

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday 10th November 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,

Attendance – Please find on the next page of the newsletter a joint letter from Bassaleg Cluster School Headteachers regarding attendance and taking holidays in term time.

Anti-Bullying Week – Please find information further on in this newsletter regarding anti-bullying week.

Parent Consultations – Will be taking place tomorrow on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of November. Please let us know if you would like to make an appointment and haven't done so yet.

Poppy Appeal – We are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. We will be selling a range of items such as snap bands, bracelets, plastic poppies and paper poppies. Donations range from 50p for paper poppies and £1 for snap bands and bracelets. These will be sold all week. Any further donations to the Poppy Appeal can be made [here](#)

Governors Annual Report to Parents – Our annual Governors report to parents for last academic year 2024/25 can be found by clicking [here](#)

Children in Need – Will be held on Friday 14th November. The theme this year is 'Challenge Yourself.' Each class will be completing a range of challenges throughout the day. Pupils can also wear something spotty to school on this day and we challenge all pupils to have wacky hair. A link will be sent out to all parents/carers to give online donations. We will not be taking any cash donations for this.

Blackwood Cinema Trip – We will be taking our pupils to watch a film (Zootopia 2) at Blackwood Cinema at the end of this month. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting on Friday 28th November and Years 3 to 6 will be visiting on Monday 1st December. This has again been offered to the school for completely free by one of our extremely generous family members. The cost for the trip will be £5.50 per child. This is to cover the cost of the bus. Payments for this trip will be available on Parent Pay within the next week.

Christmas Concert Tickets – Will be available to purchase on Parent Pay by the end of this week. Information on tickets can be found further on in this newsletter.

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

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No one is the same, but everyone is equal.



November 2025



Annwyl Parent/Carer,

We wish to remind you that all the schools in the Bassaleg cluster: the six partner primary schools and Bassaleg secondary school hold a united stance and commitment towards achieving consistent, high attendance for all learners in our schools.

We believe that your child deserves the best opportunities to thrive whilst on their educational journey and we are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes and life chances for them.

However, we are concerned that the increasing numbers of holiday days that are being requested **and** taken in term time in all schools across the cluster are becoming significant barriers in enabling all of our children and young people to realise their potential.

We would also like to remind families that learners should not be collected early from school on a regular basis. This practice disrupts learning and can impact your child's education and wellbeing. All schools within our cluster are aligned in this approach: regular early collection is not supported unless there are exceptional circumstances. We understand that occasional early pickups may be necessary due to medical appointments or emergencies, but these should be kept to a minimum and communicated in advance.

We wish to raise awareness of the need for a robust commitment to high attendance and we would ask you all to work hard with us in striving for the highest possible attendance record. There is a clear link between wellbeing, attendance and achievement in school and we would kindly encourage you to support your child by working in partnership with your school.

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V Lambe, Headteacher Bassaleg School

N J Pegington

N Pegington, Headteacher High Cross Primary

C Place, Headteacher Jubilee Park Primary

V Evans, Headteacher Marshfield Primary

F Rutledge, Headteacher Mount Pleasant Primary

Dean Taylor

D Taylor, Headteacher Pentrepoeth Primary

S Rayer, Headteacher, Rogerstone Primary

Mairi Dunn

M Dunn, Head of School Rogerstone Primary

Cluster Attendance Policy

Holiday requests

The Bassaleg Cluster takes a consistent and standard response and does not authorise any holiday in term-time; indeed, FPNs may be/are issued if a highly significant number of days are taken for holiday. **In accordance with Newport local authority guidance, absence due to family holidays will not be considered or authorised.**

Anti - Bullying Week



This week is anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'Power for Good' and in our lessons and assemblies this week we will be raising the profile of the topic and reminding children of the things they can do if they ever experience bullying.

Our school and cluster approved anti bullying policy is available by clicking [here](#). Our school code and behaviour scheme is available [here](#).

The aim of this short leaflet is for you to share with your child in an age appropriate way so that you can reinforce the anti bullying message at home. It is important that children feel safe and happy in school. No school can ever promise that bullying will not occur. We will, however, continue to have zero tolerance of bullying behaviour and will utilise our behaviour policy robustly and to the full where bullying occurs.

We are fortunate that we have very low levels of bullying behaviour but we are not complacent. We will continue to work in partnership with you and our pupil voice groups to discuss these important issues.

Our mission statement is to create a caring, respectful and open environment where success and opportunity flourish and we will continually strive to promote this through our Values, Rights and Character Based Education approach.

Please chat through this leaflet with your child and talk through our Anti Bullying charter. Bullying is not acceptable for any reason and will not be tolerated. There will be no outsiders in our school.

If you ever have any concerns or you think your child is being bullied you must speak to us at school.

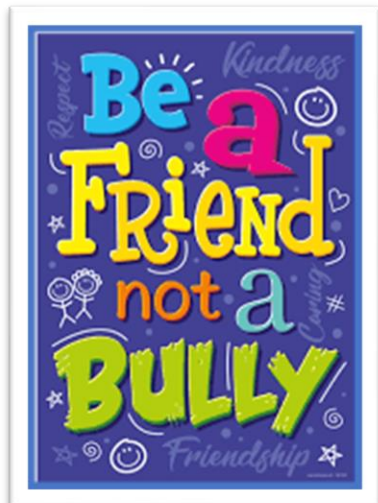
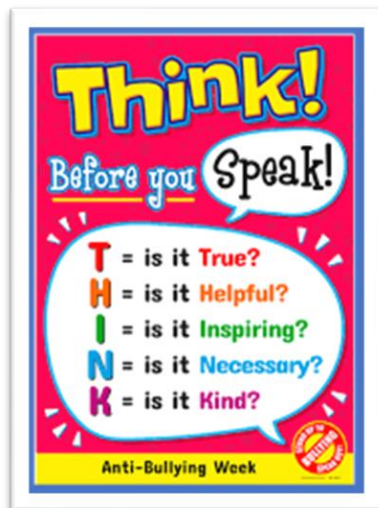
Further information on anti-bullying week can be found [here](#)



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Pentrepoeth Primary School Anti Bullying Charter



1. We will not tolerate bullying
2. Bullying will be dealt with seriously
3. When we report bullying, staff will listen to us
4. We have the right to travel to and from school without being bullied
5. We will not put others down
6. We will not judge others by appearance alone
7. We will accept others regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or whatever language we use
8. We are a TELLING school – bullying is too important not to report



What's it all about?



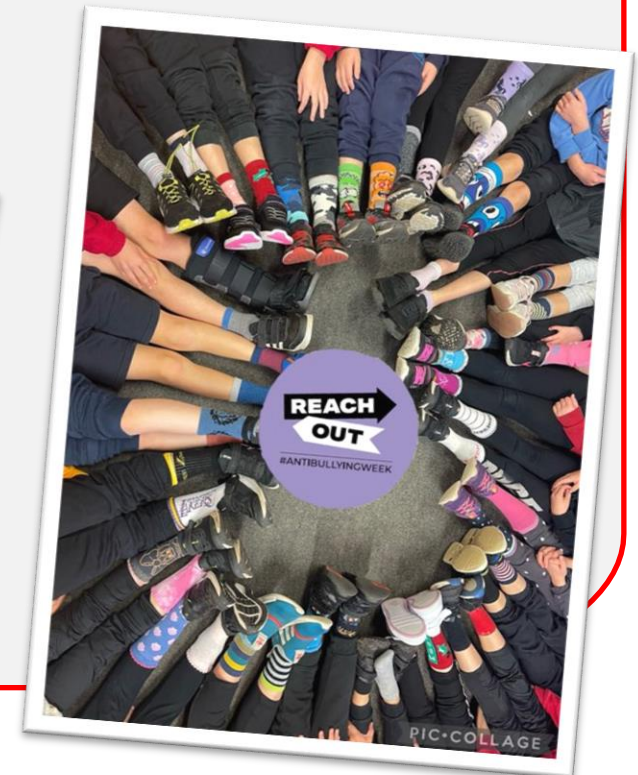
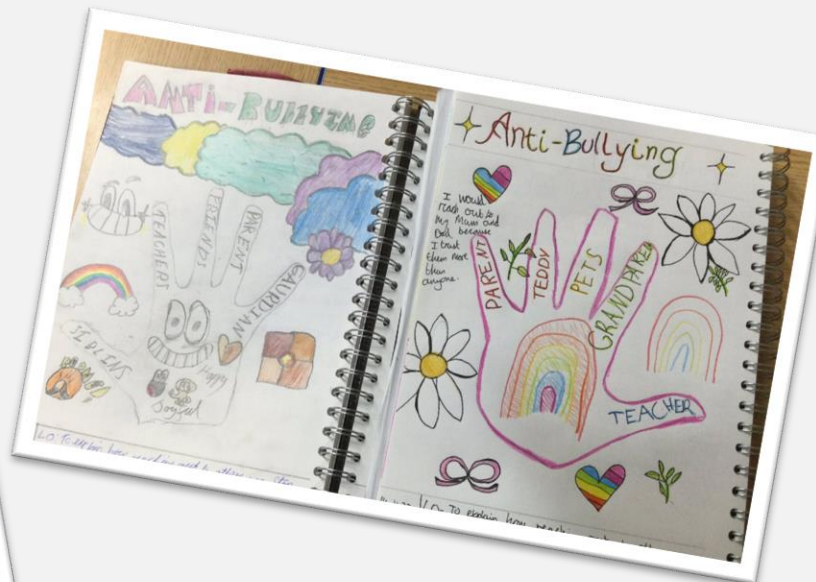
Bullying

It's your right to be protected from bullying and bad behaviour.

Everyone should be treated fairly and no one should be treated differently because of the way they are or what they believe. It's against the law to do this (discrimination).

If you see others being bullied you should try to stop it by speaking out or telling someone.

You should respect others (including teachers and other staff) – remember we are all different.



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What does bullying look like?

Bullying is:

behaviour that is **meant to hurt, frighten or upset** someone. If this behaviour **keeps happening** it could be seen as bullying.

Bullying is not:

- ⇒ **teasing** between you and your friends that goes wrong but **only happens once**
- ⇒ if you **fall out or argue** with your friend
- ⇒ a **fight that only happens once**
- ⇒ a **problem with a friendship** where one person doesn't want to be friends anymore.

Bullying can be:



- ⇒ **physical** – kicking, tripping up and shoving, spitting, hitting, punching, threats and damaging someone's things on purpose
- ⇒ **verbal** – name-calling, being teased, saying nasty/unkind things about how someone looks or acts
- ⇒ **indirect** – spreading rumours or talking about someone behind their backs
- ⇒ **online** – saying nasty things or sharing nasty pictures by mobile phone or on the internet
- ⇒ **written** – unkind notes, texts, messages, letters or graffiti.

These are just some examples. If you are worried, tell someone. They can help you understand if it is bad behaviour or bullying.

Bullying or bad behaviour?

In your school bad behaviour is when someone acts in a way that hurts or upsets others. If someone **keeps doing this bad behaviour on purpose** it could be bullying.

What can you do?

Things you **can do** if you are being bullied.

You can...ask them to STOP.

You can...tell them to go away.

You can...walk away and find different friends to play with.

You can...tell someone. Find an adult to tell or talk to a friend who can go and speak to an adult for you.

Things you **should not do** if you are being bullied.

Don't...think it is your fault.

Don't...do what they say.

Don't...get angry.

Don't...hit them.

Don't...behave badly back.

What to do if you see someone else being bullied



- ⇒ **Tell someone** or the bullying will keep happening – don't stay silent.
- ⇒ If it is safe to do so, **tell the bully to stop.**
- ⇒ **Don't ignore** the bullying.
- ⇒ **Don't join in.**
- ⇒ **Don't encourage the bully** – including liking or sharing things online.

What to tell an adult or friend if you are being bullied

- ⇒ **What** happened.
- ⇒ **Where** it happened.
- ⇒ **How** many times it happened.
- ⇒ **Who** saw it happen.
- ⇒ **Who** was involved.
- ⇒ **How** it made you feel.

What Pentrepoeth will do...

Our school will take bullying very seriously and deal with it quickly to show bullying is not allowed.

Our school has a **school behaviour policy** in place – this is the law. A policy is a set of rules which everyone should follow. Our school's positive behaviour and relationships policy explains how our school will deal with bullying.

All the teachers and other staff in our school will work together to:

- ⇒ make our school a place where you can feel safe, happy and ready to learn – that means no bullying allowed - there are NO OUTSIDERS at our school
- ⇒ help everyone, including you, to show respect to one another – NO OUTSIDERS
- ⇒ teach you everyone has the right to be who they are – there are NO OUTSIDERS

If bullying does happen we will listen to your concerns and take action to stop the bullying. This is why it is important for you to tell an adult. If we don't know bullying is happening we can't help stop it.



Support helpline

If you find it hard to talk to someone at school or at home you can contact MEIC at

www.meiccymru.org or call them free on 080880 23456.



You can ask MEIC for advice and support about lots of things, including bullying.

Counselling

If bullying is making you feel really upset, you may be able to have counselling to help you deal with those feelings or a teacher or teaching assistant can help through ELSA.

Christmas Concert Tickets



Christmas concert tickets will be available to buy via ParentPay by Friday 14th November 2025. Tickets are £1.50 each and allocations are as follows:

Nursery - 2 tickets maximum

A maximum of 2 tickets can be purchased per child.

Reception – 4 tickets maximum

Parents will be able to purchase 4 tickets initially. As there are two performances you can purchase your 4 allocated tickets across the two performances as you wish (e.g. 2 tickets for the first performance and 2 tickets for the second performance **OR** 4 tickets for one performance).

Years 1&2 , Years 3&4, Years 5&6 – 2 tickets maximum

Parents will be able to purchase 2 tickets initially. As there are two performances you can purchase your 2 allocated tickets across the two performances as you wish (e.g. 1 ticket for the first performance and 1 ticket for the second performance **OR** 2 tickets for one performance).

***Important -** Please do not purchase over the allocated number of tickets, these are set in line with our health and safety policy. If the maximum amount of tickets are exceeded your tickets will be cancelled *

Please purchase tickets by Friday 21st November via ParentPay. Tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis, we would encourage you to book tickets as soon as possible if you have a preference on which performance you attend. Any remaining tickets after the booking deadline will be made available on ParentPay the following week, we will inform parents via text message if and when these are available to purchase.



Christmas Concerts 2025



Date	Time	Event/Activity
Monday 8 th December	9.15am – 9.45am	Nursery am Christmas Concert
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Nursery pm Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Reception Christmas Concert
Tuesday 9 th December	9.30am – 10.30am	Reception Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.15pm	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 th December	9.30am – 10.30am	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.15pm	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Concert
Thursday 11 th December	9.30am – 10.30am	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.15pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Concert
Friday 12 th December	9.30am – 10.30am	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Concert





LATEST NEWS

NON-UNIFORM DAY
THURSDAY 27th NOV

NON UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION OF AN ITEM TO BE USED IN OUR RAINBOW RAFFLE FUNDRAISER IN DECEMBER.

EACH YEAR HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A COLOUR ALONG WITH SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

NURSERY & RECEPTION - RED OR ORANGE
Wine, Maltesers, Celebrations, Skittles, Bournville, Munchies, candle, Coca Cola, Chocolate Orange, Bucks Fizz, Tangfastics

YEAR 1 & 2 - GREEN OR BLACK
Mint Chocolate, Aero, After Eight, Shower gel, Apple Juice, Bassett, Pepsi max, Linux, Mars bars, Socks, Baileys, Candles

YEAR 3 & 4 - BLUE OR PURPLE
Bombay Sapphire, Oreo, Haribo, Roses, Pretzels, Quality Street, Cadburys, Ribera, Doritos, Bubble bath

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 - WHITE OR YELLOW
White Chocolate, soap, mint, candles, wine, prosecco, Lindt, Flakes, jelly babies, tableware

Other items to consider - scarves, clothes, games, toys, stationary.
Any alcohol must be handed to teachers

**Donations can be brought in during the week commencing
Monday 24 November**

The PTA would like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and staff who helped make the disco happen. Thank you to all the parents and children who attended.



Easy Fundraising

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Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for

Pentrepoeth PTA

with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us.
It won't cost you any extra!

How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them

QR code image

Logos for: Booking.com, ebay, M&S, GROUPON, Argos, TUI, iSwitch, Amazon, Apple, Viking, ASOS, BT, JUST EAT, Boden

Download the easyfundraising App | GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store | Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

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



PTA NEWSLETTER

Future events



Save the date:

If you are able to help out at our festive fun day, please contact us.

We cannot run the event without enough volunteers.



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Future events



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

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 03/11/25, W/C 10/11/25, W/C 17/11/25, W/C 24/11/25 W/C 01/12/25 W/C 08/12/25

There will be no clubs running on the last week of term – Week Commencing – 15.12.25

Day	Club	Class	Time	Teacher
Monday	Fun & Fitness	RAD (Mrs Drummond)	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Mr Brewer & Mrs Drummond
Tuesday	Sketch Club	2JB (Mrs Beard)	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Miss Blair
Tuesday	Dance/Yoga Club	1SWC (Mrs Williams- Chard)	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Mrs Williams-Chard

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

Clubs are available to book on Parent Pay

Years 3 to 6

Extra Curricular Clubs

Second half term

After school clubs will be split into a half term blocks – These clubs will be running

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Day	Club	Year Groups	Time	Teacher
Monday	Choir	Years 3 to 6	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Gwent Music & Mrs Jones
Monday	Gardening	Year 4	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mr Willmore
Tuesday	Rugby	Years 5 & 6	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mr Merriman
Tuesday	Chess	Year 3	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mr Nocivelli
Thursday	Football	Year 5	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mr Woodham
Thursday	Netball	Years 5 & 6	3.30pm – 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 Parent Pay

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

Clubs are available to book on Parent Pay

Admissions

Reception (Primary)

Children can start Reception the September following their 4th birthday.

You can choose Welsh-medium, English-medium or a faith-based education. You do not need to be a Welsh speaker for your child to attend a Welsh-medium setting.

Even if your child has not previously attended a Welsh-medium school or spoken Welsh at home, we welcome enquiries from parents who want to transfer their child to Welsh-medium education.

Pupils can be given extra language support in an immersion setting to transfer. This is usually successful. To find out more visit our [changing to a Welsh-medium school webpage](#).

Further information on our immersion unit can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) .

Contact us

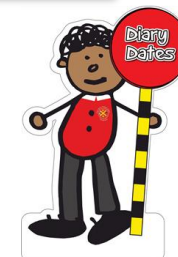
Email: school.admissions@newport.gov.uk

Admission 2026

Eligible children's date of birth - 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

Application	Date
Opening date	13 November 2025
Closing date	15 January 2026 (5pm)

Click [here](#)



Dates For Your Diary

Term Dates

2025-26

Autumn term

Starts: Monday 1 September 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring term

Starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer term

Starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Ends: Monday 20 July 2026

INSET Days – School is closed for children:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Thursday 18th December 2025
- Friday 19th December 2025
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

2026-27

Autumn term

Starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Half term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term

Starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half term: Monday 8 February 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027

Ends: Friday 19 March 2027

Summer term

Starts: Monday 5 April 2027

Half term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2027

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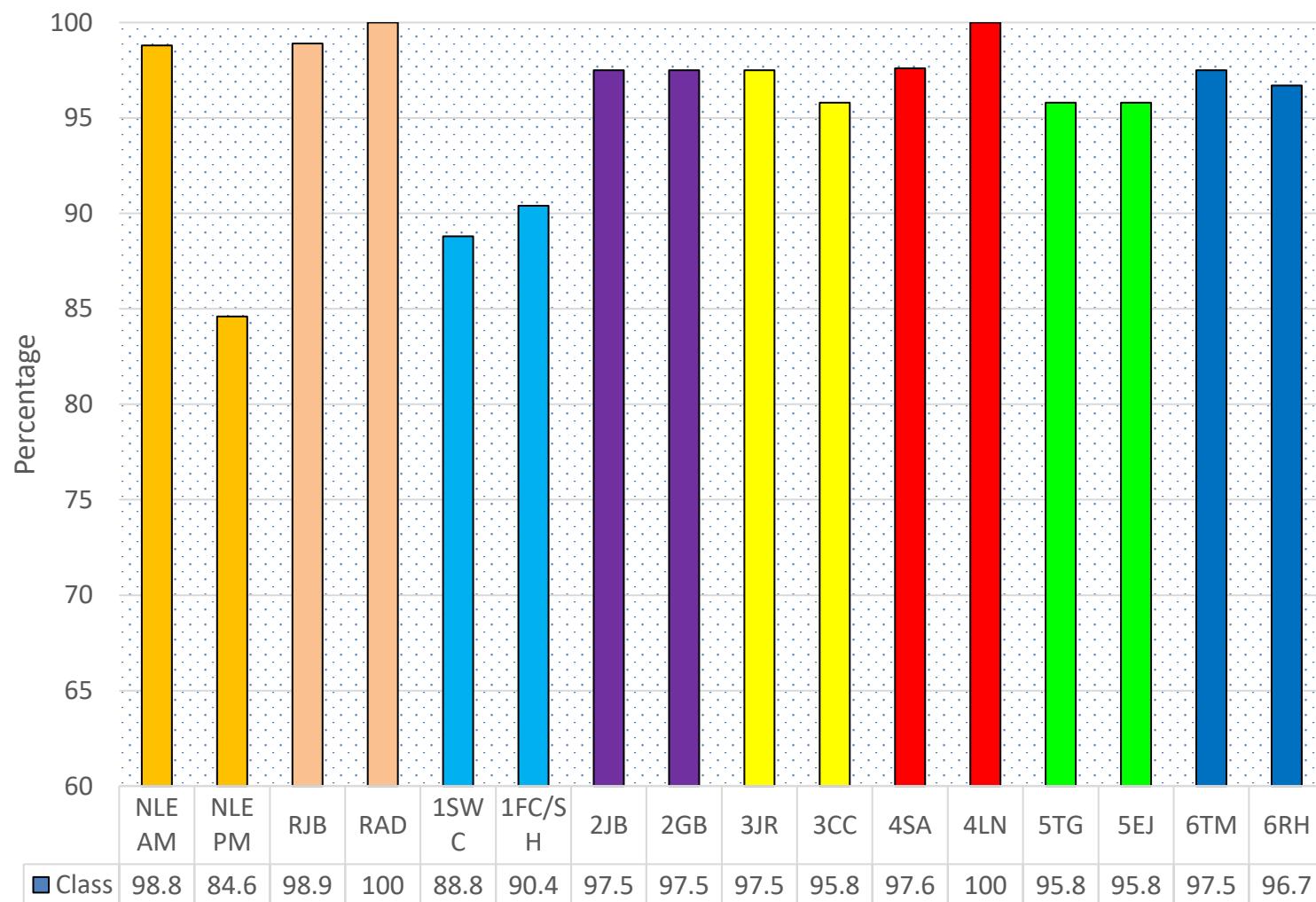
November		
Monday 3 rd November	All Day	INSET Day 2 – School Closed
Friday 7 th November	8.30am – 2.00pm	Year 5&6 Girls Football Tournament
Tuesday 11 th November	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 12 th November	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 14 th November	All Day	Children in Need – Wear something spotty and have 'wacky hair'
Thursday 27 th November	All Day	PTA Non-Uniform Day – For Donations for Rainbow Raffle
Friday 28 th November	9.00am – 12.30pm	Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Blackwood Cinema Trip
December		
Monday 1 st December	9.00am – 12.30pm	Years 3 to 6 – Blackwood Cinema Trip
Tuesday 2 nd December	2.15pm – 3.00pm	iRock pupils' concert – Parents Invited to attend
Friday 5 th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
	All Day	Festive Fun Day
Monday 8 th December	9.15am – 9.45am	Nursery am Christmas Concert
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Monday 15 th December	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Years 3 to 6 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 16 th December	12.00pm – 3.30pm	Year 3 Trip – Pantomime
	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Parties
	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Year 6 Carol Concert @ St Basils Church
Wednesday 17 th December	10.00am – 11.30am	Stories with Santa – Nursery to Year 2
	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th December	All Day	INSET Day 3 – School Closed
Friday 19 th December	All Day	INSET Day 4 – School Closed
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January	2 Weeks	Christmas Holidays – School Closed

More dates
to
follow!



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 Mrs Drummond's and Mr Nocivelli's classes last week. Both with 100% attendance. Amazing effort!

