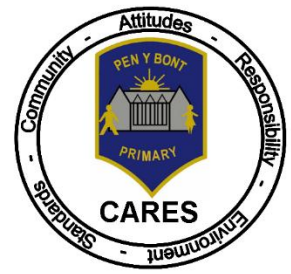


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. It certainly felt more like a summer holiday at one point, with last week's *boiling* temperatures. Of course, in true British fashion, normal service has now resumed... and the rain has made a very timely return just as we're back at school!

Despite the change in weather, we are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term, with lots of learning, activities and opportunities ahead for all our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who joined us for our Colour Run on the Thursday afternoon before half term. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting the event, and the atmosphere was fantastic. The children had a brilliant time, and your support made the event such a success.

A huge well done must also go to all of our children who auditioned and took part in our recent talent show. The standard was truly amazing, and it was fantastic to see so many children confidently sharing their interests and talents with their peers. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side on the day, so we had to move from the yard into the hall but this certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm or the quality of the performances! A special congratulations goes to Rae from Year 2, our eventual winner, what a fantastic achievement. Well done, Rae!

## 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%

Attendance during the first half of the Summer Term started positively, with weekly figures in the first two weeks remaining above 94%. However, as the term has progressed, there has been a gradual and consistent decline in weekly attendance. In recent weeks, this has fallen more sharply, with attendance dropping to 90.5% in the most recent week.

As a result of these continual lower weeks, there has now been an inevitable impact on our overall figures. Our running attendance since the start of the Spring Term has declined from 94.3% to 92.8%, and our overall attendance since September has levelled at 91.6%. This means that we are now below our school attendance target. While we recognise that there are always genuine reasons for absence, this pattern highlights how sustained dips in weekly attendance can quickly affect longer-term outcomes for the school as a whole.

Improving attendance remains a key priority, and we will continue to work in partnership with families to support strong attendance habits. Every day in school makes a difference, not only to academic progress, but also to pupils' wellbeing, friendships and sense of belonging.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

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

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

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

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr Owen

Date	Detail
08/06/26	Nursery Sports Morning – 9.30 start
09/06/26	Brynteg Football Tournament: Year 5&6
12/06/26	Litchard Netball & Football Tournament, Year 5&6
03/07/26	Penybont Primary Football Tournament. Year 5&6
07/07/26	'House of the term' winners funday – All classes
09/07/26	Parent & Carer Open Afternoon, Book Look etc
14/07/26	In School Transition Morning
16/07/26	Year 6 Leavers Evening
20/07/26	Inset Day 6 – School Closed
<b>To Be Confirmed ...</b>	
T.B.C	Year 5 Camping