



Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic and incredibly busy summer term at Penrhiwceibr Primary School.

Our children have experienced so much over the past few months. From trips to the beach, residential adventures at Bryn Bach Park, transition activities for children moving into new classes and schools, sports activities, our wonderful Summer Fete, toy day, water fights and our emotional Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, there have been countless opportunities to learn, grow, make memories and simply enjoy being together.



Of course, there have also been a few unexpected challenges along the way! The weather certainly kept us on our toes, with two sports days cancelled for completely different reasons—one because of rain and one because it was too hot—as well as the disruption caused by the extreme temperatures. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during those days.

This has been my first term as Headteacher of this wonderful school, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children, families and wider community that make Penrhiwceibr such a special place. I have been so impressed by the kindness, enthusiasm and resilience our children show every day, and I'm grateful for the warm welcome and support I've received from you all.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have supported our school this term. Our Friends of Penrhiwceibr have worked incredibly hard to organise another successful Summer Fete, raising valuable funds while bringing our school community together. We've also been fortunate to have parents volunteering their time to help improve our playground and outdoor areas, and I'd like to give a special mention to our Chair of Governors, who has generously volunteered in school every morning, making a real difference to our youngest learners. Schools are strongest when they work in partnership with their community, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who gives their time to support us. If you have some time, skills or ideas that you'd like to share, we'd always love to welcome more volunteers.

A couple of reminders before the holidays begin:

- Please take a few moments to read the letter sent home yesterday regarding attendance, punctuality, Breakfast Club and collection arrangements for the new school year.
- The first day back for pupils is Wednesday 2nd September.
- Don't forget that our new Community Book Swap is now open in the main entrance by the school office. Families are welcome to borrow a book to enjoy over the summer and, once you've finished reading it, simply return it and swap it for another. We hope it becomes a well-used resource that helps foster a love of reading across our school community.
- Planned INSET Days 2026-2027: 01/09/26, 18/09/26, 04/01/27, 19/03/27, 19/07/27, 20/07/27. These dates are subject to change. However, should they change we will endeavor to provide as much notice as possible.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Education is most successful when school and home work together, and we truly value the partnership we have with our families.



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I hope you all enjoy a happy, safe and restful summer. May it be filled with fun, laughter and precious time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and opportunity.

Have a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Tudge
Headteacher