



Blaendulais Primary School

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May 2026 Newsletter
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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.

Classroom re-structuring

From September 2026, our LSC provision led by Mrs Totterdale and Mr Clark will be amalgamated and based in our Cribarth Building (bottom school building).

Mrs Jones' class will move to our Hirfynydd building with our Y2 – Y6 pupils all together in the building.



Your child's class teacher for next year will be confirmed at the end of the school year.

Our classes from September 2026

Building	Year Groups	Teachers
Marchywel Building	Nursery, Reception and Year 1	Mrs Rudge and Mr Curtis
Hirfynydd Building (Main building)	Year 2 – Year 6	Mr Fulford-Astley and Mrs Jones
Cribarth Building (Lower school building)	LSC (Learning Support Centre) - 3yrs – 11yrs	Mrs Totterdale and Mr Clark

New Online Reading Platform: Reading Buddy

We are pleased to introduce Reading Buddy, a new online reading platform to support children's reading at school and at home. The platform offers levelled books, stories to listen to and activities to help develop reading skills. Children have been shown how to use Reading Buddy in class and log-in details, We hope this will encourage reading at home, confidence and a love of reading.

Sports Day - Monday 15th June

Sports Day will be held at Seven Sisters Rugby Club on Monday 15th June, starting at 1:30pm. We look forward to welcoming families to support the children.

We kindly ask that Nursery come back in the afternoon to join in.

Further information to follow nearer the date.



Visit to Gnoll Park – year 2/3 – Friday 7th May

Year 2/3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Gnoll Park, Neath, where they learned more about their current topic. The children had a wonderful day exploring and learning outside the classroom.





Visit to Botanical Garden of Wales – Tuesday 19th May

Year 1, LSC2 and Years 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting the Botanical Garden of Wales to learn more about plants and adaptation, linking to their current class topics. This visit will provide valuable hands-on learning outside the classroom.

Clever Cubs Storytelling Workshop – Tuesday June 30th

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be enjoying a special visit from Clever Cubs, who will be delivering an engaging storytelling workshop. The session will inspire imagination, develop listening skills and promote a love of stories through interactive storytelling activities.

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 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.

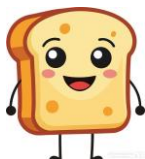
School Times:

- 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.



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. Please take your children to the canteen door.

Many thanks. Catering Team

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

Tuesday 19 th May	Botanical Gardens trip for Y1, Y4,5,6 and LSC2
Thursday 21 st 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
Tuesday 9 th June	Y4,5,6 Margan park – Bounce Back Activity Day with other schools in NPT
Monday 15 th June	Sports Day – Seven Sisters Rugby field – 1.30pm start
Monday 29th June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition day for Y6 to Llangatwg
Friday 17 th July	Last day of school
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 1st September	INSET DAY

Kind regards,
Mrs. R. Dawson
Headteacher