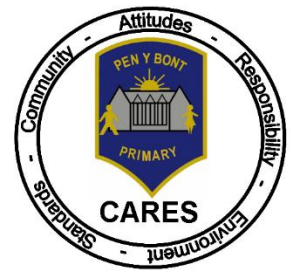


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we enter the final two weeks of the school year, it is hard to believe just how quickly the year has flown by. It seems only yesterday that we were welcoming pupils back through our doors, and yet here we are reflecting on another year filled with learning, growth, memorable experiences and wonderful achievements. I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils have accomplished and grateful for the continued support of our families, staff and wider school community throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly invite all parents and carers to our Open Afternoon this Thursday. This is always a special opportunity to celebrate the hard work, progress and successes of our children and to see first hand the fantastic learning that has taken place throughout the year.

The Open Afternoon will begin at 1.00pm and conclude at 4.00pm to provide additional flexibility for those who may find it difficult to visit during the normal school day. Parents and carers are kindly asked to arrive via Gate C (at the top of the hill), where members of staff will be on hand to escort you to your child's classroom. From there, you will be able to collect your child and spend time together exploring their work and achievements from across the year in classrooms and learning spaces throughout the school.

If you wish to take your child home directly after the event, you must inform your child's class teacher that they are leaving with you when you return the books / iPads to the classroom. If you don't wish to take your child home early, the school will continue to operate until the normal end of day times.

Throughout the event, we will also be joined by a number of support and charitable organisations in our school hall who will be able to discuss external opportunities and support available to parents and carers. Our own Family Engagement Officer, Jade, will also be located in the school hall to chat with.

We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible and sharing a wonderful afternoon celebrating another successful year at Penybont Primary School. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## **Parents & Carers Vs Pupils Football Match**

All Year 5/6 parents and carers, are invited to come along tomorrow for the much anticipated game of the year!



### **House of the Term Fun Day**

We are delighted to share that tomorrow, Tuesday 7th July, all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 will be invited to take part in our *House of the Term Fun Day*. This special event is a reward for the fantastic effort pupils have shown in earning house points throughout the year.

Across the school, children have demonstrated our values every day; showing kindness, working hard, and supporting one another, and their contributions to their house teams have really made a difference.

The Fun Day will be a wonderful opportunity for pupils to celebrate their achievements together, enjoy a range of activities, and take pride in being part of their house.

For the day, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit. As we are hoping for good weather, please also ensure children bring sun cream, a sun hat, and a water bottle so they can stay safe and comfortable throughout the day.

We are looking forward to a fun filled celebration of teamwork and positive attitudes shown by all our pupils.

### **Year 6 Transition Update - Brynteg**

In place of the cancelled Year 6 parent/carer evening, Brynteg have produced a video which contains all of the information that would have been shared in the presentations on the night.

Click the link to watch the video <https://youtu.be/5pROSEFxVFo>

The link is being sent out to all Y6 parents and carers by email this morning, by Brynteg, and the video will also be uploaded to the transition section of Brynteg's website.

### **Penybont Primary School World Cup**

Our first ever Football World Cup is set to take place on Friday afternoon, weather and temperature permitting. This much anticipated event provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to enjoy some friendly competition while demonstrating teamwork, determination and sportsmanship with other children throughout years 3-6.

All pupils in Years 3 to 6 who wished to participate have had their names placed into a hat, with players then randomly allocated into 12 mixed teams. This unique format encourages pupils from different year groups to work together, make new friends and represent their teams with pride. Adding to the excitement, each team will have a member of staff acting as their 'Manager' or 'Playing Manager', with all team managers and squad allocations being revealed on the day of the tournament.

While we know many parents and carers enjoy attending and supporting school sporting events, this year's World Cup will be a pupil only event and parents and carers will not be able to attend. This enables us to manage the event safely, make the most of the available space and ensure all pupils can fully enjoy the experience. Please be

assured that we will share photographs and updates afterwards so that families can still join in the celebrations.

Provided temperatures remain at a safe level, we are looking forward to an afternoon filled with excitement, goals, teamwork and plenty of memorable moments as teams battle it out to become the Penybont Primary School World Cup Champions 2026.

### **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%
Summer 8 (12/06/26)	89.3%	91.5%	92.1%
Summer 9 (19/06/26)	86.9%	91.1%	91.5%
Summer 10 (26/06/26)	80.4%	91.0%	90.8%
Summer 11 (03/07/26)	89.2%	91.0%	90.5%

Attendance continues to be one of our most significant challenges this academic year. As of 3 July 2026, our overall attendance stands at 91.0%, which remains 2.0 percentage points below our whole school target of 93%. With only two weeks of the academic year remaining, it is highly unlikely that we will achieve our annual attendance target.

There are some positive aspects to note. At the beginning of the Summer Term, weekly attendance was consistently strong, ranging between 93.1% and 94.3% during the first three weeks. This demonstrates that, when pupils attend regularly, the school is capable of achieving attendance levels above our target. However, attendance declined significantly as the term progressed, with notable drops during June and early July.

The most concerning period was the final four weeks of data, where weekly attendance fell to 89.3%, 86.9%, 80.4% and 89.2% respectively. These figures have had a substantial impact on both our Summer Term attendance (which has fallen from 94.3% to 90.5%) and our overall yearly attendance figure.

Analysis of absence codes shows that holidays taken during term time continue to be one of the biggest barriers to improving attendance across the school. While the school has worked proactively with families through regular communication, attendance meetings, first day calling procedures and support from our Family Engagement Team, extended holidays and family trips during term time have removed a significant number of pupil sessions from our attendance figures. The impact is particularly evident during the latter part of the Summer Term when attendance traditionally becomes more challenging to maintain.

Looking ahead, attendance will remain a key priority within our School Improvement Plan. Whilst we are unlikely to reach the 93% target this year, there is evidence that attendance can improve significantly when families prioritise attendance and avoid taking holidays during term time.

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

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

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

### **INSET Days 2026-27**

Please find detailed below the INSET days planned for the next academic year. These have been agreed by our governors.

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 2nd October 2026
- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
07/07/26	Y5 & 6 Parent & Carers Vs Pupils Football Match
07/07/26	'House of the term' winners funday – All classes
09/07/26	Parent & Carer Open Afternoon, Book Look etc
13/07/26	Brynteg Transition Day – New Date
14/07/26	In School Transition Morning
16/07/26	Year 6 Leavers Evening
20/07/26	Inset Day 6 – School Closed