



Blaendulais Primary School

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December 2025 Newsletter **Llythyr Newyddio Rhagfyr 2025**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our December newsletter! Here you'll find key dates, upcoming events and important information.

Christmas Concerts

You are all welcome to take photos and videos of your child performing. If you share them on social media, please make sure **only your child is shown**. Some families have asked that their children's images are not shared—please respect this to keep everyone safe.

Our Christmas Concert dates – All concerts will be in the school hall to allow plenty of room. Please come to the Main Entrance. Please remember to bring your tickets.

- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (Marchywel) – Tuesday 9th December at 9.15am
- Year 2, 3 and LSC1 (Cribarth) – Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm
- Year 4,5,6 and LSC2 (Hirfynydd) – Wednesday 10th December at 2.00pm



PTFA events

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising fantastic events this term! Your support makes a big difference and our pupils have shared lots of ideas for future purchases with them already. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Safeguarding

Keeping everyone safe is our top priority. If you have concerns, please contact the school.

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs. R Dawson

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mr. Fulford Astley, Mrs. Totterdale and Mrs. Jones

Safeguarding Governor: Ms. T. James (Chair of Governors)

SPOC Team: 01639 686802 (available to contact by everyone if you have any concerns)

We will continue to practise our safety drills so everyone knows what to do and acts calmly and quickly.

Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility

Attendance

Our target is **95%**. Current attendance: **88.73%** (1st Nov – 30th Nov)

Our attendance for the Autumn term 2025 is **91.06%**

Please call us on the first day of absence. All unexplained absences will be followed up with a phone call for safeguarding reasons.

Please organise appointments outside of school hours where possible. All holidays are unauthorised under the Local Authority policy.

School Times:

- Doors open: 8:40am
- Doors close: 8:50am
- End of day: 3:15pm (LSC1 and 2: 3:00pm, Nursery: 11:40am)



If you are running later (after 8.50am) please come to the Main Office and sign in.

As part of our celebration assemblies on Fridays, our School Senedd Attendance Team will be working with staff and pupils to create prizes and treats for the class with the highest attendance each week.

Family Engagement Events

Our Family Engagement Officer, Ceri-Marie Jones, has planned some exciting activities for December and the New Year. These events are a great way for families and our community to get involved, support each other and have fun together. Ceri is here to support you all through Team Teulu and Community Focused Schools.

December Events:



- Christmas Wreath **Making: Monday 8th December in the Community/Family Room**
- Nursery Christmas Party: **Monday 15th December (meet in Nursery)**
- Lunch/Afternoon Tea with Santa: **Wednesday 17th December** (all pupils during lunchtime – thank you to our Head Cook, Tracey Lewis and team for preparing a fantastic tea party !)

Starting Monday 12th January 2026:

Join us for regular sessions in the Family/Community Room (Main School Building – Hirfynydd). Everyone is welcome!

Monday:

- Coffee Morning & Chat: 9:00am – 11:00am (Parents/Carers only)
- Stay & Play: 2:00pm – 3:00pm (Parents/Carers and children)
- Bits & Bobs Creative Club: 3:20pm – 4:20pm (Parents/Carers and children)
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Wednesday:

- Welly Walk: 9:00am – 10:00am (Parents/Carers only – meet in Community Room)
- ACL Cooking: 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Parents/Carers and children – max 10 families)

Please contact Ceri if you would like to attend. c.jones12@npt.gov.uk or 07483361260



Breakfast Club

To ensure that our school site is secure at all times, our main gates will be closed. Please use the buzzer from 8.10am and a member of staff will let you in and out.

Doors open at 8.10am. Children **must not** arrive any later than 8.25am. Please ensure your children are always supervised for their own safety when waiting for the doors to open.

Breakfast Club is run by the 'School Meals Service' and any issues should be reported to that Service at Neath Port Talbot CBC and not the school.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all of the staff for organising after school clubs this half term. Our clubs will resume in the New Year with some new additions.

Our School Development Priorities

1. Improve pupils' writing skills
2. Improve attendance
3. Support independent, active learning
4. Develop positive relationships and behaviour

Important dates for your diary

- **Monday 8th December 2025** – Wreath Making morning with our Family Engagement Officer in our Family/Community room starting at 9am
- **Tuesday 9th December 2025** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (Marchywel) at 9.15am in the school hall
- **Wednesday 10th December 2025** - Year 4,5,6 and LSC2 (Hirfynydd) at 2.00pm in the school hall
- **Thursday 11th December 2025** - Year 2, 3 and LSC1 (Cribarth) at 2.00pm in the school hall
- **Thursday 11th December 2025** – Christmas Dinner Day
- **Thursday 11th December 2025** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 15th December 2025** – Payment due today for Pantomime
- **Wednesday 17th December 2025** – Lunch/Afternoon Tea with Santa (all pupils involved during lunchtime organised by Family Engagement Officer)
- **Friday 19th December 2025** – Last day of half term
- **Monday 5th January 2026** – First day back to school
- **Thursday 8th January 2026** – Pantomime at Gwyn Hall Neath

From everyone at Blaendulais Primary School, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and would like to thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs. R. Dawson
Headteacher