



# Ynysfach Primary School

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**Friday July 18th**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, parents, and governors a restful and enjoyable summer break. Thank you sincerely for your continued support throughout the year, and for the kind messages and thoughtful gifts to staff—it is truly appreciated.

This year has brought significant challenges, including the heartbreaking loss of a dear colleague and friend, Mr. Morgan. Your kindness and support during this difficult time have meant so much to us. In his memory, we are planning to install a 'Friendship Bench' (kindly made by the 'Men shed') with two trees or bushes. One of these has kindly been donated by Noah's family/ Tom's nurseries and one given to us from our lovely friends at Blaengwrach. We also wish to establish an annual football tournament with our cluster schools—tributes we believe he would be proud of, as he was deeply proud of this community. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, we will also continue our tradition of hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning, a cause close to Mr. Morgan's heart, and we hope you will join us in raising funds for this important charity.

Despite the challenges, it has been a busy and productive year. Our pupils have benefited from enriching experiences, including visits from special guests, educational day trips, and residential trips that have broadened their horizons. Our Family Engagement Officer has played a vital role in supporting both pupils and parents through group sessions, coffee mornings, and family outings. Thank you for embracing these opportunities and becoming such an active part of school life—we look forward to welcoming even more of you next year.

We also hope our community shop continues to be a valuable resource. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped run the shop or assisted with our FareShare collections. Your support makes these initiatives possible. Please note that the shop will be closed over the summer and will reopen on **Thursday, 4th September**. If you are able to help with FareShare pickups on Thursdays, please contact the school.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all our pupils. They have been a credit to you—demonstrating maturity, kindness, and a positive attitude to learning. Visitors often comment on their excellent manners and enthusiasm. A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils, who have been outstanding role models and shone during their leavers show. We wish them every success as they move on to comprehensive school and continue their learning journey.

Finally, I would like to thank our governors for their ongoing support and our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to putting pupils first. We are truly fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Wednesday, 3rd September**.

Kind regards

*K. E. Thomas*

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September 2025

## Classes and staff

Nursery/ Reception	Mrs J Pickering
Year 1/ 2	Miss Evans
Year 3	Mrs L Thomas
Year 4/5	Mrs Groth
Year 5/6	Mrs D'Angeli
PPA cover	Miss LeMasurier

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we prepare for the new school year, please find below some important information regarding routines, timings, and expectations for September.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open from 8:25 a.m., with the last entry at 8:40 a.m. Pupils should enter through the blue door in the infant yard. ~~All pupils need to be supervised until breakfast starts.~~ The club is available for pupils from Reception to Year 6. (Reception pupils start from October onwards once they have settled into school life)

If you would like your child(ren) to attend breakfast club, please contact Donna in the school office to request a registration form.

## Start and Finish Times

- School gates open: 8:55 a.m.
- School day begins: 9:05 a.m.

Nursery pupils should use the nursery entrance for drop-off and pick-up. They finish at 11:05 a.m. (Please refer to the nursery letter for specific timings during the first few weeks.)

Reception to Year 6 pupils finish at 3:20 p.m. (Please see the Reception letter for adjusted finish times at the start of term.)

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**Attendance and Absence** Regular attendance is vital for your child's education. The Educational Welfare Officer monitors attendance closely in partnership with the school's senior leadership team.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please inform the school office by phoning Donna in the office or emailing before 10:00 a.m. on 01639 710238. [Office@ynysfachprimary.npt.school](mailto:Office@ynysfachprimary.npt.school)

## We are Nut Free School

### Snacks/ water

Only **fruit snacks** are permitted in school and **water** permitted in class.

- For pupils in Mrs. Pickering's and Miss Evans' classes, fruit money will be collected from **September 3rd** via **ParentPay**. You may pay **£1 per week** or **£7 for the half term**. If you need help setting up your ParentPay account, please contact the office.
- KS2 pupils** are encouraged to bring their own fruit snack and a **water bottle** to stay hydrated throughout the day.

### Lunches

All school lunches are free to all pupils. Menus are available on the school website. For those having packed lunch, we encourage healthy lunches and **discourage chocolates or sweets** in the lunch boxes. Please check all ingredients before sending in food to ensure it is **NUT FREE**.

### SCHOOP Communication

All school correspondence will be shared via SCHOOP – code 8407.

Please remember to **update your SCHOOP settings** for the new academic year:

1. Open the SCHOOP App.
2. Tap "My Schoop" at the bottom of the page.
3. Select **Ynysfach Primary** and tap the **settings icon (cog)**.
4. Change your group to reflect your child's new year group (e.g., from Year 5 to Year 6).
5. If your child is in a split class, subscribe to both the **mixed class** (e.g., Rec/Y1 or Y1/2) and the **individual year group** (e.g., Rec, Y1, Y2) to ensure you receive all relevant updates.

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## Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure pupils wear the correct school uniform and bring their PE kit on designated PE days (class timetables will be uploaded to Google Classroom).

- Pupils should wear the house-coloured PE t-shirt corresponding to their house.
- Uniforms can be ordered from Sportec in Neath:
- PE t-shirts, gym bags, and book bags can also be ordered via the school office.

## Important:

- No jewellery is allowed in school.
- Please label all clothing to help prevent lost items.

## *Dates for the diary*

Monday September 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET day (no school for pupils)
Tuesday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET day (no school for pupils)
Wednesday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School starts for pupils
Friday September 26 <sup>th</sup>	McMillan coffee morning – all welcome!
Monday October 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term Holidays
Monday December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas holidays