

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday September 23rd 2024

Newsletter



'creating a **C**aring, **R**espectful,
Open Environment
where **S**uccess and
Oppportunity flourish'

This Week's Information



Dear Parent and Carer,

Harvest – Thank you so much for all of the lovely Harvest donations. These will be distributed to local foodbanks.

Great Start - have been really pleased with the way in which children have settled into their new classes and proud of their many achievements so far. I have been particularly pleased with the way in which our school code is being used every day with a focus on Manners, Respect and Kindness. Please look at our school code and our coloured behaviour system that our children have co-constructed by clicking the link [here](#).

Year 6 Gilwern Parent Meeting – We will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss the upcoming residential trip to Gilwern on **Tuesday 24th September at 4.30pm**. We will go through the activities and itinerary and give parents a chance to ask any questions they may have.

Safeguarding – As you will be aware the school has robust procedures to ensure children are safeguarded. Please click this [link](#) to read the safeguarding leaflet.

RSE – The Governing body have approved our approach to Relationship and Sexuality Education. The full curriculum is offered across the year in line with Newport City Council guidance. Please click [here](#).

Year 6 PACT Assembly – Year 6 parents are very welcome to join us for the first of our Values assemblies on **Wednesday 2nd October at 9.15am**. This will be followed by an activity that you can join in with your children. We look forward to seeing you.

Learning – Children have started their new topics / enquiry questions this term. Parent information will be sent home which will describe ways in which you can help at home.

Parent Forum / Coffee Morning – why not join us on **Friday 4th October at 9.00am** after drop off for an informal chat and discussion about the life of the school. Your views are very important to us and we would love to see you there – only lasts an hour and I'll provide the tea/ coffee and biscuits !



Attendance – The Education Welfare Officer regularly visits school to look through all children's attendance with us. Please ensure children are in school unless they are unwell. Please inform us of this. We will inform parents of your child's attendance to date every term. A school attendance leaflet with more information is available by clicking [here](#).

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN OUR SCHOOL.
No one is the same, but everyone is equal.



Our 'Challenge' Curriculum Summary

Our School Vision

CARING
RESPECTFUL
OPEN
ENVIRONMENT
SUCCESS
OPPORTUNITY

Our Curriculum Vision

To create confident, independent learners who are empowered, resulting in high levels of wellbeing and achievement to prosper in a changing world

Pupil Voice

The Four Purposes - We plan to ensure our children become ...

Ambitious, Capable Learners

who are ready to learn throughout their lives

- Inspired
- Lifelong Learners
- Resilient
- Growth Mindset
- Problem Solvers
- Independent
- Excited about Learning
- Challenged
- Prepared for the future

Healthy, Confident, Individuals

who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

- Safe
- Have Good Relationships
- Nurtured
- Happy
- Social
- Celebrated
- Healthy in Body & Mind
- Respectful
- Expressive

Ethical, Informed Citizens

who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world

- Global Citizens
- Celebrate Diversity
- Equal
- Proud to be Welsh
- Aware
- Cultured
- Curious
- Part of a Community
- Inclusive

Enterprising, Creative Contributors

who are ready to play a full part in life and work

- Responsive to Others
- Reflective
- Flexible
- Adaptable
- Inquisitive
- Creative
- Collaborative
- Sharing Ideas
- Responsible

Challenge Curriculum - How we do it!

Our curriculum is designed to maximise challenge with excellent teaching and learning experiences at its heart. Our curriculum is based on Values, the Rights of the Child and Character based education. We plan a range of experiences utilising ...

- Expressive Arts
- Language, Literacy & Communication
- Maths & Numeracy
- Science & Technology
- Health & Wellbeing
- Humanities

Four Purposes
 What Matters Statements
 Cross Curricular Skills
 Cross Cutting Themes
 Descriptions of Learning

We plan using the Cross Cutting Themes. We foster an inquiry approach to learning, asking 'Why?' questions and using a cycle that involves 'tuning in', 'finding out', 'sorting out', 'going further' and 'reflecting and acting'. We plan 'Mini inquiries', have 'AOLE' weeks, 'Theme / Celebration' days and 'Off Road' days.

Culture of Learning

We build a culture and love of learning by:

- Building Relationships for Learning** - A culture of sincere and inclusive relationships
- An Environment for Learning** - A place where learning and learners thrive both indoors and outdoors and innovation, collaboration and responsible risk taking takes place
- The Language of Learning** - A dialogue for thinking and learning - valuing our Depth of Learning model and our Learning to Learn qualities
- Mastery Learning** - Opportunities to engage with, and learn from, more experienced learners; the use of our PPS teacher and pupil learning styles and strategies
- Expectations for Learning** - Culture of high expectations and challenge for all
- Opportunities for Learning** - An entitlement to a rich, authentic curriculum offer that is exciting, stimulating. A blend of in school learning, enhanced through trips, visits, experts, use of 21st Century technology and wider experiences
- Routines for Learning** - A framework for learning and teaching
- Time for Learning** - Time for exploring, investigating and thinking
- Community of Learning** - involving parents, carers and wider experts in curriculum design, learning and school life
- Inclusive Learning** - responsive to individual learners' needs, talents, diverse backgrounds and interests

Assessment & Progression

We plan for progression through the use of progression steps across all AOLES, using principles of progression and with reference to the mandatory code. Increasing effectiveness as a learner

Progression is aided by Descriptions of Learning which provide information on how children should progress within the What Matters statements for each AOLE. These are expectations across a period of time and broadly relate to age 5, 8, 11, 14 & 16

- Progression Step 1: Nursery, Reception, Year 1
- Progression Step 2: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
- Progression Step 3: Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

- Increasing effectiveness as a learner
- Increasing breadth and depth of knowledge
- Deepening understanding of the ideas and disciplines within areas of learning and experience
- Refinement and growing sophistication in the use and application of skills
- Making connections and transferring learning into new contexts

Teachers and learners are involved in ongoing assessments of learning and assessment in and for learning using a wide range of assessment tools and strategies



Bassaleg Cluster Curriculum Summary v2

Across the Bassaleg Cluster we are committed to our cluster vision:

- Ensuring learner wellbeing is central to what we do
- Preparing learners for an ever-changing world
- Building learner resilience
- The rights and values of all
- Developing a learner offer which maximises achievement for all
- Developing professional learning and collaboration in and between schools

As part of our commitment to a 3-16 continuum of learning we:

- Use our Curriculum Progression Matrices for planning
- Focus on the importance of feedback for our learners
- Use a cluster baseline assessment for children in Nursery and Reception
- Use ongoing assessment to support learner progression, including learners who enter school throughout the year
- Use a cluster format for our Annual Learner Review in primary schools
- Provide time for staff to discuss learning and develop a collective understanding of progression

Ensuring coherence and equity for our learners

Why not come along to one of our Curriculum workshops for parents?
See Dates in the Diary Section !!

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

You haven't got long until Christmas...
Your orders and artwork must be in soon

Order:

- * Cards
- * Mugs
- * Spiral Books
- ★ Gift Labels
- * Wrapping Paper

ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:
Friday 4th October

CAULIFLOWER CARDS
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Teachers will be sending home Christmas card designs this week, if not already done so.

If you would like to purchase the cards or other items such as mugs, spiral books, gift labels and wrapping paper, then please visit the Cauliflower cards website by clicking [here](#)

Once you have placed your order please return the artwork and order form to school.

These need to be returned to school no later than **Friday 4th October**.

Any artwork and order forms returned after this date may not be collected and orders may have to be cancelled.

PTA Information

Help needed

Parents and Carers,

We are struggling with volunteers to form a committee this year and as a result will not be able to continue with the PTA at Pentrepoeth.

The roles that we need filled to continue are Chair and Treasurer. This can be done as co-roles if a few people are happy to share them.

We do have a few parents happy to stay on committee and support new members where they can I will stay as an officer only this year as I leave Pentrepoeth in the summer and am keen to still be here (having done all roles at some point to support people).

We really need new members to keep it going.

Our AGM is this evening at 7pm at the school. Please get in touch if your interested in a role and can attend in person or virtually via Teams.

Yours Sincerely,

Becki Cann

Soon to be
Outgoing Treasurer

Pentrepoethpta@gmail.com

What time/commitment is there?

Chair - 1 hour per year - updating PTA details and compiling end of year report

30 minutes per event you run working out logistics with school staff (events may be delegated to volunteers who want to head them up this will the delegate to them)

Treasurer - 1 hour per year updating Charity commission on yearly totals and Treasurer report for AGM

30 mins per event you organise (most are now done on ParenPay so low workload, just paying expenses via online banking and working out profit.

Any that are with cash 1-2 hours counting then banking cash

1 hour a year paying licenses/invoices

Secretary - No yearly report

Adhoc response to correspondance.

2-4 times a year 10 mins-ordering raffle tickets, returning licensing reports to council

Officers - This will vary depending on how many you have. Ideally people volunteer to take an area to support so it doesn't fall onto any 1 person . For example (make your own up that year that suit) :

Social Media - low maintenance- 10 mins of work per event

Newsletter Creator - 20 mins per newsletter (1-2 per half term)

Events co- ordination - Setting up volunteer groups per event and linking back in with committee with questions/answers

Purchaser - 30 mins per event that need stock

Uniform Officer - if want to run Uniform shop - advice 1-2 hours per term total

These are all flexible and you make it work for this years committee.

A lot is done virtually now through phones/Whatsapp groups and the need to be there in person isn't so needed but if that's what people want they absolutely can.

The biggest mis-conception is the committee have to organise all the events and this may have happened in the past but we have a growing number of regular volunteers who know that if we want these events for our kids it takes a whole school community

PTA Information

How we did last year!

| PENTREPOETH PTA 2023/2024 | |
|--|---|
| £1657.34 | OCT DISCO MARCH DISCO |
| EASYFUNDRAISING £18.62 |  |
| EASTER RAFFLE PUMPKIN RAFFLE RAINBOW RAFFLE SUMMER RAFFLE | £1620.05  |
| NON - UNIFORM EXCESS STOCK SALE | £303  |
|  £2487.13 | FESTIVE FRIDAY SUMMER FETE  |
| PENNY WARS £500.05 | ELFRIDGES £902.90  |
| TOTAL £7489.09 | |
| WHAT HAVE WE FUNDED THIS YEAR? | |
| 10 X LEGO SPIKE KITS | SOUND SYSTEM |
| DISCO LIGHTS | Y7 SURVIVAL KITS |
| Y6 HOODIES | INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EXPERIENCE |
| Y6 SILENT DISCO | NETBALL POST |
| Y6 LEAVERS PARTY FOOD | ICE LOLLIES |
| BUBBLE WANDS | GOODY BAGS |

Years 3 to 6

Extra Curricular Clubs

After school clubs will run

From – Week Commencing – 16.09.24

To – Week Commencing – 09.12.24

There will be no clubs running on the last week of term – Week Commencing – 16.12.24

Clubs for this term are arranged as follows

| Day | Club | Year Groups | Time | Teacher |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Monday | Chess Club | 3 & 4 | 3:30pm to 4:30pm | Mr Nocivelli |
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| Tuesday | Rugby | 5 & 6 | 3:30pm to 4:30pm | Mr Merriman |
| Tuesday | Football | 3 & 4 | 3:30pm to 4:30pm | Mr Taylor |
| | | | | |
| Thursday | Football | 5 & 6 | 3:30pm to 4:30pm | Mr Woodham & Mr Hall |
| Thursday | Netball | 5 & 6 | 3:30pm to 4:30pm | Mrs Ahern |

Pupils in Year 3 will need to be collected from club

Years 4, 5 and 6 will need to complete the walking home questions when booking on Parentpay

Pupils attending football club will need to wear football boots and shin pads

Clubs will be available to book on Parentpay by the end of the week

Extra Curricular Clubs

Reception, Years 1 and 2

First half term

After school clubs will be split into a half term for each class.

Dates – W/C 16/09/24, W/C 23/09/24, W/C 30/09/24, W/C 07/10/24 W/C 14/10/24 W/C 21/10/24

| Day | Club | Class | Time | Teacher |
|----------|-------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday | Fun & Fitness | RJB | 3:15pm to 4:00pm | Mr Brewer |
| | | | | |
| Tuesday | Arts & Craft Club | 1AD | 3:15pm to 4:00pm | Mrs Drummond/Mrs Clissold |
| | | | | |
| Thursday | Sketch Club | 2GB | 3:15pm to 4:00pm | Miss Blair |
| | | | | |

Pupils can be collected from the main office doors for these clubs at 4.00pm

Clubs will be available to book on Parentpay by the end of the week

Extra Curricular Clubs

Reception, Years 1 and 2

Second half term

After school clubs will be split into a half term for each class.

Dates – W/C 04/11/24, W/C 11/11/24, W/C 18/11/24, W/C 25/11/24 W/C 02/12/24 W/C 09/12/24

| Day | Club | Class | Time | Teacher |
|----------|-------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday | Fun & Fitness | RFC/SH | 3:15pm to 4:00pm | Mr Brewer |
| | | | | |
| Tuesday | Arts & Craft Club | 1CC/JR | 3:15pm to 4:00pm | Mrs Drummond/Mrs Clissold |
| | | | | |
| Thursday | Sketch Club | 2JB | 3:15pm to 4:00pm | Miss Blair |
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Dates For Your Diary

Term Dates

School year 2024-2025

| Term | Start | Half Term starts | Half Term ends | Term ends |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Autumn | Mon 2 September 2024 | Mon 28 October 2024 | Fri 1 November 2024 | Fri 20 December 2024 |
| Spring | Mon 6 January 2025 | Mon 24 February 2025 | Fri 28 February 2025 | Fri 11 April 2025 |
| Summer | Mon 28 April 2025 | Mon 26 May 2025 | Fri 30 May 2025 | Mon 21 July 2025 |

May Day - Monday 5 May 2025

School year 2025-2026

| Term | Start | Half Term starts | Half Term ends | Term ends |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Autumn | Mon 1 September 2025 | Mon 27 October 2025 | Fri 31 October 2025 | Fri 19 December 2025 |
| Spring | Mon 5 January 2026 | Mon 16 February 2026 | Fri 20 February 2026 | Fri 27 March 2026 |
| Summer | Mon 13 April 2026 | Mon 25 May 2026 | Fri 29 May 2026 | Mon 20 July 2026 |

May Day - Monday 4 May 2026

INSET Days – School is closed for children:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 20th December 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Thursday 20th February 2025
- Friday 21st February 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025



Dates For Your Diary

Term Dates

| Date | Time | Event/Activity |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| September | | |
| Monday 2 nd September | All Day | INSET Day 1 |
| | | |
| Tuesday 10 th September | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
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| Tuesday 17 th September | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| | | |
| Thursday 19 th September | 1.00pm – 2.00pm | Hearing Screening – Absences from June 24 |
| | | |
| Friday 20 th September | All Day | Harvest – Children to bring in food for a local food bank |
| | | |
| Tuesday 24 th September | 4.30pm – 5.15pm | Year 6 Parent Meeting – Gilwern Residential |
| | | |
| Tuesday 24 th September | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
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| Friday 27 th September | End of the day | Cauliflower Christmas Card designs and order forms sent home with children |

**More dates
to
follow!**

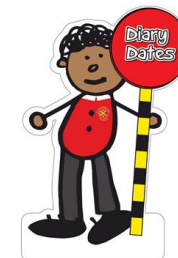


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Term Dates

| Date | Time | Event/Activity |
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| October | | |
| Tuesday 1 st October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Wednesday 2 nd October | 9.15am – 10.30am | Year 6 Values Assembly & PACT - Peace |
| Thursday 3 rd October | All Day | National Poetry Day |
| | 9.00am – 10.00am | Parent Workshop – Additional Learning Needs |
| Friday 4 th October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Parent Forum |
| | All Day | Cauliflower Christmas Card designs and order forms sent back in to school |
| Tuesday 8 th October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Wednesday 9 th October to Friday 11 th October | 3 Days | Year 6 Gilwern Residential |
| Tuesday 15 th October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Wednesday 16 th October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Parent Workshop - Helping Your Child Make Progress in Nursery |
| | 5.00pm – 6.00pm | Parent workshop - Helping Your Child in Reception |
| Thursday 17 th October | All Day | Year 5 Trip – Harry Potter Studios |
| Friday 18 th October | All Day | Show Racism the Red Card Day |
| Monday 21 st October | All Day | Colorfoto – Pupils and Sibling Photos in school |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | 9.15am – 10.30am | Year 5 Values Assembly & PACT – Equality |
| Thursday 24 th October | 9.00am – 10.00am | Parent Workshop – Our Curriculum |
| Friday 25 th October | All Day | ECO Green Day |
| Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November | 1 Week | October Half Term |

**More dates
to
follow!**



Dates For Your Diary

Term Dates

| Date | Time | Event/Activity |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| November | | |
| Tuesday 5 th November | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Tuesday 12 th November | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Tuesday 12 th November | 3.40pm – 6.30pm | Parent Consultations – Night 1 |
| Wednesday 13 th November | 3.40pm – 6.30pm | Parent Consultations – Night 2 |
| Friday 15 th November | All Day | Children in Need |
| Tuesday 19 th November | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Tuesday 26 th November | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |

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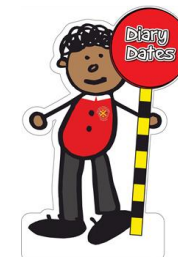


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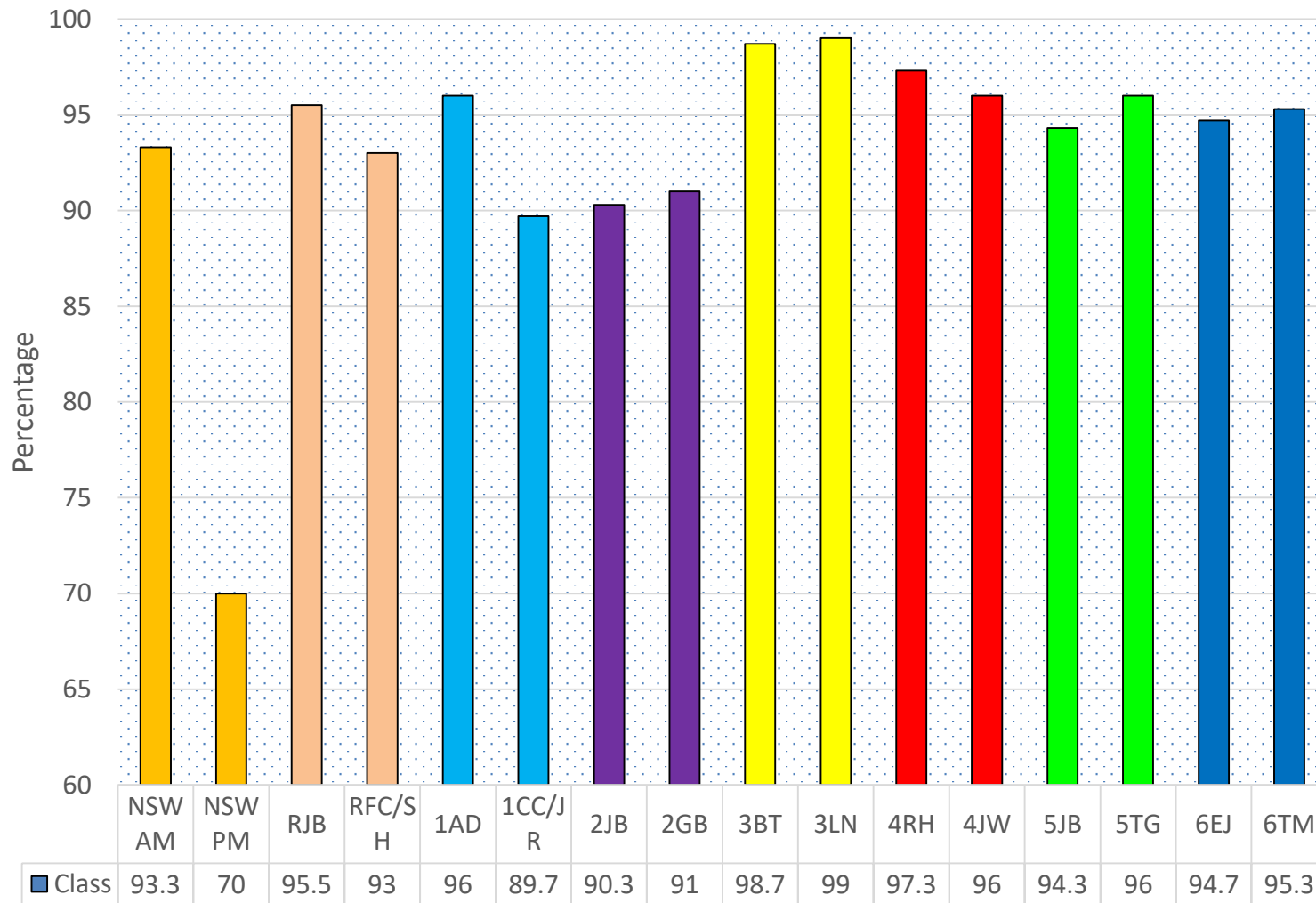
| Date | Time | Event/Activity |
|--|-------------------|--|
| December | | |
| Tuesday 3 rd December | 9.00am – 10.00am | Reception – Numeracy Parent Session |
| Wednesday 4 th December | All Day | Christingle making for – Nursery to Year 2 |
| Monday 9 th December | 9.15am – 9.45am | Nursery am – Christmas Concert |
| | 1.00pm – 1.30pm | Nursery pm – Christmas Concert |
| | 2.00pm – 3.30pm | Year 5/6 Christmas Concert |
| Tuesday 10 th December | 9.30am – 11.00am | Year 5/6 Christmas Concert |
| | 2.00pm – 3.30pm | Year 3/4 Christmas Concert |
| Wednesday 11 th December | 9.30am – 11.00am | Year 3/4 Christmas Concert |
| | 2.00pm – 3.30pm | Year 1/2 Christmas Concert |
| Thursday 12 th December | 9.30am – 11.00am | Year 1/2 Christmas Concert |
| | 2.00pm – 3.30pm | Reception Christmas Concert |
| Friday 15 th December | 9.30am – 11.00am | Reception Christmas Concert |
| Monday 16 th December | 2.00pm – 3.00pm | Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Parties |
| Tuesday 17 th December | 10.00am – 11.00am | Breakfast and Story with Santa – Nursery to Year 2 |
| | 2.00pm – 3.20pm | Year 3 to Year 6 Christmas Parties |
| Wednesday 18 th December | 12.00pm – 1.30pm | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Friday 20 th December | All Day | INSET Day 2 |
| Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January | 2 Weeks | Christmas holidays |

More dates to follow!



Attendance

Last Week...



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- 100%** (Smiley face icon)
 - not missing any lessons during term time. Present for all lessons activities and social time
- 95%** (Neutral face icon)
 - missing in excess of two weeks of education. Absent from the classroom for up to three weeks and the loss of a significant amount of education
- Under 92%** (Sad face icon)
 - missing more than 3 weeks of education. A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on your child's achievement and life chances



Well done to Mr Nocivelli's class last week.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS:



Don't let your child circulate flu, Covid and Strep A in school

Children with a fever should stay at home until they feel better.

A fever is a high temperature.

Flu vaccination is still available for all children from aged 2 up to and including school year 11. This is the best protection against the virus.