

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday 13th October 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,

Parent Consultations – Will be taking place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of November. A link for booking an appointment will be sent out by the end of the week.

Down Syndrome Awareness – As the month of October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month, we will be holding our awareness day this Friday 17th October. Pupils can wear yellow and blue to school on this day as well as odd socks. There will be a special assembly and a range of activities throughout the day to help raise awareness.

Year 5 Trip – A reminder that Year 5 will be visiting Harry Potter Studios this Thursday 16th October. Pupils will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch and water. Pupils will need to be in school by 7:15am for the bus to leave promptly and will return at 6:00pm (traffic depending). We will text Year 5 parents on Thursday afternoon when we have a more accurate time for return.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards – Card designs will be collected from school this week. If you would still like to order your child's design please return artwork to class teachers by Wednesday 15th at the latest. Orders can still be placed by clicking [here](#).

School Photo Day – Colorfoto will be visiting school to take individual and sibling photos on Monday 20th October.

Parent workshop – We will be holding a parent workshop on our curriculum here at Pentrepoeth on Tuesday 21st October at 9am in the school foyer. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Year 5 Values Assembly and PACT - Year 5 will be performing their values assembly on Determination on Wednesday 22nd October. This will be followed by a small craft activity. Parents/carers are welcome to join us in the school hall. The assembly will start at 9:15am and PACT should finish no later than 10:30am. Could parents/carers please wait outside the main office doors before the doors open.

Year 6 Trip – As part of our PSE and Safety curriculum, Year 6 have been invited to attend a range of workshops in collaboration with a range of charities, agencies and organisations at Raglan Barracks. This will take place during a morning session on Thursday 23rd October. Permission for this trip can be given on Parent Pay.

INSET Day – A reminder that the school will be closed on the first day back after half term on Monday 3rd November for staff training. Pupils will return after half term on Tuesday 4th November.

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor
Executive Headteacher

Richard Cleaves
Head of School

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



Keeping Our School Safe

We'd like to kindly remind all our parents and carers to take extra care when driving near the school, especially at drop-off and pick-up times. The roads can get very busy, and by keeping speeds low and staying alert, we can help make the area safer for everyone — especially our children.

Please also be mindful of pedestrians and other vehicles when parking or turning near the school gates.

Our local PCSOs will be carrying out extra patrols around collection times to support safe driving and parking, and we really appreciate everyone's help in keeping our school community safe and caring.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration.



Keeping Children Safe

Your child's safety is our top priority. We know that a secure, nurturing environment is essential for children to thrive both academically and emotionally. Here's a snapshot of the steps we take every day to ensure their wellbeing:

Safeguarding and Supervision

- All staff are trained in safeguarding protocols and child protection procedures.
- Designated Safeguarding Persons (DSPs) and deputies are available to respond to concerns swiftly and sensitively. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Pupils are supervised at all times during the school day, including break and lunch times.

Secure Premises

- Controlled access to the school building with visitor sign-in and ID checks.
- Perimeter fencing monitoring to ensure site security.
- Regular safety audits and risk assessments of the school grounds.

Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

- Staff trained in mental health, first aid and trauma-informed approaches.
- Safe spaces and pastoral support available for children who need a listening ear.
- Anti-bullying policies actively promoted through assemblies and classroom activities. Click [here](#) for more information.

Health and Safety

- Regular fire drills and lockdown procedures practiced with pupils.
- First aid trained staff on site at all times.
- Hygiene protocols and illness prevention measures in place.

Safe Travel and Pick-Up

- Clear drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure children leave with trusted adults.
- Road safety education
- Bike and pedestrian safety workshops offered throughout the year.

Online Safety

- Age-appropriate digital literacy lessons to help children navigate the online world safely. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.
- Internet filters and monitoring systems in place on school devices.
- Parent workshops and resources to support safe technology use at home. Look out for these in the spring term.

We believe that safety is a shared responsibility. If you ever have concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our safeguarding team or school office. Together, we can continue to build a safe, supportive environment for every child.



Cauliflower Christmas Cards

We're doing a Christmas fundraising project!
Help us to raise funds!

- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper

ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:
Friday 10th October 2025

CAULIFLOWERCARDS.CO.UK
PART OF CAULIFLOWER GROUP LTD.

You still have time...

Christmas card designs will be collected from school this week. If you would still like to order please return artwork to class teachers by Wednesday 15th October at the latest.

Orders can be placed by clicking [here](#).

A reminder that we need to send artwork and order forms off to Cauliflower Cards so they can match it with the online order and use the artwork for the design.

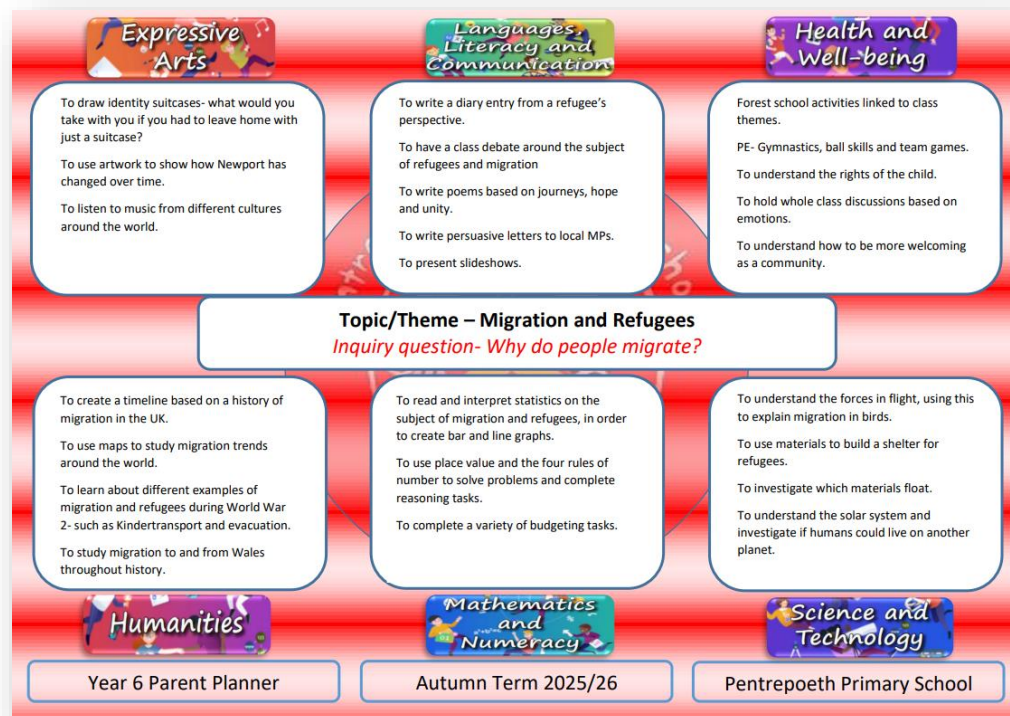
PHOTO DAY

Pentrepoeth
Primary School

Monday 20th
October



Parent Planners



Please find links below to our parent planners for Autumn term.

These show the areas of the curriculum each year group will be focusing on as well as information on how you can support your child's learning at home.

Please click on each year group to access their planner.

[Reception](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 6](#)

[Year 3](#)

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Our Parent Planner

Our bespoke 'Challenge' curriculum aims to ensure children have a wide range of teaching and learning experiences and activities to enable children to maximise their potential and to support the four purposes as the foundation of everything they learn. This parent planner aims to give you an overview of the main areas of learning and experiences children will focus on in this topic as well as develop and apply their literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills across the curriculum.

How you can help at home

- Regular reading at home (daily where possible)
- Reinforcing spelling strategies with children (Nessy for children who continue to use Nessy in school)
- Supporting Mathematics and Abacus – while also practising times tables
- Promoting creativity, innovation, thinking, planning and organisational skills through project work
- Discuss safe internet use for research purposes while ensuring your children are safe online

Home Learning

Please see our Year 6 Google Classroom page for fortnightly home learning activities.

Useful Links

Mathletics- <https://login.mathletics.com/>

Abacus and Bug Club- <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Please see our Year 6 Google Classroom page for additional useful links which can be accessed from home.



October 2025

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PTA NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS



Following our AGM our new committee for 2025/2026:

Co-chairs: Gemma Beer and Jen Hill.

Co-Treasurers: Sophie Milliar and Jodie Powell.

Secretary: Melissa O'Connor.

Members: Stephanie Dean, Becky Greedy, Hannah Lacey, Amy Mostert, Katie Parish, Nicola Owen, Hayley Poyner and Claire Rees-Edwards.

If you would like a copy of the AGM minutes, chair report or treasurer report please email us.



PTA NEWSLETTER

COMING SOON



If you are able to help at the disco please scan the QR code or email us



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



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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PTA NEWSLETTER



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



Pentrepoeth PTA Helpers
WhatsApp group



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Admissions

Nursery

Most children will begin nursery in the September following their third birthday.

However:

- children born between 1 September and 31 December may be offered an early start from the January following their third birthday, if places are available
- children born between 1 January and 31 March may be offered an early start from the April following their third birthday, if places are available
- children born between 1 April and 31 August are not eligible for an early start

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.

Admission to community nursery schools and classes are offered for a morning or afternoon, half-day session, five days a week.

If you don't want your child to attend all five sessions each week, you may wish to find a private setting that can offer more flexible arrangements.

When making an application, you need to apply for a September place and let us know whether you would be interested in an early start (Rising 3 place) if spaces are available.

To be offered an early start, all of the following must apply:

- your child is born between 1 September and 31 March
- you have been allocated a September nursery place
- early starts are available in the nursery you have been allocated
- you requested an early start when submitting your application

For more information and support, visit our [children and families](#) section.

Admission 2026

Eligible children's date of birth - 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Application	Date
Opening date	4 July 2025
Closing date	12 September 2025 (5pm)
Decision date	4 December 2025 (including January rising 3 places) 4 March 2026 (for April 2026 rising 3 spaces)

For late applications use the document below or get an application form sent to you by calling 01633 656656.

Contact us

Email: school.admissions@newport.gov.uk

Click [here](#).



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

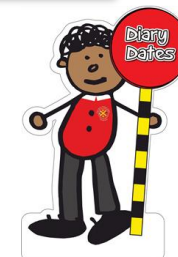
Email: school.admissions@newport.gov.uk

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](#)



Admissions

Year 7 (Secondary)

Children transfer to secondary school (Year 7) the September after their 11th 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](#).

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Admission 2026

Eligible children's date of birth - 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015

Application	Date
Opening date	19 September 2025
Closing date	31 October 2025 (5pm)

Click [here](#).



Years 3 to 6

Extra Curricular Clubs

First half term

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

Dates – W/C 15/09/25, W/C 22/09/25, W/C 29/09/25, W/C 06/10/25 W/C 13/10/25 W/C 20/10/25

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

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 15/09/25, W/C 22/09/25, W/C 29/09/25, W/C 06/10/25 W/C 13/10/25 W/C 20/10/25

Day	Club	Class	Time	Teacher
Monday	Fun & Fitness	RJB (Mr Brewer)	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Mr Brewer & Mrs Drummond
Tuesday	Sketch Club	2GB (Miss Blair)	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Miss Blair
Tuesday	Dance/Yoga Club	1FC/SH (Mrs Cleaves/ Miss Hall)	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

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

Dates For Your Diary

Term Dates

September		
Monday 1 st September	All Day	INSET DAY 1 - School Closed
Monday 15 th September	All Day	Pupils to bring food donations for local food banks – for Harvest
Tuesday 23 rd September	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Helping your child in Reception
Thursday 25 th September	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Helping your child in Nursery
October		
Wednesday 1 st October	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Additional Learning Needs
	6.00pm – 7.00pm	PTA AGM – In School or Online
Thursday 2 nd October	All Day	National Poetry Day
Monday 6 th October	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 6 Values Assembly and PACT – Unity (Families are welcome to attend)
Wednesday 8 th October	All Day	Flu Immunisations
Friday 10 th October	9.00am – 9.30am	Parent Coffee Morning and Forum
Thursday 16 th October	7.00am – 5.30pm	Year 5 Trip – Harry Potter Studios
Monday 20 th October	All day	School Photo Day
Tuesday 21 st October	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop - Curriculum
Wednesday 22 nd October	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 5 Values Assembly and PACT – Determination (Families are welcome to attend)
Thursday 23 rd October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Year 6 Trip – Crucial Crew – Raglan Barracks
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October	1 Week	Half Term – School Closed

**More dates
to
follow!**



Dates For Your Diary

Term Dates

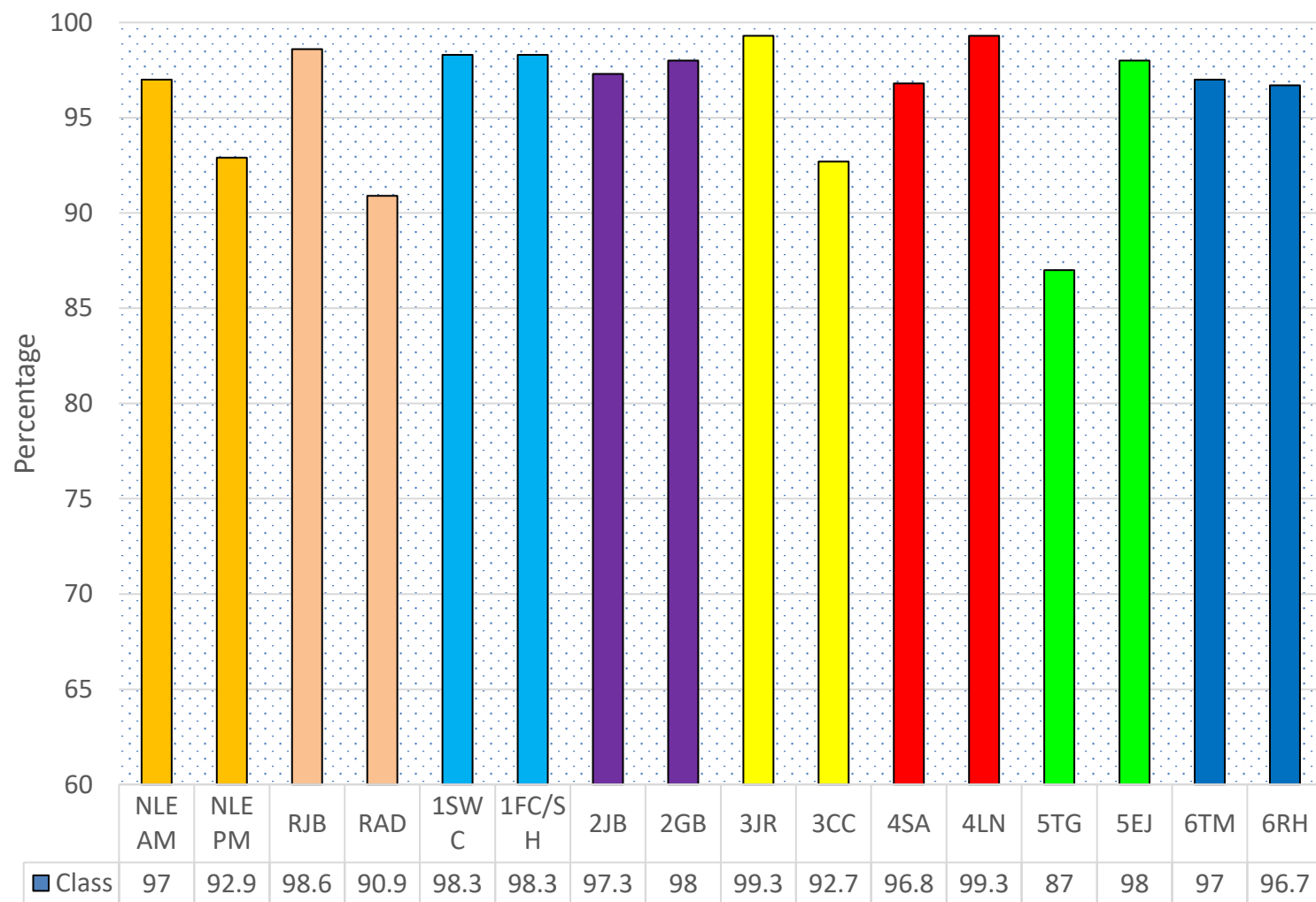
November		
Monday 3 rd November	All Day	INSET Day 2 – School Closed
Tuesday 11 th November	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 12 th November	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 14 th November	All Day	Children in Need
December		
Friday 5 th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
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
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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 Rose's and Mr Nocivelli's classes last week with 99.3% attendance. Fantastic effort from both classes.

