

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday 24th March 2025

Newsletter



‘creating a **C**aring, **R**espectful,
Open **E**nvironment
where **S**uccess and
Oppportunity flourish’

This Week's Information

Dear Parent and Carer,

Please see information for the week commencing Monday 26th March 2025

Red Nose Day – Thank you for all of your generous donations. We raised a fantastic £427 for Comic Relief.

Year 3 Values Assembly and PACT – Year 3 will be performing their assembly on Hope on **Wednesday 26th March** at 9.15am in the hall. This will be followed by a short craft activity. Parents are welcome to attend.

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day – Will be taking place on **Friday 28th March** Pupils can wear green to school on this day. There will be activities taking place throughout the day in classes to raise awareness of this condition.

Parking – Please can I remind parents/carers to be mindful when parking around school. Please do not park on pavements or block driveways. It would also be much appreciated if engines could be turned off when waiting in cars to reduce fumes around our local area.

Year 6 Easter Raffle – Year 6 will be selling tickets across the school during the last two weeks of this term to raise money for their Leavers' activities. There will be a range of Easter prizes to win. Tickets will be £1 per ticket

Year 3 Trip – Year 3 will be visiting Bristol Aquarium on **Tuesday 1st April**. Please ensure permissions and payments for this trip are made on Parent Pay

ALN Coffee Morning – Time to talk. Please join us for coffee and cake in the foyer at 9am on **Wednesday 2nd April**. Miss Hall will be there to answer any questions.

Year 2 Values Assembly and PACT – Year 2 will be performing their assembly on Positivity on **Wednesday 9th April** at 9.15am in the hall. This will be followed by a short craft activity. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parents Consultations – The postponed parents consultations for Mr Nocivelli and Mrs Gooding will be rearranged and sent to parents. Once we have a confirmed date for these we will let parents know via text message.

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor

Headteacher

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



PTA Information



March 2025

PTA NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS

**THANK
YOU**



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR POP UP SHOP LAST WEEK
WE RAISED £54 WHICH IS FANTASTIC

We raised a massive £595.67
via Asda's cash pot
for schools.

Thank you to everyone who
shopped
in Asda's and supported
this event.



PTA NEWSLETTER

Future events

Dates for your diary:

School Tea Towels: March 2025

Easter egg hunt: 10 April 2025

Summer Disco: Wednesday 21 May 2025

Summer Fete: TBC



Welcome to Pentrepoeth
Primary school pre-loved
uniform shop

Weekly collections

Reservations/purchases to be made via this page or contact me directly.

Payments to be made via parent pay

Logo items £2 Non logo items £1.00

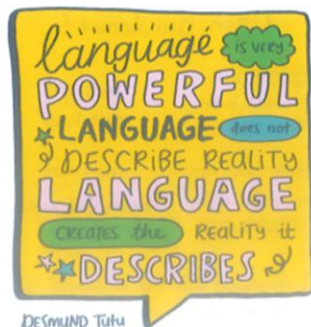
Donations can be made via class teachers or donations box outside reception



If you are interested in helping plan, prep or support PTA events in any way - please send
us an email to pentrepoethpta@gmail.com and we will add you to our PTA helpers
WhatsApp group

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What is DOWN SYNDROME?

Down Syndrome is a CHROMOSOMAL CONDITION that occurs when the egg and sperm meet. Each cell contains 23 pairs of chromosomes, in Down Syndrome, chromosome number 21 sticks on the very first divide at the very, very beginning, it then divides in threes. It is not a disease or an illness, it is a condition or syndrome.

Why DOWN SYNDROME?

Down Syndrome was first described by an English physician JOHN LANGDON DOWN in 1862. Hence the name Down Syndrome or Down's Syndrome. Medically the syndrome is also called TRISOMY 21 (3 copies of chromosome 21).

~~"THEY~~
are all"

~~"WE~~
are all"

All people with Down Syndrome are INDIVIDUALS, not a 'they' or an 'other'. As humans, with or without Down Syndrome, we are all UNIQUE. It's about the human, the person, the individual.

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~~"a DOWN~~
SYNDROME
baby"

~~"a BABY~~
with Down
Syndrome"

Rather than defining people by their disability, people-first language conveys RESPECT by emphasising the fact that people with disabilities are first and foremost that - PEOPLE.



Down Syndrome?

~~"BUT~~ he's
got nice hair
~~THOUGH~~

he's got
nice hair"

~~"BUT~~ she's got
beautiful eyes
~~THOUGH~~

she's got
beautiful eyes"

A compliment with 'but' or 'though' is not a compliment.

~~"SUFFERS~~
from Down
Syndrome"

"HAS Down
Syndrome"

Down Syndrome is NOT AN ILLNESS or an injury that someone suffers from. It is a SYNDROME that approximately 1 in 1000 of us are born with.

~~"a DOWNS~~
baby"

"a baby
with DOWN
SYNDROME"

~~"a DOWNSIE~~

"a baby
with DOWN'S
SYNDROME"

~~"a baby~~
with DOWNS"

Down Syndrome is a medical condition named after the physician who first defined it, John Langdon Down.

"with a
TYPICAL baby..."

When referring to the majority, it is more appropriate to use the word TYPICAL than the word NORMAL. Differentiating a child who is typical with a child who has Down Syndrome by using the word 'normal' can cause offence.

~~"Breaking~~
BAD
news"

"Sharing
UNEXPECTED
news"

When unexpected news is shared, the choice of language will influence how a person hears, understands and processes it. The first moment Down Syndrome is mentioned will often stay with a parent for the rest of their lives, so it needs to be non-judgmental, accurate and fairly balanced.

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~~"There is a~~
high RISK
~~your baby has~~
Down Syndrome"

"There is a
high CHANCE
your baby has
Down Syndrome"

"The language used during scans can have a powerful emotional impact on the parents." "It can influence how they respond to the news, and any decisions they make regarding how to move forward." Dr Judith Johnson.

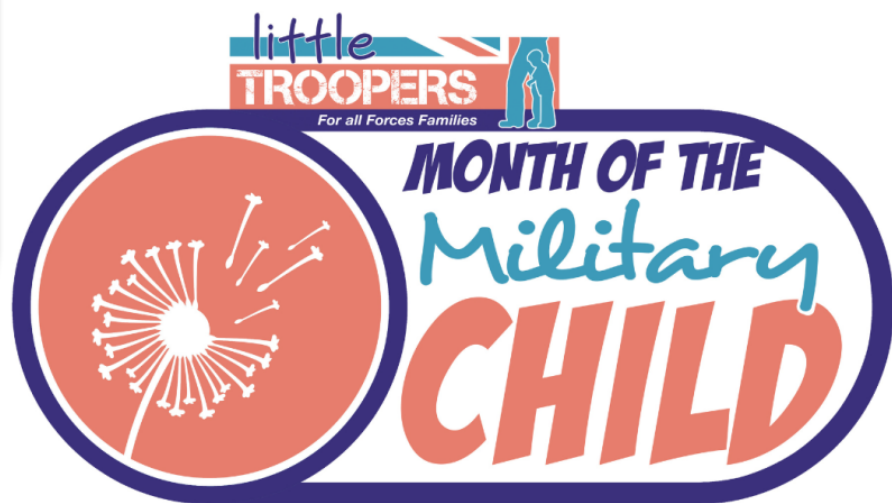


If you don't know much about Down Syndrome, it simply means that a person with Down Syndrome has 3 copies of the 21st chromosome whilst everyone else has 2. Every child is different and that is true of children with Down Syndrome too. Sometimes it may take a little longer to learn new skills like walking and talking, and sometimes children may need a little extra help, but children are incredibly capable, understand everything in the same way as peers and hope to achieve whatever they want in life! Have a look at the very useful graphic above! Thank you for supporting Down Syndrome awareness day!

A month to celebrate all our dandelions

April is the international month of the military child and each year we love taking this time to celebrate all of the little troopers out there!

Did you know the official flower of the military child is the dandelion because it's seeds are blown far and wide by the wind but it will always plant roots and blossom wherever it lands. That's why we've got lots of dandelion themed activities to keep little troopers busy throughout April.



Dandelion Day 4th April

For the first time we are dedicating a day in April to become Dandelion Day.

We would love to encourage you to join us to dedicate this day to celebrating military children.

Wear something yellow such as a pair of socks or a hair scrunchie!



Little Troopers at Home

Little Troopers was founded to empower parents, to enable you no matter where in the world you are based to easily access specific resources and initiatives to help you support your little troopers at home.

Living military life can bring unique challenges; moving home, moving school, periods of separation and deployments. Here in this section you can find lots of hands on advice and ways to get through those challenges.



Years 3 to 6

Extra Curricular Clubs

Second half term

After school clubs will run on the following weeks

W/C 03.03.25 W/C 10.03.25 W/C 17.03.25 W/C 24.03.25 W/C 31.03.25

There are no clubs running on the W/C 07.04.25 (Last week of term)

Day	Club	Year Groups	Time	Teacher
Tuesday	Rugby	5 & 6	3:30pm to 4:30pm	Mr Merriman
Tuesday	Football	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
Friday	Chess	3	3:30pm to 4:30pm	Mr Nocivelli

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 are available to book on Parentpay

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 03.03.25 W/C 10.03.25 W/C 17.03.25 W/C 24.03.25 W/C 31.03.25

There are no clubs running on the W/C 07.04.25 (Last week of term)

Day	Club	Class	Time	Teacher
Monday	Fun & Fitness	RFC/SH	3:15pm to 4:00pm	Mr Brewer
Tuesday	Music & Dance	1CC/JR	3:15pm to 4:00pm	Miss Hall
Thursday	Art & Craft	2JB	3:15pm to 4:00pm	Miss Blair

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

Clubs are available to book on Parentpay

Dates For Your Diary

Date	Time	Event/Activity
March		
Tuesday 4 th March	All Day	Year 4 Trip – Cadbury World
	1 Session per class	Year 2 - Child Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 5 th March	All Day	School Eisteddfod – St David's Day – Children can wear Red or Welsh themed clothing
Thursday 6 th March	All Day	World Book Day – Children can bring their favourite book to school.
Tuesday 11 th March	1 Session per class	Year 2 - Child Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 12 th March	9.00am – 2.30pm	Year 6 Trip – We the curious Bristol
Tuesday 18 th March	1 Session per class	Year 2 - Child Pedestrian Training
	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations – Night 1
Wednesday 19 th March	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations – Night 2
Friday 21 st March	All Day	Red Nose Day – Wear something that makes you happy
	9.30am – 2.30pm	Year 5 Trip – Blackwood Cinema
Tuesday 25 th March	1 Session per class	Year 2 - Child Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 26 th March	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 3 Values Assembly and PACT – Hope – Parents welcome to attend
Friday 28 th March	All Day	Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day – More details to follow
April		
Wednesday 2 nd April	9.00am – 10.00am	ALN Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9 th April	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 2 Values Assembly and PACT – Positivity – Parents welcome to attend
Thursday 10 th April	All Day	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 14 th April to Friday 25 th April	2 Weeks	Easter Holidays



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

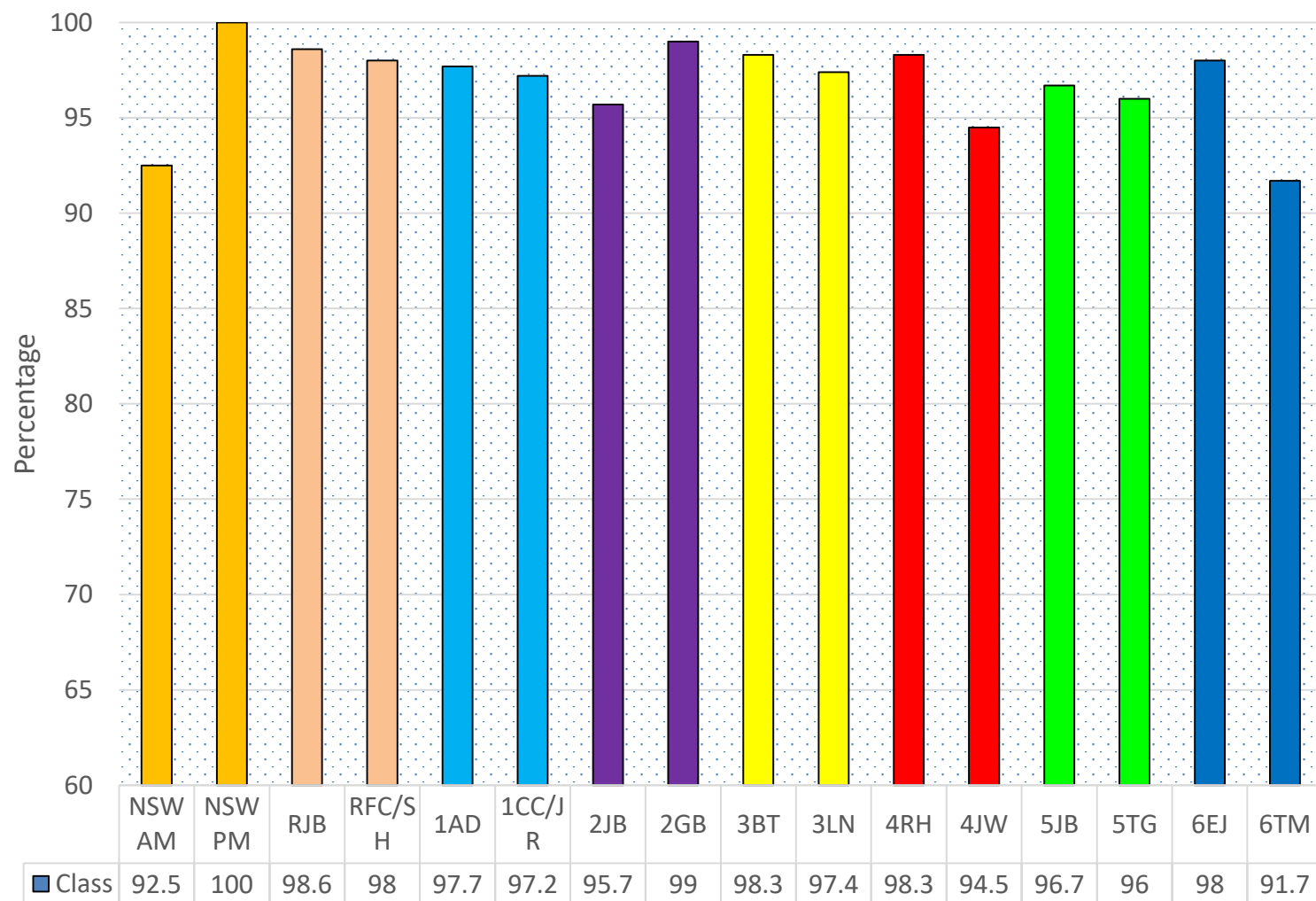
INSET Days – School is closed for children:

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



Attendance

Last Week...



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%

• not missing any lessons during term time.
Present for all lessons activities and social time



95%

• 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%

• 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

"Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning from the time a child starts school".



Well done to Afternoon Nursery last week with 100% attendance!

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.



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