

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday 15th December 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,

Family members Survey – We are looking for some feedback regarding the wellbeing support we offer pupils at our school. We welcome your thoughts, which will be used by the school to plan future support. Please can you complete the survey by clicking [here](#)

Parking and Traffic Issues– Please find important letter regarding parking and traffic issues particularly at the back of the school on Cwm Cwddy Drive by clicking [here](#)

Christmas Dinner - School Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday, there will be no alternative options. Please review options on ParentPay. If pupils do not want Christmas Dinner they will need to bring a packed lunch to school.

After School Clubs – A reminder that there are no after school clubs this week. New clubs will be sent out towards the end of the first week back in January. With clubs starting the second week back.

Christmas Party Days – Nursery to Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Tuesday 16th December. Pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 can wear party clothes to school tomorrow. (Nursery am will have their party in the morning)

Year 3 Pantomime Trip – Year 3 will be visiting Blackwood Miners' Institute tomorrow (Tuesday 16th December). All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school as the pupils will be leaving at 11:30am. Pupils should be back for the end of the school day. Please ensure permission and payment is given on Parent Pay.

Year 6 Carol Concert – Year 6 will be performing a Carol Concert at St Basils Church tomorrow (Tuesday 16th December). Pupils will need to arrive at 5.15pm. The concert will begin at 6.00pm and finish no later than 7.00pm. Year 6 families are welcome to attend. The concert will involve readings and carols in which families are welcome to join in. Pupils will need to wear school uniform and be accompanied by an adult.

Cauliflower Cards – All Cauliflower cards have now been given out and sent home. Apologies again for the delay in getting these out to you. We have raised a complain with Cauliflower Cards. If any families have individual complaints please contact Cauliflower Cards directly on office@cauliflowergroup.co.uk

End of Term – A reminder our last day of term is Wednesday 17th December. School is closed on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December. School will begin for Spring Term on Monday 5th December.

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

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



December 2025



PTA NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS

A MASSIVE THANK YOU FROM THE PTA

Rainbow Raffle

£801.25

All winners have been contacted
via contact details on stubs.

Please collect your prizes by the end of term or
contact the PTA if you have any issues doing
so.

THIS TERM WE HAVE RAISED:

- DISCO = £735.40
- FESTIVE FUN DAY = £1089.89
- RAINBOW RAFFLE = £801.25
- EASY FUNDRAISER = £16.41
- PRE-LOVED UNIFORM = £112
- TOTAL = £2754.95





PTA NEWSLETTER

IF POSSIBLE PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE EASY FUNDRAISING APP,
SELECT PENTREPOETH PTA AND THEY WILL DONATE TO US
WHENEVER YOU SPEND WITH THEM

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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

Logos for various retailers: booking.com, ebay, M&S, Groupon, Argos, Yoo, Switch, Amazon, Apple, Viking, ASOS, BT, Next, Boden.

Download the easyfundraising App

Get it on Google Play

Download on the App Store

Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

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



Chartwells

Wednesday 17th December

Please note
There are no
alternative options
available on this day.

**Any pupils not
wanting Christmas
Dinner will need to
bring a packed lunch.**



Christmas Lunch

MAINS

Roast Turkey (H)
or
Roasted Vegetable and
Cranberry Slice (V)

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Sausage
Bite, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas
and Gravy

DESSERTS

Vanilla Christmas
Shortbread

*Menus may be subject to change


Chartwells



National Eisteddfod Coming to Newport

The Urdd National eisteddfod will be held in Newport in 2027, at the grounds of Tredegar House. This will be the first time the youth festival has visited the city. Click the link [here](#) to find out more about the Eisteddfod . More information to follow as dates etc. are released and events are planned.





Urdd

Youth and Community

Activities for children and young people

Sports

Clubs, competitions and training

Residential Centres

Come and stay

Eisteddfod yr Urdd and the Arts

All about Eisteddfod yr Urdd


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Log into our membership portal Y Porth

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About Us

Urdd Gobaith Cymru is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation with over 55,000 members between the ages of 8 - 25 yrs old. Since 1922, we've provided opportunities through the medium of Welsh for children and young people in Wales to enable them to make positive contributions to their communities.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS



It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

HOWEVER, THE CURRENT LAW IS CLEAR

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

WHY IS THIS?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance



As e-scooters do not have numberplate/s or signaling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I'VE BEEN STOPPED BY GWENT POLICE?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which **causes alarm, distress or annoyance**. Gwent Police also have the **powers to seize vehicles**.

Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Whether purchased by yourself or received as a gift, all e-scooters are illegal and can be seized.

SHOULD YOU NEED FURTHER ADVICE PLEASE CONTACT

  @GWENTPOLICE



12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

- DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS**
Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.
- NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.
- DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE**
This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real life.
- NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS**
This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.
- CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION**
Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real life if it is negative.
- LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**
Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.
- BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES**
Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.
- REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.
- ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**
Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.
- ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD**
This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.
- ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**
When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.
- ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY**
Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.

Admissions

Please Note – Closing date for applications for Reception close on 15th January


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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Term Dates

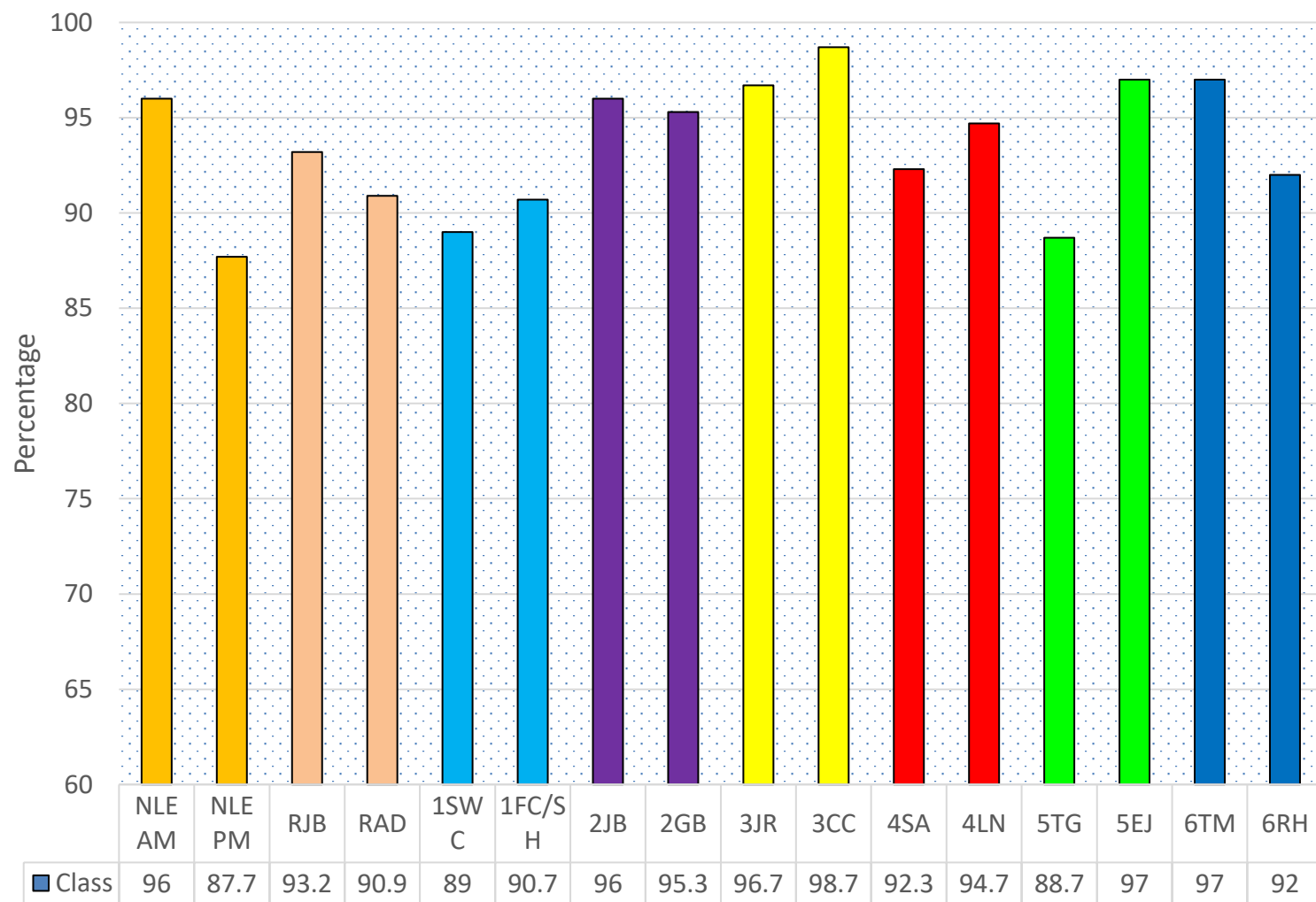
November		
Monday 3 rd November	All Day	INSET Day 2 – School Closed
Friday 7 th November	8.30am – 2.00pm	Year 5&6 Girls Football Tournament
Tuesday 11 th November	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 12 th November	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 14 th November	All Day	Children 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
	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
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 Clissold's class again last week for the 4th week in a row and with 98.7% attendance! Fantastic effort!

