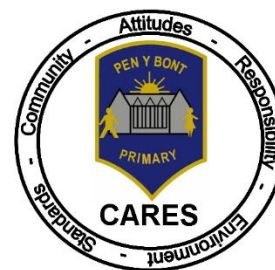


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Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we work our way through another busy week at Penybont Primary School, I would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of parking safely and considerately at drop off and collection times.

Please do not park on pavements, road markings or in any area that could restrict visibility or access for pedestrians, residents and emergency vehicles. The safety of our children must always come first, so we kindly ask everyone to take a little extra time, park in an appropriate place and walk the remaining distance to school where necessary. Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

Celebrating Our School Community

We would like to ensure that the display of flags in our school hall represents every country connected to the pupils and families in our school community. Please take a moment to complete our very short survey below so that we can make sure the appropriate flag for every pupil is proudly included in our display. Thank you for helping us celebrate the rich diversity of our Penybont family.

Flag Survey: <https://form.jotform.com/262643394895068>

Teacher – Parent & Carer Meeting Week

Our parents' and carers' meeting week will take place during the week beginning Monday 19 October. This will provide an opportunity for you to speak with your child's teacher and discuss how they are settling in to their new classes.

Meetings for Mr Ashton's class will take place during the week beginning Monday 2 November, as Mr Ashton will be on paternity leave during the original meeting week.

Further information about how to book either a face to face meeting or a telephone call will be shared shortly.

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.

Estyn have given the school a target of reducing persistent absenteeism, we can only meet this target with your help. Therefore, our FEO, Jade, and senior leaders will be closely monitoring attendance in even more detail this academic year and looking to contact families of pupils who are causing concern in relation to this to see if any support can be put in place.

Autumn Term Attendance So Far!

Week Ending	Weekly Attendance	Running Attendance	
		Since September 2025	Since Start of Spring Term
Autumn 1 (04/09/26)	96.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Autumn 2 (11/09/26)	95.8%	95.9%	95.9%
Autumn 3 (18/09/26)	92.9%	95%	95%

Thank you to all our families for helping us achieve a strong start to the school year. Our running attendance is currently 95%, which is comfortably above our school target of 93%. During the first three weeks, weekly attendance was 96.2%, 95.8% and 92.9% respectively.

While our overall figure remains positive, we are concerned by the dip below target during the most recent week. Regular attendance helps children develop secure routines, maintain friendships and make consistent progress with their learning.

Our Family Engagement Officer and senior leaders carefully monitor individual and whole school attendance patterns. When concerns arise, we will work with families and intervene where necessary to support improved attendance. Let's work together to bring our weekly attendance back above target this week.

INSET Days 2026-27

Please find detailed below the remaining INSET days scheduled for 2026-27

- 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
02/10/26	INSET Day – School Closed for training
14/10/26	Cinema Night – Reception to Year 6 (Details to follow)
16/10/26	In School Harvest Festival – pupils only
23/10/26	Last day of Autumn 1

02/11/26	First day of Autumn 2
09/12/26	Years 5 & 6 Concerts
10/12/26	Years 3 & 4 Concerts
14/12/26	Years 1 & 2 Concerts
15/12/26	Reception Concert
16/12/26	Nursery Concert