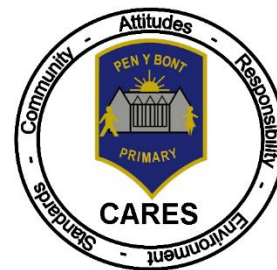


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Thursday 27th November 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's the most wonderful time of the year again! We will be holding our annual Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 18th December the last day of term.

As ever, we will have a day full of fun and surprises, maybe we'll even get a visit from the big man himself! ALL children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the day, as the canteen will not be in use.

If you require a school packed lunch, message the school office requesting either cheese or ham by 2pm on Friday 5th December.

Due to Natasha's law, school packed lunches have to be ordered in from catering, two weeks in advance. We cannot accept late orders, as we do not have the stock or facilities to make packed lunches.

The cost is £5 per child and payment must be made via the scopay app. If you haven't set up your scopay account please contact the school office.

Healthy Eating

At Penybont Primary School, we are proud to be a Healthy School, and we want to ensure that every child has the best start to their day with nutritious food that supports learning and wellbeing.

Recently, we've noticed that some lunchboxes contain items such as sweets, chocolate bars, and even lollipops. While these treats might seem harmless, they are high in sugar and provide little nutritional value. Regular consumption can affect children's energy levels, concentration, and overall health.

Why Healthy Lunchboxes Matter

- Better Focus and Learning: Balanced meals help children concentrate and stay alert throughout the day.
- Long-Term Health: Reducing sugary snacks lowers the risk of obesity and dental problems.
- Positive Habits: Encouraging healthy eating now sets the foundation for lifelong wellbeing.



What to Include:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Wholegrain bread, wraps, or pasta
- Lean proteins (chicken, eggs, beans)

Water What to Avoid:

- Fizzy drinks
- Sweets, chocolate bars, and lollipops
- High-sugar snacks

Thank you for supporting our commitment to a healthy school environment. Together, we can make sure every child thrives

Online Safety Reminder – Films and Media Choices

We've been made aware that some pupils have been watching some films that aren't suitable for their age. It's important that children view content that's appropriate and safe for their development. We recommend using Common Sense Media to check age ratings and reviews before watching. It's a great resource for families to make informed choices and keep media experiences positive and safe

Christmas Jumper Sale – A Week Today!

We need more pre-loved Christmas jumpers!! Have You got any Christmas jumpers your children have outgrown? Our Parent & Carer Council would love your help with a festive idea, a Christmas Jumper Sale!

If you have any clean, outgrown jumpers, please send them into school with your child by **Tuesday 2nd December**.

We'll be selling these pre-loved jumpers for just £1 on **Thursday 4th December**, between **3:15pm** and **3:45pm** in the school hall.

All money raised will go to Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day campaign, a great cause!

Thank you so much for your support

Christmas Concert Information

As always, we will be providing a vast number of events for our pupils again this year, culminating in our amazing Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 18th December!

Here is a summary of events we have planned for this year:

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday 3 rd December	School Christmas Dinner	Further details to follow

Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Jumper Sale	3.15 – 3.45 in the school hall.
Friday 5 th December	Pop Up Shop– Year 6	Bridgend Shopping Centre Further details to follow
Tuesday 9 th December	Reception Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Thursday 11 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Monday 15 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concerts	AM & PM concerts (during the school day)
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas Concert	AM concert only
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Extravaganza	Last day of Autumn term Further details to follow

As in previous years, each department will have both a morning and an afternoon performance, except for the nursery department, which will only perform once, as two performances would be too demanding for them

In each concert, for years 1-6, the youngest year group will form the choir and the oldest year group will perform on stage. This is repeated every year, ensuring that everyone has had opportunity to be in both the choir and on stage within the last 2 concerts. Information regarding costumes and ticket box office days will be sent home in due course.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in keeping attendance strong this term. Our current running attendance since September is 91.8%. The highest weekly attendance was 94.2% during Autumn 1 (05/09/25), and the lowest was 89.7% during Autumn 3 (19/09/25).

We're aiming for an overall target of 93%. We're very close, and with everyone's support, we can get there! Please help by ensuring children attend school every day unless absolutely necessary to stay home. Every day really does make a difference!

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Autumn Term
Autumn 1 (05/09/25)	94.2%	94.2%	94.2%
Autumn 2 (12/09/25)	93.7%	93.9%	93.9%
Autumn 3 (19/09/25)	89.7%	92.4%	92.4%
Autumn 4 (26/09/25)	90.1%	91.8%	91.8%
Autumn 5 (03/10/25)	90.4%	91.5%	91.5%
Autumn 6 (10/10/25)	91.0%	91.4%	91.4%
Autumn 7 (17/10/25)	92.4%	91.6%	91.6%
Autumn 8 (24/10/25)	91.5%	91.5%	91.5%
Autumn 9 (07/11/25)	92.6%	91.9%	91.9%
Autumn 10 (14/11/25)	92.1%	92.0%	92.0%
Autumn 11 (21/11/25)	89.8%	91.8%	91.8%

INSET Days 2025-26

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

- Friday 19th December 2025
- Monday 23rd February 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
03/12/25	School Christmas Dinner
04/12/25	Christmas Jumper Sale, school hall, 3.15 – 3.45
05/12/25	Pop Up Shop– Year 6
09/12/25	Reception Christmas Concerts
10/12/25	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concerts
11/12/25	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concerts
15/12/25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concerts
16/12/25	Nursery Christmas Concert
18/12/25	Christmas Extravaganza, last day of Autumn term
19/12/25	INSET Day 3
05/01/26	First day of Spring Term