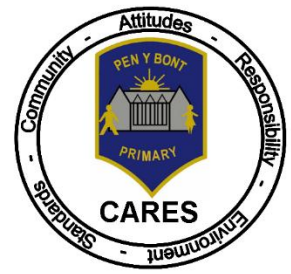


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Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable fortnight break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school today, especially with the sunshine setting such a positive tone. The classrooms and playgrounds have been full of smiles, energy and enthusiasm, which has been lovely to see.

This week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming many of you into school for our second Pupil Progress Meeting Week of the academic year. These meetings are an invaluable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress, and work together to support their continued learning and development.

Later this week, I will be sharing new dates for the postponed much-loved Easter Bonnet Parade and Colour Run, along with a date for our Sports Day and the Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Evening. We are excited to plan these events and look forward to celebrating many special moments together.

I am also looking forward to welcoming members of our Parent & Carer Council tomorrow, Tuesday 14th April at 2pm. These meetings provide a valuable forum for sharing ideas and discussing further ways we can continue to improve our school community.

Finally, following the recent inspection of our school, we will be pleased to share the final inspection report with you once it is published on Wednesday 15th April.

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: End of Spring Term - Let's hit 93% together

As we start the beginning of the Summer term, attendance across the school has remained broadly steady, with some strong weeks alongside the inevitable winter-term challenges.



While our overall attendance since September has edged up to 91.4%, this remains below our ambitious whole-school target of 93%. There were some encouraging highlights, particularly after half term, with excellent weekly attendance peaks of over 93% and even reaching 94.5%, showing what we can achieve when everyone is able to be in school regularly.

As we move into the Summer term, we know attendance often improves, and we are confident this provides a real opportunity to push closer to, and beyond, our 93% goal.

Every day in school makes a difference to learning, friendships and confidence, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our families. Let's work together this term to make attendance the very best it can be and finish the year strongly.

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%
Spring 10 (20/03/26)	91.8%	91.3%	91.3%
Spring 11 (27/03/26)	91.9%	91.4%	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
13/04/26	Start of Parent & Carer Week – Pupil Progress Meetings
14/04/26	Parent & Carer Council Meeting, 2pm
17/04/26	Netball & Football Matches away V Tremains Primary School
22/04/26	Year 6 Residential Trip Begins
24/04/26	Year 6 Residential Trip Return
22/05/26	Inset Day 5
20/07/26	Inset Day 6