



# PPS News

I hope you are all well and enjoying the run up to Christmas. What a brilliant term we have had!

We have a very busy couple of weeks ahead of us too!

Communication: We are doing our very best to try to keep people up to date with events that are happening in school. We have newsletters, letters, ClassDojo/ Seesaw, text2parents, Facebook and the school website. If you are not receiving communication about events, there may be a hole in our communication systems that we are not aware of. Please let us know!

## Dates for your diaries:

Sat 6th Dec	Light up Pentrebane 4pm—7pm
Mon 8th Dec	1.30pm Y3, 4, 5, 6 Christmas Concert—families welcome
Tues 9th Dec	9.30am Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas Concert—families welcome
Tues 9th Dec	Joint Carol concert rehearsal at Cantonian (Choir children only)
Wed 10th Dec	9.30am Y3, 4, 5, 6 Christmas Concert—families welcome
Wed 10th Dec	1.30pm Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas Concert—families welcome
Wed 10th Dec	1.30pm Joint choir rehearsal Llandaff Cathedral (Choir children only)
	7pm Joint Carol concert at Llandaff Cathedral (Choir children only)
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 11th Dec	Santa visiting (details below)
Fri 12th Dec	Christmas Workshops from City Church
w/b 15th Dec	Teachers will inform you about when class parties are
Thurs 18th Dec	Pantomimes—Nursery/ Rec am, Y1—6 pm (Funded by PTA)
Thurs 18th Dec	Discos - Nursery, Rec, Y1, Y2: 4pm to 5pm Y3, 4, 5 & 6: 5.30pm to 7pm
Fri 19th Dec	School ends for the Christmas holiday– non-uniform day

Santa is visiting Pentrebane Primary on the afternoon of Thursday 11th December!



**If you would like your child to meet Santa and have their photo taken please send in £2 or pay via ParentPay.**

Please note that, while Santa will walk round Reception to Y6 classes first, only children who have paid will meet Santa in the hall and have their photo taken. This event is for children only.



**Inset day dates: Monday 5th January 2026, Friday 13th February 2026, Friday 17th July 2026, Monday 20th July 2026**



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Join our Facebook group (Please note you need to answer joining questions)

Do we have your up-to-date number? Please make sure we do so we can contact you if needed.

See more on our website: [www.pentrebanprimaryschool.com](http://www.pentrebanprimaryschool.com)

## ATTENDANCE

Our school Governors have recently ratified our Cluster Attendance Policy, which you can view on our school website. Last year, we worked hard together to improve whole-school attendance, and we were proud of the progress made.

Unfortunately, attendance has slipped this year, and our current figure is **90%**. Cardiff Local Authority expects schools to aim for **95%**, and attendance below this level is closely monitored. Schools are required to follow policy, which may include sending attendance letters, arranging meetings with the Attendance Officer, and, if attendance does not improve, issuing fixed penalty notices.

From **January 2026**, we will be renewing our focus on attendance and punctuality. Please ensure your child is in school **on time every day**. Where possible, medical appointments should be arranged outside school hours. If your child is absent, you must phone the school or send a note to explain the reason.

Good attendance is vital for your child's learning and wellbeing, and we appreciate your support in helping us reach our target.



### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

#### School Dinners

Please ensure that any school dinner you order is something **your child will eat**. We are finding that many meals are going uneaten, which can leave children upset and results in unnecessary food waste.

Thank you for helping us make mealtimes a positive experience for all children and reduce waste.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't forget that children return on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. Mrs E. Prescott