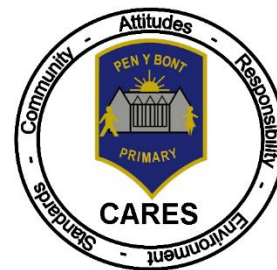


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we start week 5 of this half term, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the vital role that regular school attendance plays in your child's learning and development. Every day in school is an opportunity to grow academically, socially, and emotionally and even occasional absences can have a significant impact.

We are committed to working together to ensure every child feels supported and motivated to attend school consistently. Your partnership in this is invaluable, and together we can help every pupil reach their full potential.

## **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day**

This Friday, we're celebrating *World Mental Health Day* at Penybont Primary School! Pupils and staff are invited to **wear something yellow** to show support and raise awareness. Our amazing **Mental Health Champions** will be at the school gates at the start and end of the day collecting donations. Every contribution helps promote mental wellbeing in our community – thank you for your support!

## **Harvest Festival Assemblies – Friday 17th October**

We're excited to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival with special assemblies on Friday 17th October. Pupils will be learning and performing harvest-themed songs as part of the celebration.

As always, we welcome donations of tinned food and dry packaged goods to support our Big Bocs Bwyd initiative. Your generous contributions help make a real difference in our community.

## **Year 6 Leavers Events**

Some Year 6 parents have set up a **WhatsApp group** to share updates and plans for **Year 6 leavers' events** that are being organised independently and **not by the school**. If you'd like to join, please use this link [WhatsApp Group Invite](#)

## **Parent and carer / teacher consultation week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will share details with you of how you can make an appointment to discuss your child's progress for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this academic year. The teacher – parent & carer 'pupil progress week' will take place during the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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.

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%

As you can see the last few weeks of low attendance has resulted in the school's attendance rate for the year to date dropping 1.5% below our target of 93%.

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Officer for persistent absenteeism and families will be contacted soon to support an improvement in attendance.

## INSET Days 2025-26

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

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
10/10/25	World Mental Health Day – <b>Wear Something Yellow</b>
17/10/25	Keith Grice – 10 A Side Rugby Tournament, Porthcawl RFC Netball Tournament, Litchard Primary School.
20/10/25	Parent / carer teacher consultations
24/10/25	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
03/11/25	First day of second half of Autumn Term
04/11/25	School Photographer
18/12/25	Christmas Extravaganza, last day of Autumn term

19/12/25	INSET Day 3
05/01/26	First day of Spring Term

