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Education for All

Christmas is almost upon us! Staff and pupils have been working hard preparing for the upcoming Christmas concerts, and we can't wait to welcome you all to celebrate with us. As you will know this year see's us celebrating our 70th anniversary, and throughout the year we have several activities taking place to recognise this. Those of you that attended our Parents Evening will have seen the photographs on display showing Tywyn pupils throughout the decades, we have previous staff and Governors joining current staff at the school for a celebration next Tuesday, and even our junior Christmas concert gives a little nod to the 70th celebrations this year. There will be more activities to come, and we will also be uploading a fantastic flythrough video of the school onto our website in celebration.

Our pupil voice groups have been working hard, for example with the School Council having arranged our Children in Need event and our school Senedd having been part of work being completed around wellbeing and creating a Community Garden. We had a wonderful Remembrance Service at School and all the pupils participated in Anti-bullying week. Our sports teams continued to be involved in competitive competitions, and our netball team won the Urdd regional competition and is through to the National Final in May.

Thank you to, you, the Parents for attending Parents Evenings. We had positive feedback, and it is always fantastic to connect with you all. Thank you also to the parents who have completed the Parent Questionnaires. Again, positive outcomes. 95% of parents said that their child likes school.

92% of parents said that they would recommend the school.

We will be exploring the outcomes of the questionnaire over this academic year. Some of this work will be done through our Parent Ambassadors. To date we have had one initial Parent Ambassador meeting this academic year and we have our next before Christmas. At the meeting we will be discussing many things, including communication and poverty proofing. If you would like to be a Parent Ambassador, please contact the school office.

Every year we set school improvement targets. Our school priorities for this academic year are as follows –

1. To continue to improve attendance.
2. To further enhance and develop a consistent whole school approach to well-being.
3. To further improve pupils' Literacy skills.
4. To further improve teaching to support pupils' development as independent learners.

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Fete (*thank you for all the donations*) and we look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Concerts!

Keep Linked In.

As you will be aware, we use SCHOOP to communicate with yourselves. Our school ID code for SCHOOP is 8115.

We do have some news; in the New Year we plan to move over to Class Dojo. Further information will be sent out regarding this in due course. In the meantime, please ensure you keep up to date via Schoop.

We will also be introducing information boards in which will be found outside, where you will find safeguarding information as well as a QR code to take you to the most recent newsletter, which includes all the important dates.



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Attendance

Improving pupil's attendance, remains a priority for us as a school.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time daily to avoid disruption – the school day starts at 8.50am and teaching and learning begins immediately. We must remind you that holidays taken during term time are not authorised by the school and you may face a fixed penalty notice if they are taken. You should also request a leave of absence form from the office, to be completed when requesting holidays. If your child is off school for more than one day could you please inform us on the first day of the absence and every day after as it helps to keep our registers up to date. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am on the first day of absence, school will contact you to find out why your child is off. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, their progress could be seriously affected. GOOD ATTENDERS = GOOD ACHIEVERS! Improving attendance is going to continue to be one of our areas of focus this academic year as it has such an impact on the children's learning.

As a school we are working to improve pupil's attendance. We value your support in working with us to achieve this, and most importantly allowing your children to have the best start by being in school.

We have a duty to safeguard our pupils and ensure that they are good attenders, this includes monitoring pupils who are collected for appointments. Should your child have an appointment we should be informed in a timely manner and evidence of the appointment will be required. Please do not turn up to school for an appointment without having notified us in advance. We thank you in advance.

School Council

Children in Need – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need Challenge 25 event. Our Comfy Clothes Day, chosen by the School Council, was a great success and raised an amazing £320 to help children and young people across the UK.

This links to Article 27 – The right to a good standard of living, as our fundraising helps ensure that all children have access to the essentials they need to live and thrive.

Thank you for making a difference!

Governors Corner

My name is Lynda Eddolls and I am the ALN Governor and Vice Chair of Governors at Tywyn. Before I retired I was a Nursery Nurse in the Infants, but since then I attend school weekly to listen to children read. Tywyn is a very special place where pupils of all abilities work and play together and form wonderful friendships, aided by dedicated and caring staff.

Lynda Eddolls
Vice Chair of Governors

Criw Cymraeg

Patrwm Y Mis will be is

Beth wyt ti eisiau am Nadolig?

“Beth oat tee eye-shy am Nah-doll-ig?”

What would you like for Christmas?

This patrwn puts a festive twist on the patrwn of Beth wyt ti eisiau that children learn through their language patterns on school.

You will find a video of the Criw Cymraeg practising this patrwn on the school website.



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Reading

All pupils at Tywyn Primary have access to the Oxford Reading Buddy platform. Your child's class teacher should have shared their log in with you. If you need to be reminded of your child's log in details, please contact their class teacher.

We encourage you to read daily with your child. Good readers become good writers and great learners.

We will be restarting our reading engagement competition in the New Year. To support in your child in being successful please help them log on to the platform and ensure they complete the comprehension activities.

Important Dates

INSET dates 05/01/26 and 20/07/2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
2/12/25	Nursery Christmas Concert
3/12/25	Reception Christmas Concert
4/12/25	Y1 + 2 Christmas Concerts
5/12/25	Y1 + 2 Christmas Concert
11/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/25	Y3, 4 5 + 6 Concerts
12/12/25	Y3, 4 5 + 6 Concert
16/12/25	Bumbles of Honeywood working with Y4
17/12/25	LSC + Nurture Class Christmas Concert
18/12/25	Christmas dinner + Christmas jumpers
18/12/25	Singing at Swn y Mor (selected pupils)
19/12/25	Last day of term.
5/01/26	INSET Day
6/01/26	Children return to school.

Siarad Cymraeg/Speaking Welsh

As a school we are very proud of our heritage and wish to foster the use of the Welsh language amongst our children and the school community. Please head over to our school website to find out more information.

<https://tywyn-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/cymraeg/>

Digital Safety

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to download the National Online Safety App, which is free to all parents and carers. This app will have invaluable advice for keeping children safe online. You will also find further support and guidance on our school website. Please take the time to read the safety leaflet that we have sent out via SCHOOP. You will also find this on the school website.

Safeguarding Team

The school safeguarding team includes **Mrs McHugh, Miss Williams, Mrs Hanbury, Mrs Jones and Ms Edwards (Family Engagement Officer.)**

Governor responsible for safeguarding - Cllr.M.Crowley

Should you have any safeguarding concerns out of school hours, please call SPOC on 01639686802.

Please note that the school office opening hours are 8.15am to 3.45pm



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