



Blaendulais Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

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.

Our Values

Our celebration assemblies will now focus on the eight values below, recognising children who work hard to demonstrate them each day.

Manners Kindness Safe Responsibility Honesty Trust Respect Happiness

Behaviour and Relationships

Thank you for taking the time to help us evaluate the progress made in developing behaviour and relationships in the school. We are very pleased to share that progress is being made with our children feeling happier, safer and more equipped to deal with conflict by talking to each other. Whilst we still have much work to do, this is really positive. Thank you all for your support and please contact us if you would like to discuss this area of school development.

Attendance

Our target is **95%**. Our attendance for the Autumn term ended on 89.9%

Attendance for January 2026 - **90.3%**

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.

Welcoming back our Education Welfare Officer – Mr. Simon Jones

We are delighted to welcome back Mr. Simon Jones, our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

Simon will be working closely with staff, pupils and families to support positive attendance, help remove barriers to learning and ensure that every child can make the most of their time in school. You may see him around the school or hear from him if support is needed.

Family Engagement Events

Thank you to all families who have attended so far. The feedback has been incredibly positive and it is wonderful to see so many of you joining activities, learning together and engaging with the school community.

If you haven't yet popped in, we would love to see you—everyone is welcome!

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)



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Dojo

Dojo is a very effective way of connecting home and school, allowing us to share achievements, key events and general updates. We kindly ask that you avoid messaging staff outside of school hours. Messages are sent directly to staff members' personal devices, so please be considerate of this during evenings and weekends.

You can contact your child's teacher between 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Staff will be happy to respond during these times. However, if this service is repeatedly used outside the stated hours, we may need to take action, which could include removing you as a contact. Thank you for your understanding.

Valentines School Disco – Thursday 12th January (School Hall)



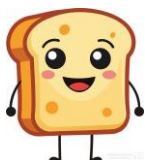
Our fantastic PTA have organised a Valentines Disco from **4.30pm - 6.00pm**.

£2 per ticket. Our PTA will be selling tickets from 9th February 2026 at the main entrance.

All children from Nursery to Y2 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Older and younger siblings that don't attend the school are welcome but must also be supervised by an adult.

We ask that the children respect our school rules and behaviour expectations during the Disco please. Parents/carers will be contacted to collect if there is an issue.



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

Our after school clubs will fully begin next week. Thank you staff for organising these.

Staff member	Club	Day
Mrs Jones	Multi skills club Y2-6	Wednesday until 4pm
Mr Clark	Minecraft	Tuesday until 4pm
Mr Curtis	Ukulele	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

Wednesday 11 th February	School Council Meeting in Cwmnedd for pupils
Thursday 12 th February	Silent Valentines Disco
Friday 13 th February	Last day of term
Monday 23 rd February	First day back

Mrs. R. Dawson
Headteacher