



Newsletter

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th September - Year 6 PE Transition Day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil

Monday 29th September - Reception - Year 6 Fluenz Vaccinations

Tuesday 30th September - Neath Afan Gymnastics to visit Nursery and Reception

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day - School Based Assembly (wear yellow)

Wednesday 15th October - Shwmae Day (Welsh Celebrations—Class based)

Friday 17th October - Show Racism the Red Card (wear red day)

Thursday 23rd October - PTFA Disco (information to follow from PTFA)

Friday 24th October - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November - Pupils Return to School

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th November - Wear Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th November - Parent Consultations (booking link to follow)

Tuesday 11th November - Parent Consultations (booking link to follow)

Wednesday 12th November - World Diabetes Day Activities (wear blue)

Friday 14th November - Children In Need (wear spots or Children in Need clothing)

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January - Christmas Holiday

Monday 5th January - Spring Term - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th January - Pupils Return to School for Spring Term

*Further Autumn dates to follow

Croeso! - Welcome Back!

It is hard to believe that the Summer holiday is over and we are back into the routine of school life!! Welcome back everyone!! I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. The children have settled well into new classes and are working hard in all areas of school life.

I look forward to working closely with you all again this year with lots of opportunities for learning, growing and shining together!

Mrs Jefford



School Development Plan

Every year as a school we set priorities and targets for the coming year. This ensures we are always identifying our strengths and areas for development.

This year pupils and staff will be working hard to:

- To Create Increasing Opportunities for Independence
- To Raise Standards of Welsh Oracy
- Enhance the Foundation Phase Learning Environment to Promote Exciting, Experiential and Engaging Play and Learning Opportunities.

We will keep you updated throughout the year as we work towards our targets.



Safeguarding and Parking

Please remember that safety is paramount when parking around school. We understand that this can be difficult at busy times but do not park on the yellow lines, even for a short time. We will continue to work closely with the police and NPT Road Safety Team. This partnership working will continue to monitor the situation.

The main school gate is locked throughout the school day. Please do not use the car park for Breakfast Club drop-off or Afterschool Club collection. If access is needed, please call the school office to arrange.

Please continue to support us for the safety of our families.

Contacting Staff at School

If you need to speak to a member of staff at school, please speak to them directly, contact the school office or email. We have been made aware of a few parents trying contact staff personally. Staff are unable to respond to messages sent this way. Staff sign annual forms linked to confidentiality and the use of Social Media. Please work with us to support this and do not put them in this difficult situation. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Brass Lessons

We have loved introducing Brass Lessons into Coed Hirwaun during the last 2 years. However, we have a large number of families not paying for the sessions. This is having a negative impact on the school budget. This will be monitored very closely this term. Our lessons are at risk of being cancelled if this continues. Thank you for supporting this as it is a wonderful to introduce pupils to music sessions. Lessons will resume on Tuesday 23rd September.



Healthy School Reminder.

At the start of the school year, can I please remind you to send your child/children with a packed lunch as healthy as they can be. Please be mindful of the sweets / treats that are added into packed lunches.

Please do not send in fizzy drinks with packed lunches.

We are a Healthy School and continue to work towards the standards to maintain our Healthy School Status. Part of this requirement is, the drink pupils have access to throughout the day is **water only**. Please send water only in the bottle that your child has access to within class.



Administration of Medicine

If your child / children needs ANY medication administered in school, please speak to a member of staff before sending in the medication. An Administration of Medication Form MUST be completed before ANY medication can be given at school.



Coed Hirwaun - Stay and Play Group

Playgroup has started back this week. Mrs Noon will organise the sessions this year. It takes place every Monday from 9:30am - 11:30am . Please let anyone with pre-school aged children know. This is a lovely opportunity to meet with other families and begin to make positive links with the school. We look forward to seeing you.



Pre-school Aged Children

We are in the process of updating our pre-school aged pupil list. If you have any pre-school children aged 0-3 and you would like them to attend Coed Hirwaun in the future, please contact the school office. This will enable us to keep a record of perspective pupils and help us plan effectively for the future. Please pass this onto anyone you know that may wish to send their child / children to Coed Hirwaun . Official Applications are completed through NPT but it gives us advance notice of pupils to expect on our admission lists.

***Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Jefford***

