



Blaendulais Primary School

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'Making a Difference' 'Gwneud y Gwahaniaeth'

February 2026 Newsletter Llythyr Newyddio Chwefror 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share some updates and reminders about what's happening in Blaendulais Primary School.

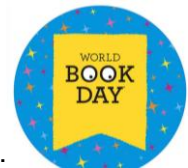


St David's Day - Monday 2nd March

We will be celebrating St David's Day on Monday 2nd March. Please wear Welsh costumes/jerseys or red tops if possible. We are looking forward to a day of Welsh songs and activities.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Please wear your favourite book themed costume to school to celebrate World Book Day.



Eco Award – Platinum Award

We are extremely proud of our Eco Committee and Mrs. Totterdale for achieving the **Platinum Eco Award** for the school. Thank you also to all of the staff and pupils for making this possible. Well done all.

The Eco-Schools Platinum Award is a difficult award to achieve and is the **highest honour in the Eco Schools programme**. It is given to schools that show long-term, outstanding commitment to sustainability and environmental education.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March 2026

Details to follow over the next few weeks.



Safeguarding

- Safeguarding Lead: Mrs. R Dawson
- Safeguarding Governor: Ms. T. James (Chair of Governors)
- Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mr. Fulford Astley, Mrs. Totterdale and Mrs. Jones

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

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.

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

Safeguarding drills

We would like to remind you that our fire and lockdown drills take place regularly and are carried out calmly and safely. These practise drills are an essential part of keeping all children safe and ensuring that staff are well prepared for any real emergency.

Thank you for the positive responses from parents and carers. If you would like any further reassurance or have any questions, please speak to Mrs Dawson.

Attendance

Our target is **95%**.

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.



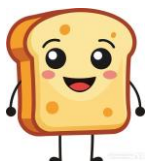
Dojo

Dojo is used to share updates and achievements between home and school. Parents are asked not to message staff outside school hours, as messages go directly to staff members' personal devices. Teachers can be contacted between **8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday** and will reply during these times. Repeated messaging outside these hours may lead to restrictions, including removal as a contact. Thank you for your cooperation.



Valentines School Disco

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising our Valentines School Disco. It was very well attended and the silent disco was enjoyed by all.



Breakfast Club

Our doors open at 8.10am and a member of staff will let you in and out of the main gate. 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.



Family Engagement Timetable Monday and Wednesday with Ceri-Marie

Mondays

Monday 2nd March **coffee morning 9am-11am** with Kira from Llangatwg (transition)

4 parental sessions with CAMHS - Monday 9th March 9am-11am
Monday 16th March 9am-11am
Monday 23rd March 9am-11am
Monday 13th April 9am-11am



Monday afternoons 1pm—3pm - Parents wellbeing sessions (healthy living focus)

Monday – After School Club with Ceri.

Wednesdays

Wednesday - Wellbeing walk 9-10am

Wednesday **Science sessions** (parents and pupils) 1pm-3pm

After School Clubs

Thank you to the staff for organising these. Please inform staff if children are walking home.

Staff member	Club	Day
Mr Clark	Minecraft	Tuesday until 4pm
Mrs Jones	Multi skills club Y2-6	Wednesday until 4pm
Mrs Rudge	Art and Craft	Monday lunchtime

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 2 nd March 2026	St David's Day
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last day of term
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday
Monday 13 th April 2026	First Day back - Summer Term
Friday 17th April 2026	INSET DAY

Kind regards,
Mrs. R. Dawson
Headteacher