

# Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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## PHOTOS WITH SANTA

On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, your child will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Santa. They can have an individual photo and/or a photo with siblings. The photos will cost £2 each. Please can you let their class teacher know before the day, if you wish for them to have their photograph taken. We are asking for a £2 donation to raise funds for Christmas party gifts and food, so that the can have an enjoyable end of term.

## ITS ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MARKET

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**

You are welcome to collect your child/ren at 2pm to join us for a magical afternoon of festive fun. This includes: Reindeers, Reindeer Rodeo, BBO, Sweets and Treats, Class Stalls (handmade products by pupils), Face Paints, Animal Encounters, and lots more.

Reception pupils can be collected from the Y1 class at 2pm, but if they are not collected by 2.05pm, they will need to be collected from Y2.

Y1 and Y2 pupils can be collected from Y2 at 2pm.

Y3 and Y4 pupils can be collected from Y4 at 2pm

Y5 and Y6 pupils can be collected from Y6 at 2pm

## ELF DAY

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, we will be holding our annual Elf Day in school. The children are invited to wear elf costume, or the colours of red and green to school. The children will also experience some festive surprises and take part in a range of Christmas themed activities.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

04.12.23	Nursery & Reception – 10.00 a.m.
05.12.23	Year 1 & Year 2 – 10.00 a.m.
05.12.23	Year 1 & Year 2 – 2.00 p.m.
06.12.23	Year 3 & Year 4 – 10.00 a.m.
06.12.23	Year 3 & Year 4 – 2.00 p.m.
07.12.23	Year 5 & Year 6 – 10.00 a.m.
07.12.23	Year 5 & Year 6 – 2.00 p.m.

Tickets went on sale on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. If you are yet to purchase tickets and wish to, please purchase tickets from the main office. We will offer **three** tickets per child initially, with the possibility of surplus tickets going on sale at a later date. We have reduced the cost of the tickets this year and are charging just £1 per ticket.

## ADMISSIONS

Applications are now open for admissions to Reception class in September. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please refer to page 4 for further details

## CHRISTMAS MENU

Our Christmas menu is now available to view on page 5. This is the menu being served to pupils on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The children can wear Christmas jumpers or bright colours on this day.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER EXCHANGE PROJECT

Thank you to those who donated jumpers for the Christmas Jumper Exchange Project. Each of the jumpers were laundered and available for parents to collect on various days. Surplus jumpers can now be found in the outside uniform cupboard

Value of the month: **Respect**

A peek at the next few weeks...



## Diary Dates

24.11.23	INSET – No school for pupils
29.11.23	It's All About Christmas Community Market
01.12.23	Elf Day and Y6 Cycling
08.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day / Reception & Y1 Trip
11.12.23-15.12.23	– World Religion Week
12.12.23	Snow White Pantomime (Years 2 & 3)
13.12.23	Christmas Lunch
14.12.23	Parent Panel Meeting (Focus: Assessment)
15.12.23	Progress Reports to Parents
19.12.23	Party Day (all year groups – party clothes can be worn)

## Term Dates

21.12.23	End of autumn term (1:15 pm finish)
22.12.23	INSET day
08.01.24	Spring term begins

## ATTENDANCE

A friendly reminder that attendance continues to be high on our priority list this year and as a result will be closely monitored this term. Whilst we appreciate illness cannot be avoided, we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly so that they are accessing all aspects of the curriculum. If your child is going to be absent, please inform the school so that we can make a note of this on your child's record.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we are held accountable by CCBC and are challenged when attendance percentages are lower than what is deemed acceptable for pupils. In this instance, we have a duty to explain what we as a school have done to increase this. Therefore, if you are invited to attend an attendance meeting, we would appreciate your cooperation so that we can work with you to identify ways forward. Failure to communicate with school could result in involvement from the EWO or a fixed penalty notice being issued, both of which we want to avoid.

We also tackling lateness this term, please can you arrive at school by 9am each day so that your child is able to access Soft Start and reading activities. Thank you!

SCHOOL TARGET = 92%



Please refer to page 2 for further attendance information.

# Attendance

## School Target = 92%

2023-2024	Class Attendance % for week beginning 13.11.23	Class Attendance % for week beginning 20.11.23
Nursery	77.24%	78.45%
Reception	89.17%	90.63%
Year 1	95.71%	89.29%
Year 2	92.59%	83.33%
Year 3	95.38%	88.46%
Year 4	89.68%	93.55%
Year 5	96.82%	94.71%
Year 6	94.81%	95.37%

Your child should NOT have a day off school for the following reasons:

- It is their birthday
- The family have slept late
- They have a medical appointment to attend
  - They do not want to attend
  - They are upset about something

Please communicate all absences with school on the first day of absence and if we can support, we will.



# #CHSANTA GIVEAWAY



Win The Above Luxury  
**WELSH FOOD HAMPER**



Spot our  
**#CHSANTA**  
Christmas lorry and  
send us your BEST  
picture of or with it.  
**DON'T FORGET  
TO HASHTAG!**



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# Admission to Reception September 2024

Applications are now open for admission to Reception classes in  
September 2024

**You must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

You can apply by visiting [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) and searching for  
school admissions or by scanning the QR code below  
For help and support call the Admissions team on 01443 864870



# CHRISTMAS *Menu*

## CAERPHILLY CATERING SERVICE

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SUCCULENT TURKEY BREAST WITH  
SEASONING,  
CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE & GRAVY  
OR  
QUORN ROAST (V)

CHEF'S SELECTION OF SEASONAL  
VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING  
SERVED WITH WHITE SAUCE  
OR  
RASPBERRY RIPPLE ICE CREAM TUBS  
(FRUIT ALSO AVAILABLE)

WATER / MILK

PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE MENU CONTAINS  
ALLERGENS

# Head lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.



## How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

## Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

## Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

## You cannot prevent head lice

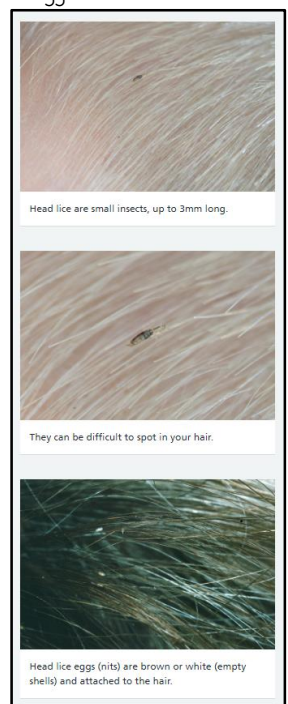
There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

*Information taken directly from NHS website: [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)*





# Cost of Living Advice Event

**White Rose Resource Centre, New Tredegar**  
**Thursday 30th November, 2pm - 7pm**

Finding the rising cost of living a challenge?  
You're not alone, and we're here to help.



## Join our community event for:

- Local Expertise on Money and Debt Management
- Practical Tips to Reduce Energy Bills and Improve Home Efficiency
- Guidance on Budgeting for Household Bills and Groceries
- Support Tailored for Families
- Benefits Advice
- Discover the joy of Reusing Pre-loved Furniture, Toys and Household Items
- One to one advice and support available!



Every attendee can enter our **FREE RAFFLE** for a chance to win an air fryer or a slow cooker. Plus, enjoy complimentary refreshments!

Tel: 01443 811490 Text: SUPPORT to 07537 414443

Email: [caerphillycares@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:caerphillycares@caerphilly.gov.uk)

[www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyCares](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyCares)



## School Essentials Grant (Replaces PDG Access Grant) 2023/2024

Key changes for families to be aware of for September 2023

- New name – School Essentials Grant replaces the PDG Access Grant
- There is no longer a requirement for families to submit a specific application for the grant. Families of eligible pupils will receive a Post Office letter, allowing the collection of a cash payment.
- The grant provides £125 (except for year 7 which is £200) for eligible pupils [Reception through to Year 11] to buy school uniforms, equipment, sports kit, and kit for activities outside of school.

Eligibility of pupils remains unchanged, full details are available on the Council's Website.

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/travel,-grants-and-funding/school-essentials-grant?lang=en-CB>