



Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have welcomed children back to school for the final half-term of this academic year. However, we have noticed a dip in attendance compared to the same time last year (92.3%), with current attendance at 91.1%. Good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning. Even small amounts of missed time can make it harder for pupils to keep up with lessons, build confidence, and maintain positive relationships with their friends. Developing strong attendance habits now provides an important foundation for future success. We kindly ask for your continued support in helping us improve attendance by ensuring that children attend school as regularly as possible, and by informing us promptly of the reason for any absence. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Learning

Acorns Class have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Beech Class have been writing reports and practising their measuring skills.

Laurel Class have been using Numicon to support their reasoning skills.

Oak Class have been developing their comprehension skills (understanding what they have read) and learning about how fossils are formed.

Personalised Assessments – Week Beginning 8th June

Next week, pupils in Years 2 to 6 will undertake the Welsh Government Personalised Assessments in reading and mathematics. These assessments provide useful information about how children are progressing in their learning. While valuable, they are only one part of the overall picture. At school, we use a wide range of approaches to build a fuller understanding of each child's progress and development. We encourage pupils to approach the assessments calmly and confidently, simply trying their best without feeling any unnecessary pressure. We would also kindly ask parents and carers to make every effort to ensure that children attend school during this week, so that we can gather the most accurate information to support their learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Coffee Mornings with Mrs Tudge

A big thank you to the parents of Dosbarth Oak who braved the bad weather earlier this week to join us for a coffee session. It was wonderful to share meaningful conversations about what is working well in our school and how we can continue to improve—enjoyed over a warm drink and a few biscuits! I will be hosting further sessions for:

Laurel families: Tuesday 9th June

Beech families: Wednesday 10th June

Acorns families: Thursday 11th June

All sessions will take place from 9:15–10:15am in the Junior Hall (Dilwyn Street entrance).

Please do come along—your voice is important as we continue to shape the future of our school.

Oak & Acorns Classes – Staffing Changes

Mrs C Williams will begin her maternity leave soon. To ensure continuity for Oak Class, when Mrs C Williams finishes, Mrs N Lewis will return to the class at the end of each week for the remainder of the term. Miss R Welch will be teaching Acorns Class full-time for the final few weeks of term. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Williams the very best of luck at this exciting time.

Dates for the Diary



- Thursdays 11th June, 18th June, 2nd July – Coffee afternoons for Year 6 parents (pre-teen support) – 1:40pm
- Wednesday 17th June – Sports Day – 9:30am, Glasbrook Field
- Wednesday 1st July – Aberavon Beach Trip
- Wednesday 8th July – Summer Fair – after school
- Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 1:30pm, Junior Hall (pupils may be collected after the performance)

Friends of Penrhiwceibr

Friends of Penrhiwceibr play a vital role in supporting the school community. Through organising events and fundraising activities, the group helps to provide additional resources, experiences and opportunities that benefit all of our pupils. We are always keen to welcome new members and would encourage any parents or carers who are interested to get involved. It's a great way to meet other families, share ideas, and make a positive contribution to the school. If you would like to join or find out more, please contact the school office. Alternatively, we will be holding a meeting soon to discuss plans for the Summer Fair – please keep an eye out for a date!

Instagram

A reminder to follow our @PenrhiwceibrPrimary Instagram page, where we regularly share school highlights.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Tudge
Headteacher