



Pentrebane Primary News – October 2026

We have had a successful start to the new year. The children have settled well into their new classes, we held a highly successful Macmillan Coffee morning and Year 3 invited parents in for paired reading.

We are a busy school with lots of fun, exciting and educational things going on. Make sure you don't miss out by joining your child's ClassDojo.



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Dates	Year groups/ Classes	Activity
Every Tuesday for 12 weeks	Y3, 4, 5, 6	Cardiff City Football
Every Tuesday afternoon	Children who have been signed up	Rocksteady
Every fortnight from Wed 16 th Sep	Y3 to Y6	Choir practice
Fri 9 th Oct	All	James Healy assembly (motivational)
w/b 12 th Oct	Rec – Y6	Parents' evenings
Wed 14 th Oct 9.15am	Parents	Parent PACE training – meeting room
Thurs 15 th Oct	All	Steve Harris assembly (Christian)
Thurs 15 th Oct	Y5 and 6	Hate Crime workshop – SW police
Tues 20 th Oct	Selected pupils	Football match at Peterlea 3.30pm
Fri 23 rd Oct	All	Inset Day
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th Oct	All	Half term holiday
Mon 2 nd Nov	Sapphire	Storey Arms day trip
Tues 3 rd Nov	All	Colorfoto individual photos (family before school)
Tues 3 rd Nov	Those signed up	Flu Vaccinations
Tues 3 rd Nov 9.15am	Parents	Parent Emotion Coaching – meeting room
Wed 11 th Nov	Tanzanite	Trip to Royal Mint
Thurs 12 th Nov	Y6	Streetwise
Thurs 19 th Nov	Nursery – Y2	Fluoride varnishing
Mon 23 rd – Wed 25 th Nov	Allocated Y4/5 pupils	Storey Arms visit
Fri 27 th Nov	Tanzanite	Pbuzz workshop
Mon 30 th Nov	Y6	Crucial Crew
Tues 1 st Dec	Allocated pupils	Rocksteady performance
Thurs 3 rd Dec	All	RE lessons – Bethany from City Church
Thurs 3 rd Dec am	Y6	Transition visit to Cantonian
Fri 4 th Dec	Choir	Practice and performance at Llandaff Cathedral
Thurs 10 th Dec	Tanzanite	Techniquet
Mon 14 th Dec	Reception – Y2 am Y3 – Y6 pm	Christmas Concerts
Tues 15 th Dec	Y3 – Y6 am Reception – Y2 pm	Christmas Concerts
Wed 16 th Dec	All	Big Foot Pantomimes
Fri 18 th Dec 3.30pm	All	School ends for Christmas holiday
Mon 4 th Jan 2027	All	INSET DAY



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Communication

We make every effort to ensure that parents and carers are fully informed about school life and their child's education. We can only do this effectively with your support. Staff are available to speak with parents and carers at the beginning and end of each school day on the playground. You can also contact the school office by email at pentrebanepm@cardiff.gov.uk or by telephone on **02920 565773**.

To ensure clear, professional and consistent communication, it is school policy that all contact with mainstream teaching staff takes place through the channels outlined above. This policy helps safeguard both staff and families, ensures that communications are appropriately recorded, and allows staff to focus on their primary role of providing the best possible education for our children. We appreciate your cooperation and support in following these arrangements.

Lost Property

We continue to have a large amount of clothing and personal belongings left around the school each day. Unfortunately, staff are unable to spend significant amounts of time managing lost property, as their priority is teaching and supporting pupils.

Please ensure that all clothing, coats, jumpers, PE kits and other belongings are clearly named. We also ask parents and carers to regularly check that children bring home the correct items at the end of the day. Naming items makes it much easier for us to return lost property to its owner and helps reduce the amount of unclaimed clothing accumulating in school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

School Governors

As you know, our school is supported by a dedicated team of volunteer governors who work closely with school leaders to help shape the strategic direction of the school and ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. We are pleased to welcome Darren Evans as our new Chair of Governors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Doug Corp for his many years of commitment, support and service to Pentreban Primary School. His contribution has been greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and will be sending nomination forms to parents and carers shortly. Becoming a governor is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the life of the school, support its continued improvement and represent the views of our parent community. No specialist experience is required, just a commitment to helping our school thrive and a willingness to work as part of a team. We encourage any parents or carers who are interested in making a positive difference to consider putting themselves forward for this important role. Further information will be included with the nomination forms. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lockdown Practice

As with fire drills, schools are required to have procedures in place to respond to a range of emergency situations. As part of this, we will be carrying out a lockdown practice in the next two weeks. The purpose of the practice is to ensure that pupils and staff know what to do should there ever be a need to bring everyone safely inside the building quickly. During the drill, an air horn will be used as the signal for pupils and staff to move indoors promptly.

Children will be fully prepared beforehand and the procedure will be explained to them in an age-appropriate way. The scenario we will use is that of a dangerous animal being reported in the vicinity of the school. While we do not expect pupils to be concerned, you may wish to discuss the practice with your child beforehand and reassure them that it is simply a safety exercise, just like a fire drill. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.