

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# Newsletter



‘creating a **C**aring, **R**espectful,  
**O**pen **E**nvironment  
where **S**uccess and  
**O**ppportunity flourish’

# This Week's Information

Dear Parent and Carer,

Please see information for the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**After School Clubs** – Will be changing to other classes/year groups after half term. New booking links will be available by Wednesday on Parent. Please see pages further in newsletter showing clubs after half term.

**Down Syndrome Awareness Day** – PPS Down Syndrome Awareness Day is **tomorrow**. Voluntary cash contributions can be made on the day with all proceeds going to 21 Plus. Pupils can wear yellow and blue to school and odd socks. There will be a special assembly and activities happening in school throughout the day. More information on the charity 21Plus can be found in the newsletter.

**INSET Days** – A reminder that the school will be closed on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** for staff training. The last day of this half term for pupils will be **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Eisteddfod** – Our school Eisteddfod will take place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Pupils can wear Welsh colours and outfits on this day. Further information regarding our Eisteddfod will follow.

**World Book Day** – This will take place on **Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will be asking children to bring their favourite book to school on that day. Children can dress up as book characters if they wish – however this is optional.

**Parent Consultations** – Booking links for parents consultations will be sent out during the first week back after half term (Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025) A reminder that the consultations will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Year 4 Trip** – Year 4 will be visiting Cadbury World on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Children will need to be in school at 7:45am with the bus leaving promptly at 8:00am. The coach will be due back to Pentrepoeth at 6:00pm. Please ensure payments and consent is given on Parent Pay by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

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

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

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor

Headteacher

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



# Down's Syndrome Awareness Day

## Tuesday 18th February 2025

We will be holding our Down's Syndrome awareness day tomorrow Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Children can wear odd socks and dress in yellow and blue on this day. Cash donations can be made on the day with all proceeds going to the charity **21 Plus**. More information on this incredible charity can be found on their website <https://21plus.org.uk/>



## We are 21 Plus

21 Plus is here to provide support for family members, carers, friends, and professionals, supporting children and young people with Down's syndrome.

Our mission statement:

**21 Plus educates, empowers and supports children and young people with Down's syndrome and their families.**

Our core purposes are:

- To enable people with Down's syndrome to reach their full potential and live fulfilled and active lives, through the provision of training, support, education and practical advice.
- To promote the education of the public, parents and carers of people with Down's syndrome, and professionals involved in their care and education, in the specific needs and abilities of people with Down's syndrome.

We aim to provide a full support network for the families within the Down's syndrome community across South-East Wales, southern Powys, western Herefordshire and Gloucestershire .

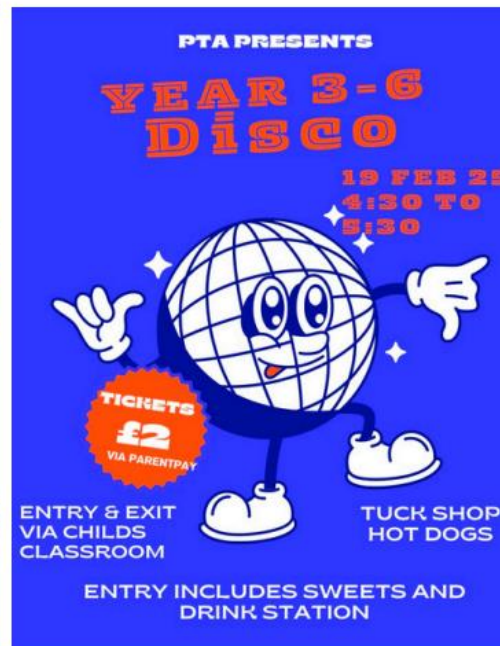
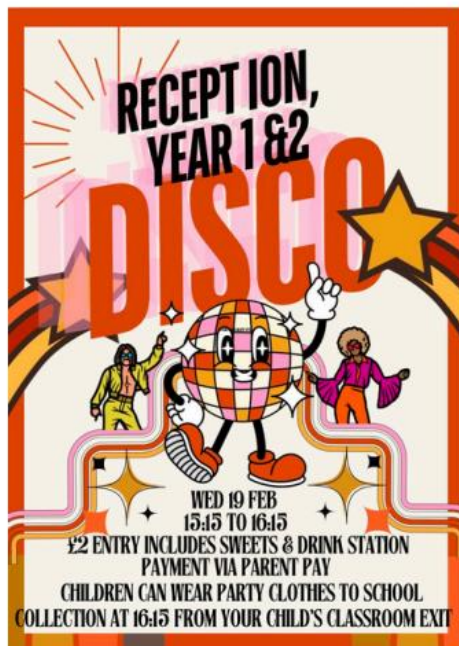
# PTA Information



January 2025

## PTA NEWSLETTER

### COMING UP!



## PTA NEWSLETTER

### Future events

### Dates for your diary:

Spring disco: Wednesday 19 February 2025

School Tea Towels: Beginning of March

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](mailto:pentrepoethpta@gmail.com) and we will add you to our PTA helpers WhatsApp group

# Newport Live - This Half Term

## Family Welly Walks

Join us on our FREE family welly walks this half term for some fun outdoor activities. Suitable for families with children up to the age of 7, siblings welcome to join in.

**26 February, 10 - 11am**

Tredegar House NP10 8YW

**26 February, 1 - 2pm**

Belle Vue Park NP20 4FP



No booking needed! For more details email:  
brittany.cloke@newportlive.co.uk

sportwales  
chwaraeoncyfwr

newportlive.co.uk  
01633 656757

NEWPORT LIVE  
CASNEWYDD FYW

## Football For All

Join our dynamic football camp for boys and girls! Develop your skills and enjoy exciting matches and drills.

Suitable for all abilities.

Geraint Thomas Velodrome  
NP19 4RB, 3G Pitch

**£10**  
per child  
Lunch included



**8 - 12**  
years old

**Boys and girls only camps:**

Monday 24 February 10am - 2pm

Spaces are limited!

**How to Book:**

Book now via the Newport Live app or contact

For details: Ellen.phillips@newportlive.co.uk

Wear suitable footwear (no metal studs)

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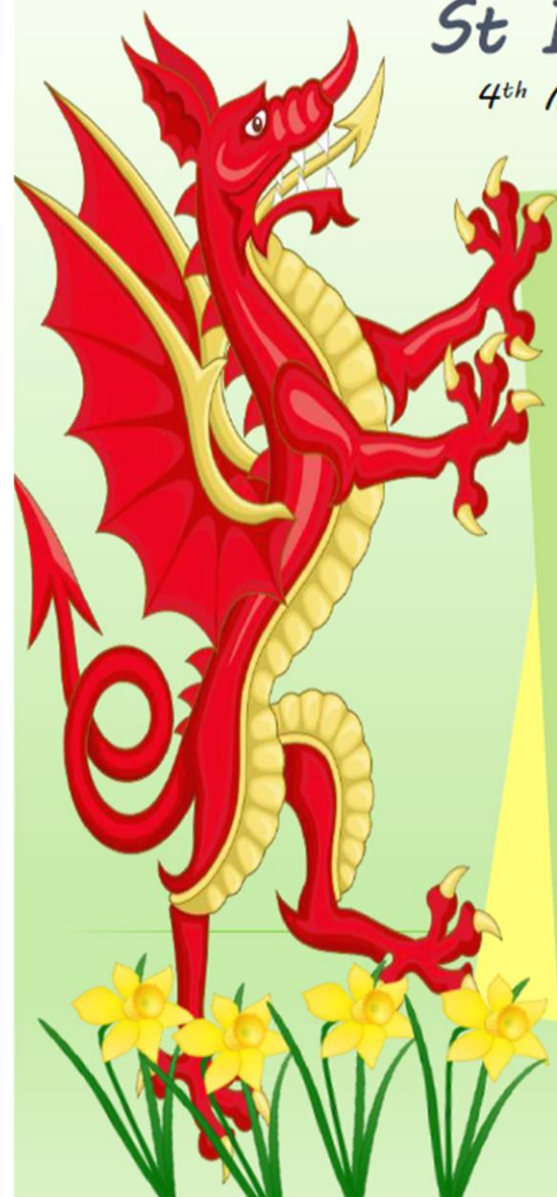
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\* 30 spaces for the girls camp & 30 spaces for the boys camp

# Chartwells - Tuesday 4th March

## St David's Day

4th MARCH



### MAIN

Hot Dog (H)

### VEGETARIAN

Veggie Dog

### SIDE

Dirty Fries with Cheese and Leeks

### DESSERT

Welsh Cake



## St David's Day

4th MARCH



### Allergy Aware Menu

### MAIN

SD Hot Dog

### SIDE

Dirty Fries with Vegan Cheese and Leeks

### DESSERT

Fruity Raspberry Jelly



**Please Note: Sandwiches, Jacket Potato and Pasta will not be available on this day**

# 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 will be available to book on Parentpay the week commencing 17.02.25.**

# 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 will be available to book on Parentpay the week commencing  
17.02.25.**

# Dates For Your Diary

Date	Time	Event/Activity
<b>January</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	All Day	Spring Term Starts
	All Day	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am – 10.00am	Year 3 Maths Workshop
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00am – 10.00am	Year 3 Maths Workshop
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am – 10.00am	Year 3 Maths Workshop
<b>February</b>		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am – 10.00am	Year 3 Maths Workshop
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 4 Values Assembly and PACT – Courage – Parent welcome to attend
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am – 10.00am	Year 3 Maths Workshop
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	All Day	World Down Syndrome Day (Children can wear blue and yellow and odd socks)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15pm – 4.15pm	PTA School Disco – Reception, Years 1 and 2
	4.30pm – 5.30pm	PTA School Disco – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	All Day	INSET Day 4 – School closed for pupils
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	All Day	INSET Day 5 – School closed for pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	All Week	February Half Term

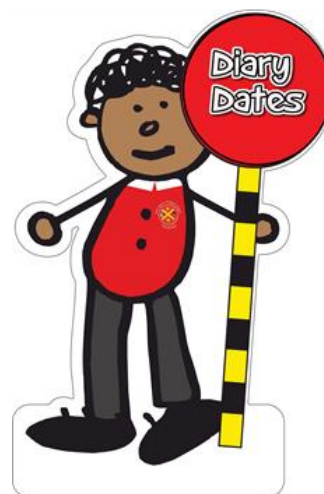
**More dates  
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Date	Time	Event/Activity
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Year 4 Trip – Cadbury World
	1 Session per class	Year 2 - Child Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	School Eisteddfod – St David's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

**More dates  
to  
follow!**



# Dates For Your Diary

## Term Dates

School year 2024-2025

Term	Start	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
<b>Autumn</b>	Mon 2 September 2024	Mon 28 October 2024	Fri 1 November 2024	Fri 20 December 2024
<b>Spring</b>	Mon 6 January 2025	Mon 24 February 2025	Fri 28 February 2025	Fri 11 April 2025
<b>Summer</b>	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
<b>Autumn</b>	Mon 1 September 2025	Mon 27 October 2025	Fri 31 October 2025	Fri 19 December 2025
<b>Spring</b>	Mon 5 January 2026	Mon 16 February 2026	Fri 20 February 2026	Fri 27 March 2026
<b>Summer</b>	Mon 13 April 2026	Mon 25 May 2026	Fri 29 May 2026	Mon 20 July 2026

*May Day - Monday 4 May 2026*

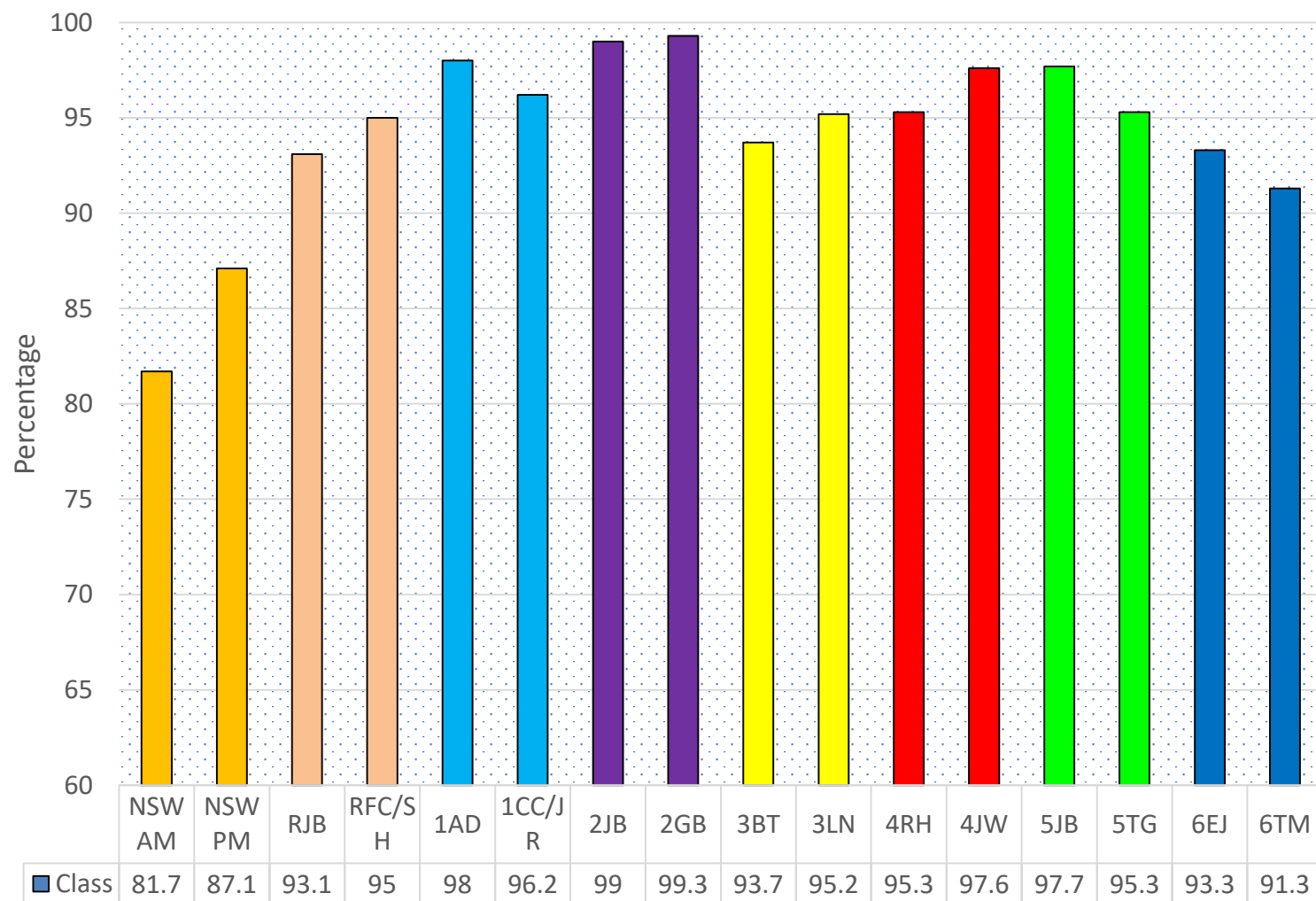
### INSET Days – School is closed for children:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Miss Blair'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.

