



Blaendulais Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Safeguarding

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

In the interest of every child or family's safety over the holidays, if you have any worries or concerns please contact the **SPOC Team: 01639 686802**.

Over the last few weeks, we have very successfully carried out our fire and lockdown drills and did so very calmly and quickly. Over the Summer term we will continue to practise these regularly as 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

Please remember to phone the school to report your child's absence each day. Please **DO NOT** report your child's absence via Dojo. If your child's absence has not been reported, then school will phone as part of our safeguarding process.

Our attendance has dropped slightly over the past month. Please ensure that your child comes to school daily. Below is a summary of how much learning your child misses when absent from school:

Attendance Percentage	National Guidelines
95%-100%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
90%-94.9%	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
85%-89.9%	Cause for concern. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. You will receive a letter from school to inform you of your child's low attendance.
80%-84.9%	Cause for concern. Your child may need extra support from you to catch up with work. You will receive a letter from the Education Welfare Officer.
Below 80%	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You will receive a visit from the Education Welfare Officer. At risk of a Local Authority court fine if absence persists.

Late arrivals

Please try to get your child into school on time. School starts promptly at 8:50am. We do understand that exceptional circumstances sometimes occur but please talk to us regarding these so that we can be of help.

School Times:

- Doors open: 8:40am
- Doors close: 8:50am
- End of day: 3:15pm LSC1 and LSC2: 3:00pm
Nursery: 11:40am



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.



ClassDojo

Over the next few weeks, we will be using ClassDojo as our main method of communication with parents and carers. If you need any support with downloading or setting up the app, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

ClassDojo is a free app used by many schools. The current 'Teacher to Parents' text service costs the school around £800 per year, which is an additional expense we can avoid by using Dojo.

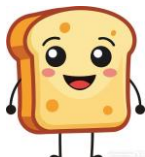
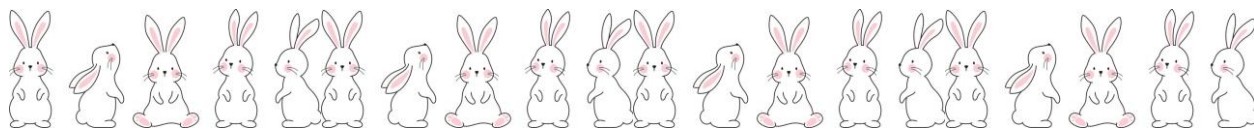
PTA funding

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for helping us to buy new netball posts and a selection of footballs, netballs and rugby balls.

After speaking with pupils and staff, we have now opened up both the Cribarth (Infant) and Hirfynydd (Junior) yards. The pupils have really enjoyed spending time with different friends and now have access to a range of games and activities over the lunch break.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and thank you to all who donated prizes. Every penny raised will be helping to purchase our new reading scheme to ensure that every child has access to quality reading materials.



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.

Uniform

It is an expectation of the school and Governors that school uniform is worn daily, unless it's the class designated P.E. day. Pre-loved uniform is available if you need support. Please Dojo your child's class teacher.

Please also ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear – Please do not wear flip flops, open toed sandals or crocs as these cause little toes to be injured as well as trips and falls when running around. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Thank you to the staff for organising our After School/Lunchtime Clubs. Staff will update you via Dojo when clubs start after the Easter holidays. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the organising teacher as there are waiting lists for all clubs. Please also inform staff if your child is walking home. Thank you.

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

Friday 17th April 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Thursday 21st May	Llangatwg staff spend the whole day in Blaendulais with parents/carers invited for the drop in sessions any time between 2pm and 5.30pm.
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 transition Day to Llangatwg Parents/Carers evening on the same day (Wednesday 8th July), starting at 5.30pm
Monday 29th June	INSET DAY
Monday 20th July	INSET
For any other dates you will be notified via Dojo	

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Kind regards,

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