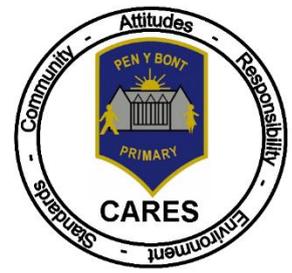


PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Tuesday 17th March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that the appointment system for our upcoming Pupil Progress Meetings (Teacher Consultations) is now live. These meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 13th April.

Pupil Progress Meetings are an important opportunity to discuss how well your child is doing in school. Teachers will share updates on the progress they are making across different areas of the curriculum and talk through any information that may help support their learning moving forward.

Consultations are available either in person or by phone, giving you the flexibility to choose the option that works best for you and your family.

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's achievements and next steps.

Parent & Carer Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th April, 2pm

The next meeting for our Parent & Carer Council is scheduled for Tuesday 14th April at 2pm. I look forward to seeing the council members to further discuss school improvement ideas.

Parent & Carer Governor Vacancies

We wish to inform you that the governing body of our school has two parent governor vacancies:

If you wish to be considered for election, please submit the following information to the school by 27th March 2026. (Any applications received after this date will not be taken into account.)

1. Your Name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Child's name

You must also include a short statement of no more than 100 words which will be included in the ballot form. Please note if you exceed the word limit only the first 100 words will be included on the ballot form.

Please sign and date the information you submit to the school.

All Day School Carnival of Culture– Friday 27th March

Our whole-school Carnival will take place on Friday 27th March.

The Carnival will be an all-day celebration (9am – 3.15pm) of cultures from across our community and festivals around the world.

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, Maypole dance workshops, Samba drumming workshops, line dancing, music, Welsh folk dancing and class performances of their songs and dances that they have created. 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!

We have a range of food vendors attending the carnival and a range of refreshments will be available to purchase.

Things your child will need for the day:

- Easter Bonnet / Easter Egg competition entry
- Old clothes / white T-shirts for Holi Colour Run (adults will need these also if running with pupils)
- Sunglasses / Goggles / eye protection for the colour run
- £3 paid to Scopay to participate in colour run (only pupils pay).
- Packed lunch (unless ordered with the school before hand)

Red Nose Day, Friday 20th March – Cake / Biscuit Sale

Our Penybont Pioneer 'Fundraisers' group have decided to raise money for Comic Relief through a cake / biscuit sale!

All classes will make / decorate a small treat and these will be on sale before, during and after school on Friday 20th March.

We would really appreciate your donations for this amazing charity. Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Bonnet Parade, Friday 27th March

On the morning of Friday 27th March, as part of our Carnival, we will be holding our Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg Parade, weather permitting.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils: Can you make an Easter Bonnet at home and bring into school on the morning of the event.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils: Can you decorate a themed Easter Egg and bring in on the morning of the event.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Decorating!

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

I am pleased to share that our attendance continues to move in a positive direction this spring. After a slower start in early January, we've seen consistent improvement across the term. Weekly attendance has risen several times above 93%, with a high of 94.5% in the week ending 27th February.

Our overall attendance since September has also strengthened, now sitting at 91.2%, and our attendance for the spring term has improved to 91.3%. This upward trend shows the fantastic effort families are making to ensure children are in school, learning, and thriving.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build strong and regular attendance habits.

| 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% |
| Spring 7 (27/02/26) | 94.5% | 90.8% | 91.2% |
| Spring 8 (06/03/26) | 91.9% | 90.9% | 91.2% |
| Spring 9 (13/03/26) | 93.3% | 91.2% | 91.3% |

INSET Days 2025-26

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

- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

| Date | Detail |
|-----------------|---|
| 26/03/26 | Bridgend Primary 5's Football Tournament (Boys Team & Girls Team) |
| 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 Term |
| 14/04/26 | Parent & Carer Council Meeting, 2pm |