

Transition Reminders September 2025



Times and Dates

The children will return to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2024. There will be 6 INSET days for teacher training during the year. We will advise you of these in advance and they will be placed on the school website. **Monday September 1st and Tuesday September 2nd are INSET DAYS**

Autumn Term 1	Monday, 1 September to Friday, 24 October
Autumn Half Term	Monday, 27 October to Friday, 31 October
Autumn Term 2	Monday, 3 November to Friday, 19 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday, 22 December to Friday, 2 January
Spring Term 1	Monday, 5 January to Friday, 13 February
Spring Half Term	Monday, 16 February to Friday, 20 February
Spring Term 2	Monday, 23 February to Friday, 27 March
Easter Holiday	Monday, 30 March to Friday, 10 April
Summer Term 1	Monday, 13 April to Friday, 22 May
Summer Half Term	Monday, 25 May to Friday, 29 May
Summer Term 2	Monday, 1 June to Monday, 20 July

Start and end of the day

School starts at 9:05a.m. Please can you ensure your child is on the yard on time ready for a busy school day ahead. They will finish school at 3:20p.m. Rec – year 2 pupils will be dismissed from the bottom building. Year 3-6 will be dismissed from their circles.

No dogs, smoking or vaping is permitted on the school premises

BIKES AND SCOOTERS must NOT be ridden on the yard – please can you ensure your child gets off the bike/ scooter at the school gate.

The carpark will be closed for Health and Safety reasons.

Office – the office is manned form 8:40 – 3:20p.m. If you are contacting us after, then please leave a message on the answering machine. PLEASE NOTE ON A FRIDAY THE OFFICE WILL ONLY BE MANNED PART TIME.

Attendance

Your child's attendance is vitally important for them to get the best learning experiences from school. Your child's attendance is monitored regularly from the EWO officer. However, we are aware illnesses do strike, and we are guided by the health board when stating the length of time your child should be off.

With sickness/ diarrhoea – your child must not return to school until **48 hours** after the **LAST** time they have been ill

Please ensure that you ring the school office before 10a.m. to report your child's absence to ensure your child receives the correct code. Educational support officers are working alongside the school monitoring your child's attendance and will contact you if they have any concerns.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is from 8:25a.m. – 8:40a.m. for all pupils from rec – year 6. Pupils must be supervised by parents until this time. Gates will open @ 8:25a.m. For pupils to attend breakfast club you *must complete an application* form prior to attending.

Uniform

A quick reminder of uniform and where it can be purchased. Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name. This is especially important for cardigans and jumpers, as these are frequently removed throughout the day.

- Navy blue trousers / skirt with a pale blue polo shirt.
- Summer uniform – polo shirt and navy shorts or a striped/checked pale blue and white dress.
- PE Kits – navy shorts and a plain T shirt of their house colour. These can be ordered with a school badge if you wish – contact Donna 01639 710238, plus PE bags and book bags. Sportec in Neath is our supplier.
- Trainers must be worn for P.E.



Important things to note:

- Crop tops are unacceptable for PE clothing
- Jewellery – is not allowed to be worn at school for health & safety reasons.
Only stud earrings are suitable. These **must** be removed or covered during PE lessons.
- Nail varnish and make up are not suitable for school.
- No mobile phones are allowed to be brought to school. If these are necessary for after school activities, they must be handed in to the school office on arrival at school for safe keeping.

Breaks – We are a nut free school!

During morning break time, children can bring a piece of fruit from home to enjoy as a snack. Alternatively, children are welcome to bring a small purse or wallet with change and purchase a piece of fruit from the Criw Cymraeg for 40p. Please ensure pupils have a water bottle to hydrate through the day. Squash or juices are not allowed throughout the day, but we do provide a water dispenser in the school in which pupils can refill their bottles. **We are unable to provide every child with a cup!**



School lunches for all year groups are free. Pupils have the option of having school dinners, or they can bring their own packed lunch. We encourage pupils to make healthy choices with food and drink and ask you to encourage this too. **NO SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE BARS** are allowed in pack lunches.

School lunch menu can be found at:

[Primary school meals - Neath Port Talbot Council \(npt.gov.uk\)](http://npt.gov.uk).

ALN

We are a school that prides ourselves on inclusiveness and provide a range of intervention programs to support pupil's individual needs. Please note that: -

- IDP meetings are carried out **annually**, and you will be contacted to attend a review meeting in plenty of time. We will do our best to provide dates and time to fit in with yourselves and the school. If you are not able to attend, please let the school know in plenty of time. If you do not turn up this could cause a delay in updating your child's IDP and making referrals.
- If you are having difficulties at home, please note we have many information letters and contact numbers for you to use via the website. [Ynysfach Primary School](#) for support.
- We have a family engagement officer who will also be able to speak to you and sign post you for the correct support.

Home school Communication

Contacting your child's teacher

At the start and end of the school day teachers are responsible for ensuring the safety of pupils and may **not be able to speak** to you at this time.

Please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time to either meet or have a telephone conversation.

Teachers also send out regular Schoop messages, they have fortnightly newsletters, termly transition meetings and written progress reports. However, if you need to speak to the teacher regarding anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

The school website has term dates, contact information, policies, parent support and much more [Ynysfach Primary School](#)

Social media – X (Twitter) has many photos and achievements posted throughout the year. @Ynysfach1

Seesaw – pupils in nursery – year 3 use seesaw to record work and videos for you to see – ask your class teacher about logging into your child's class

Google classroom – this is updated with information for yourselves regarding weekly timetables and what your child is learning that term. It also has online activities and learning log work for pupils to access at home. We ask that you support your child with these activities including **daily home reading**.

Schoop App

All-important announcements, letters and dates for the diary are made via the Schoop app. If you haven't already done so, please download the app to your phone, and enter our school code 8407, then join your child's class /classes We use this as our main sources of communication and reminders.

Big Bocs Bwyd

Our wonderful 'Pay as you feel shop' is open 3 times a week at least. When we have more volunteers, we are able to open it more regularly. Each class runs the shop for 2 weeks and this ensures they experience authentic learning experiences. Please come along and support our reduction in food waste!



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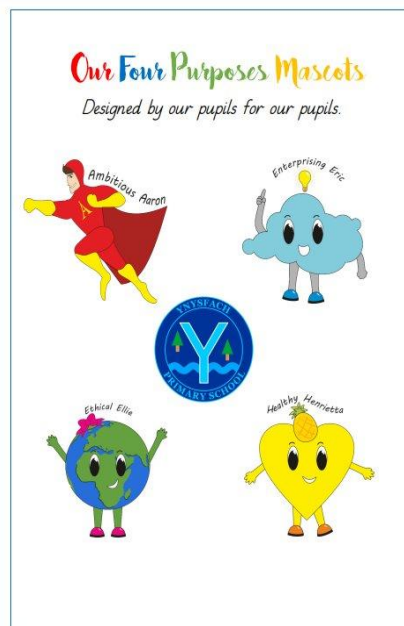
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Pay as you feel! All welcome!

Tuesday	9.00 – 9.45am
Thursday	2.45 – 3.45pm
Friday	9.00 – 9.45 am

Curriculum and home school links

Pupils at Ynysfach, follow a bespoke curriculum that develops the 6 Areas of learning and drives the 4 purposes. We encourage pupils to be independent learners who are enterprising, ambitious, ethical and healthy. We use the 'Zones of Regulation' to support pupils to regulate their own emotions, and we give pupils opportunities to develop a growth mindset. These skills can be further developed and supported by your child/children by accessing the activities on the Google classroom. Also on the classroom will be timetables and information for you to access, reading material and learning log tasks. We ask that you support your child by regularly reading with them in the house and supporting them with homework/ learning log activities. Staff will ensure the pupils log into their account in school at the start of term and are familiar with the Google classroom. If you do have an issue accessing these at home, please contact us.



Take care and have a wonderful summer

Mrs K Thomas and Ynysfach Staff 😊