so that all pupils can benefit fully from everything the school offers.

### **INSET Days 2025-26**

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

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
12/06/26	Litchard Netball & Football Tournament, Year 5&6
<b>19/06/26</b>	<b>Nursery Sports Morning</b>
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
<b>To Be Confirmed ...</b>	
T.B.C	Year 5 Camping