Newsletter
18th September 2026

Learning to Shine

Twyn Award Winners

Mr Thomas awards – Nia Davies and Codie-Zac Gillett
Year 6 – Teilo Holmes and Seren Robson
Year 5 – Avayah Jones and Charlotte Thomas
Year 4 – Evie-Rose Saltmarsh and Brielle Ekpe
Year 3 – Aubree Jones and Nicholas Ruotolo
Year 2 – Gabriella Onah and Mia Green
Year 1 – Harry Andrews and Ellana Bentley
Reception – Luna Main and Ellis Lloyd
Nursery – Myla Davis and Luke Harrington

Next Friday is an INSET DAY. School will be closed to pupils on Friday 25th September.

🌱 Supporting Our School, Investing in Our Children

A huge **thank you to R&M Williams** for their fantastic support of The Twyn School over the summer. They generously helped us remove a disused wooden classroom, creating a fantastic new outdoor space which our pupils will help to shape and develop over the coming year. They have also donated **three brand-new mud kitchens**, which are already proving hugely popular with our younger children and providing wonderful opportunities for imaginative play, creativity and outdoor learning. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity, expertise and commitment to our school community. 👏🌳💚

📸 School Photographs – Wednesday 30th September

On **Wednesday, 30th September**, Colorfoto will be visiting school to take **individual and sibling photographs** of all pupils.
If you have a **pre-school child** who would like to have their photograph taken with an older brother or sister, please bring **all pre-school siblings** who require a family photograph to the **Nursery and Reception Hall from 8.15am**. These photographs will be taken in this building.
The school will organise for all children to have their individual and sibling photographs taken in their appropriate school buildings during the school day.
📸 We look forward to seeing some lovely photographs of the children!

🏃 Cross Country Trials

Children in our **Junior Classes (Years 3–6)** will have the opportunity to represent Twyn School at the **County Cross Country Championships** on **Thursday 1st October in Blackwood**. 🏆
To select our school team, we will be holding **Cross Country Trials next Thursday 24th September**.
Mrs Williams and I will organise a long-distance race for each year group. We will then select the **four fastest boys and four fastest girls** from each year group to represent Twyn School at the County Championships.
If your child would like to enter the trial, please make sure that they:
👕 Wear their **PE kit** on Thursday 24th September
👟 Have **appropriate trainers** suitable for running

📈 **Attendance Matters!**

Every school day counts! 📚✨

Regular attendance is really important in helping children achieve their very best at school.

Please help your child by:

✅ Attending school every day ⏰ Arriving at school on time 📚 Making the most of every learning opportunity

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know **before 9:30am**.

📞 **02920 852527** 📧 TheTwynSchool@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk

⏳ **Attendance Champions** ⏳ 🎯 Whole School Attendance Target: 93%

🏅 This week's Attendance Champions are...

🎉 **CLASS 2J!** 🎉 An amazing **98.9**% attendance! 👏🌟 Da iawn, 2J! Keep up the fantastic work! ⭐⏳

🚫🥜 **Allergy Reminder**

Please remember that **nut products are not permitted in school**.

This includes nuts in packed lunches, snacks and food brought into school.

Thank you for helping us to keep all our pupils and staff safe by ensuring that **no nut products are brought into school**. 💛

We really appreciate your continued support. 🙏

📚🏫 **INSET Days**

Please remember that school will be **closed to pupils** on the following INSET days:

📌 **Friday 25th September 2026**
📌 **Friday 18th December 2026**
📌 **Monday 22nd February 2027**
📌 **Friday 21st May 2027**
📌 **Tuesday 20th July 2027**

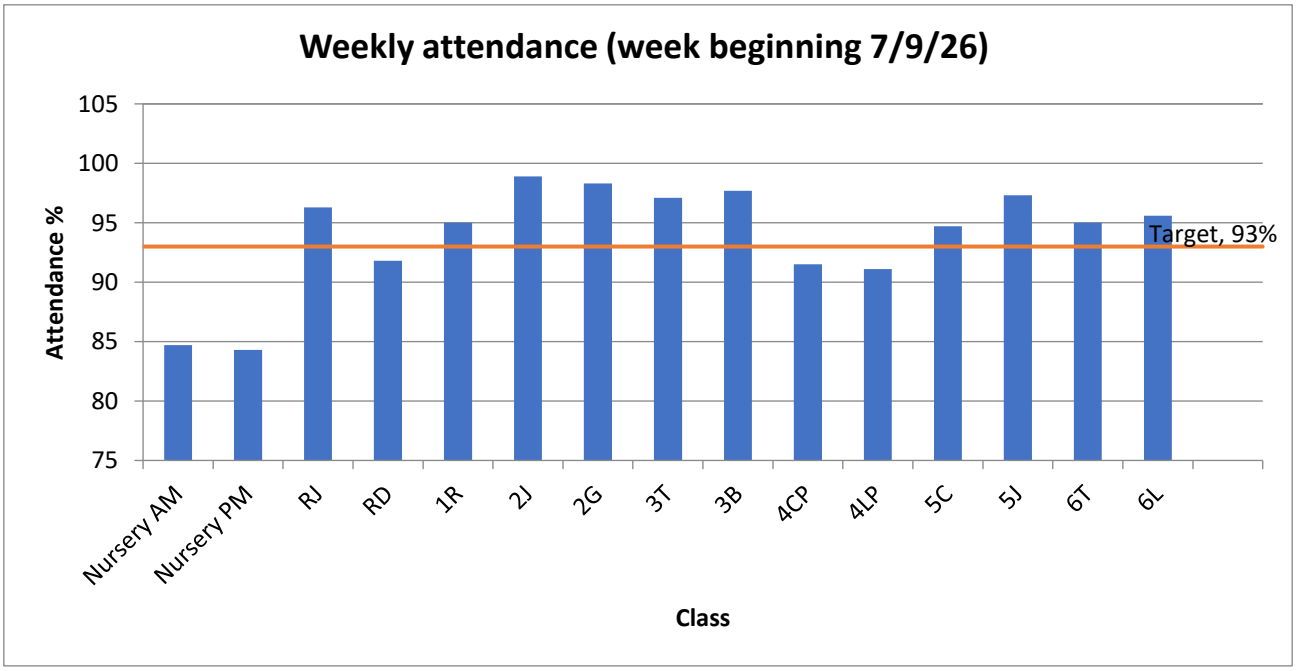
Please add these dates to your calendars. 🗓️

🍂🗓️ **Autumn Term Dates**

Here are the key dates for the remainder of the Autumn Term:

📚 **INSET DAY** - Friday 25th September 2026
🍁 **Half Term** - Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026
🎄 **End of Autumn Term** - Thursday 17th December 2026
📚 **INSET DAY** - Friday 18th December 2026

Have a great weekend!
Lee Thomas


Weekly attendance (week beginning 7/9/26)
Attendance %
105
100
95
90
85
80
75
Target, 93%
Nursery AM
Nursery PM
RJ
RD
1R
2J
2G
3T
3B
4CP
4LP
5C
5J
6T
6L
Class