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Attendance

At our school, attendance is a top priority because every day in school matters. Regular attendance supports pupils' learning, wellbeing, friendships, and overall progress. When children attend school consistently, they are more likely to achieve their full potential both academically and socially.

Our current whole-school attendance stands at 90.51%. While this shows that many pupils are attending regularly, we know we can do better. Our aim is to work together as a school community to improve attendance. We understand that there can sometimes be challenges around attendance. If you need any support, advice, or guidance, please come and speak to us. We are here to help and want to work in partnership with you.

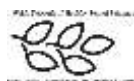
Important Reminders

- **Late Arrival:**
Pupils arriving after 9:00am must report to the school office and parents/carers must complete a late form.
- **Leaving Early:**
If you need to collect your child early due to an appointment or illness, you must sign them out at the school office.
- **Holidays During Term Time:**
Holiday request forms must be completed in advance. Holidays will only be authorised if your child's attendance is above 95%.

Eisteddfod 2026

Information about our upcoming Eisteddfod was sent home today, including details of the competitions that pupils can take part in.

Our Eisteddfod will be held on 2nd March. On this day, pupils are invited to come to school dressed in traditional Welsh costume or wearing something red to celebrate.



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Changes to school drop off and collection.

We have listened carefully to feedback regarding pupils walking through the lane to access the Dosbarth Porffor gate, particularly concerns about dog mess and slippery leaves. We have also received feedback about puddles affecting access to Dosbarth Coch.

Following this feedback, we have worked alongside our Health and Safety Officer and will be introducing a new drop-off and collection routine after half term to improve safety and accessibility for everyone.

Morning Drop-Off

- School gates will open at 8:40am.
- All pupils and parents/carers should enter via the main path.
- Pupils, parents and carers are not permitted to walk on the road for safety reasons.
- Dosbarth Enfys and Dosbarth Porffor pupils should enter through the right-hand gate at the school entrance. Parents/carers should accompany their children to their classroom doors and hand them over to staff.
- Dosbarth Glas, Dosbarth Gwyrdd and Dosbarth Coch pupils should enter through the left-hand gate at the school entrance. Parents/carers should accompany their children to their classroom doors and hand them over to staff.
- We will be posting a video to Facebook share with pupils to prepare them for this change.

End of Day Collection

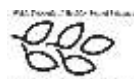
- The main gate will open at 2:55pm.
- Please do not press the gate button to request entry unless you have made prior arrangements to collect your child early.
- Parents/carers will be able to enter the site from 2:55pm to collect pupils from their classrooms at 3:00pm.
- Classroom doors will not open before 3:00pm.
- Pupils, parents and carers are not permitted to walk on the road for safety reasons.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we implement these changes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

BAGU

We are looking forward to our Spring Term BAGU sessions. During 'Bring a Grown Up', one adult per child is invited to come into school to take part in activities and experience the types of learning and opportunities your child engages with each day. This BAGU session will have a Science theme.

Wednesday 11 th March	Dosbarth Enfys AM – 9.45am Dosbarth Enfys PM – 1.30pm
Thursday 12 th March	Dosbarth Coch – 1.30pm
Friday 13 th March	Dosbarth Porffor – 1.30pm
Monday 16 th March	Dosbarth Gwyrdd – 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Dosbarth Glas – 1.30pm



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Reading Update

Our updated home reading routine is now underway, and we are delighted to be strengthening our approach to supporting early reading.

Today, we have shared a letter outlining the key updates, along with phonics resources and further information via Facebook and email to help you support reading at home. These materials provide a clear overview of the Twinkl Phonics Scheme and the specific skills we teach in school. Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to develop confident readers and build strong early reading habits.

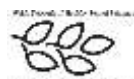
Dates for the Diary

February Half Term	14/2/26 - 22/2/26
Eisteddfod	2/3/26
Inset Day	27/3/26
Easter Holiday	28/3/26 – 12/4/26
Start of Summer Term	13/4/26 No nursery for our current nursery pupils, rising 3's settling in sessions. Current nursery and January rising 3's to return on the 15/4/26
May Bank Holiday	4/5/26
Inset Day	22/5/26
Whitsun Half Term	23/5/25 – 31/5/26
Last day of school for all pupils	17/7/26
Inset Day	20/7/26

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

I hope you all have a happy, restful half term and enjoy some well-deserved time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new term ahead!

Mrs Collins
Acting Head Teacher



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