



NEWSLETTER 08.11.24

Attendance

23-24	88.5%	Target 24 - 25	92%	Year to date	89.7%
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Regular attendance at primary school is very important for your child's future. When children attend school every day, they learn more and build strong foundations for their education.

Good attendance helps them develop good habits, stay on track with their studies, and establish good relationships. Missing school can make it harder for your child to catch up and can affect their confidence too.

We track attendance across the school and publish it here every two weeks. As you can see from the details above, we are not on target yet. Let's work together to ensure that your children attend school regularly so that they have the best chance for a bright future.

Thank you for your support!

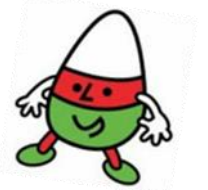
Parents' evenings

We will hold parents' evenings for pupils on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12th and 13th EXCEPT for Ywen class. Ywen class parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th. The meetings will take place at the school, unless you have any problems in getting to the school. In this case, please call the office to arrange a telephone conversation.

A link to book an appointment was sent to you on Friday, October 25th from the Juniper Education website. Please check your spam folder if haven't received it.

Membership of the Urdd

Membership with the Urdd offers a large number of activities entertaining for your child, from various sports competitions (football, rugby, netball, swimming to name a few), dancing, cooking as well as the opportunity to compete in the Urdd's Eisteddfods, and to visit the Urdd's residential camps.



The cost of membership for the year is £10 for an individual, £25 for a family of 3 or more. If your child is eligible to receive a free school meals, membership is available for £1 per person. Click [here](#) to join.



School library



The school library has had a bit of a makeover recently. We have a wide range of story books, fiction and non-fiction in Welsh and English, for all levels. There is something for everyone!

Raising reading standards across the school has been identified as a target for us this year, and we hope that developing and sharing this facility will help us reach our goal. It is hoped that encouraging children to read and enjoy books from a young age will instill in them a love of reading for pleasure, so please encourage your child to join.

Some of our year 5 and 6 pupils have volunteered to run a 'library club' twice a week during lunchtime, supervising other pupils and authorising the borrowing of books.

In the library club, pupils will be allowed to choose one book at a time to take home, and we ask that books are returned before borrowing another. Please look after these books as best you can – we understand that accidents happen and if a book is damaged, please tell a member of staff.

We will also open the library for you as families to come and borrow books for your children. The library will be open for you after school on Tuesdays, starting next week on 12 November, until 4:30pm. You can come and browse the books with your children and choose two at a time, per child, to borrow. You are also welcome to come just to sit and read with your child during this time – you do not need to take books home. Tea and coffee will be available, and milk and water for the children.

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday!

Children in need

We will once again support the Children in Need campaign this year by asking the pupils to wear something spotty or pyjamas to school on Friday, November 15th. We kindly ask for a donation of £1 towards the cause.





Year 5 and 6 Girls football and years 3 and 4 mixed team.

Our footballers from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to represent the school in the Urdd football festival on Tuesday. The year 5 and 6 girls played full of effort and heart against a number of very strong teams, whilst year 3 and 4 pupils competed enthusiastically against many very talented schools as well. We came within a hair's breadth of making it through to the final rounds. Da iawn blant!



School ambassadors visit to the Senedd

4 of our pupils were fortunate enough to visit the Senedd on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to meet our prime minister, Eluned Morgan as well as visiting the debating chamber. Thank-you to the children for their efforts.





IMPORTANT DATES

12.11.24	Parents' evening
13.11.24	Parents' evening
13.11.24	Wales Youth COP Committee (Eco Council)
14.11.24	Parents' evening (Ywen class only)
14.11.24	Memorial service, Cardiff West Cemetary 11am
15.11.24	School dental service – fluoride varnish Reception – Yr 2
21.11.24	Reception class 2025 Open Morning 9:30 – 11:00
01.12.24	School Choir will perform at the lighting of the Fairwater Christmas Tree – details to follow
03.12.24	Governors' meeting
10.12.24	Reception, Yr 1 and 2 Christmas Show 1:30pm (details to follow)
11.12.24	Reception, Yr 1 and 2 Christmas Show 1:30pm (details to follow)
12.12.24	Yr 3 – 6 Christmas Service, Church of the Resurrection, Ely (afternoon and evening performances – details to follow)
20.12.24	End of Term
23.12–06.01.25	Christmas holidays
06.01.25	INSET – school closed to pupils
16.01.25	Urdd mixed netball tournament, Yr 5 & 6