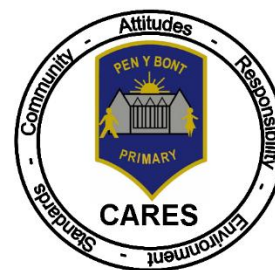


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Monday 12th October 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are really looking forward to our Cinema Night, this Wednesday, 14th October for children from Reception to Year 6. The children have had their say, and following a pupil vote, the winning film is Toy Story 5!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy the film in their classrooms, while children in Years 3 to 6 will come together to watch it in the school hall.

The film will finish at 5.00pm for all pupils, and we ask that children are collected from their usual exit/collection points.

Payment can be made via SCOPAY.
We're looking forward to a lovely afternoon of film, snacks and fun together!



BRYNTEG Open Evening: Year 5 and 6 Open Evening, 22nd October 2026

A message from Brynteg:

'We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 pupils, parents and carers to our Open Evening on Thursday 22nd October, from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

Meet our dedicated staff, explore our facilities, find out more about our curriculum and wider opportunities, and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you and showing you what makes Brynteg a great place to learn, grow and belong.'

REMINDER: School Photographer: Thursday 22nd October

Our school photographer will be visiting Penybont on Thursday 22nd October to take this year's school photographs. It's always lovely to have these special snapshots of the children as they make their way through their time with us, so please make a note of the date.

REMINDER: Cross Country Events

We are excited to share the dates for the first three cross country races of the year, open to all pupils in Years 3 to 6.

Children should arrive with their parent/carer at 9:30am, ready for the races to begin at 10:00am. Penybont will provide running vests for children taking part so that they can proudly represent our school.

It is important that families are aware that children remain in the care and responsibility of their parent/carer at all times during these events and are not supervised by school staff. Please also note that dogs are not permitted and there are no toilet facilities at the venues.

- **17 October: Pencoed Comprehensive – THIS SATURDAY**
- 14 November: Brynteg Comprehensive
- 28 November: Porthcawl Comprehensive

The dates remain provisional at this stage and will be confirmed once final arrangements are in place. We would love to see a great Penybont turnout this year!

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%
Autumn 4 (25/09/26)	94.5%	94.9%	94.9%
Autumn 5 (02/10/26)	93.6%	94.6%	94.6%
Autumn 6 (09/10/26)	92.8%	94.3%	94.3%

Thank you to all our families for continuing to support good attendance. Our school attendance target is 93%, and I am pleased that our overall attendance since the start of the academic year remains above this target at 94.3%.

Over the past six weeks, weekly attendance has ranged from 92.8% to an excellent 96.2%. Last week, our attendance was 92.8%, which is just below our target, so we would really appreciate everyone's continued support in helping us push this figure back above 93%.

Every school day really does matter, and regular attendance gives our children the very best opportunity to learn, thrive and enjoy all that school has to offer.

Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us to make every day count!

Our target: 93% | Current attendance: 94.3%

INSET Days 2026-27

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

- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Owen

Date	Detail
14/10/26	Cinema Night – Reception to Year 6
16/10/26	In School Harvest Festival – pupils only
17/10/26	Saturday Cross Country – Pencoed Comprehensive School
20/10/26	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Theatre Na Nog, Swansea
22/10/26	School Photographer in School
22/10/26	Pumpkin Patch for Reception Pupils (09.30-11.00)
23/10/26	Last day of Autumn 1
02/11/26	First day of Autumn 2
11/11/26	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Caerleon, Newport
18/11/26	Year 3 & 4 Trip to Cardiff Castle, Cardiff
14/11/26	Saturday Cross Country – Brynteg Comprehensive School
28/11/26	Saturday Cross Country – Porthcawl Comprehensive School
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