



# Ysgol Gynradd Cwmnedd Primary School

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## Article 3: Everyone that works with children should do the best for them

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Cwmnedd Families,

This first half term has certainly gone by in the blink of eye but has been a busy one at Cwmnedd! This week we prepare for our Year 6 class to go on their residential stay to Llangrannog midweek with Mrs Williams and Miss Rosser and from their itinerary it looks like they are in for a fantastic few days of activities!

### Attendance for Week ending Friday 06.02.26

As you know, improving our school's attendance is a priority for us again this year, with our Whole School Attendance Target for the year being **92%**

For the month of January 2026 our whole school attendance was: **90%**

Whole school attendance for week ending 06.02.26 was **90%**

**LLONGYFARCHIADAU** to our Reception & Year 3/4 classes for the highest attendance for last week with **A SUPERB 93%!!**

### Class Attendances for week ending 06.02.26

Nursery	71%	★★Year 3/4★★	★★93%★★
★★Reception★★	★★93%★★	Year 4/5	91%
Year 1/2	82%	Year 6	91%

### Absences from school

Please can families ensure that you contact the school office or leave a message on our answer phone by selecting 1 to give a reason for your child's absence. We still have many absences without reason.

If children are taken out for medical appointments, then evidence of these appointments will be requested.

I meet with Mr Simon Jones our Education Welfare Officer every two weeks, to discuss attendance. Some families may receive a letter following these meetings to highlight your child's current attendance figure or to arrange a meeting so that we can support falling attendance.

Mr Jones attended Assembly last Monday so we could discuss his role along with our Attendance Governor – they both enjoyed to see our children celebrating good attendance and discussing the importance and benefits of coming to school.

### Daily Healthy Snack

This term we have continued to provide our Cwmnedd children with a healthy snack at breaktime.

**The cost is £1.00 per week or £6.00 for this first half term.** Please can families pay via Parent Pay.

We have had very little if any payments this half term – which will make this difficult for us to sustain.

**Snack will be £5.00 for the next half term**

Should you have any issues with Parent Pay, please contact the school office.

### Engaging Experiences this half term.

**Over the half term we have had a few visits and visitors to school to support curriculum.**

- Year 1 to Year 6 went to the Aladdin Pantomime during the first week back.
- Reception had a visit from Clever Cubs Club to engage them in an immersive storytelling session about Chinese New Year.
- Our Year 4 children have begun their First Experiences sessions this term with NPT Music Service and are learning to play the clarinet.
  - Year 1/2 have enjoyed lunch time club with our Year 6 Bronze Young Ambassadors.
  - Year 6 have had a visit from PC Kris Kent to discuss online safety.

- Our Year 6 children have had some focus on STEM and the role of women within STEM industries. They had a visit from two staff from Philtronics in Hirwaun to share a book 'Girls Can Engineer – a book to inspire' that has been created by Enginuity – we hope to maintain a link.
- Our Year 6 children have also received a letter from their STEM penpal – organised by Techniquest so that they can learn more about STEM roles.
- We celebrated Martin Luther King Junior Day in January to help us focus on the work that people in history have done to ensure equal rights and to help the children to focus on their own future dreams.
- We have celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen and our Nursery and Reception have focused on Chinese New Year Celebrations.

## Dates for your diary for Academic Year 2025 – 2026

Below are some key dates for your diary for the new academic year. I have tried to include all term starts and ends and Inset Days that are planned. We will keep you informed of any new dates when we know them.

### Spring Term 2026

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Children's Mental Health Week – Theme 'This is my place!'
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 6 Residential Trip to Urdd Camp at Llangrannog
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Dydd Miwsig Cymraeg/Welsh Music Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>End of half term</b>

### Spring Second Half Term 2026

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	School Starts for children
<b>From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 for 6 weeks</b>	<b>Parent/Carer Self-Care Sessions with our School-Based Counselling Team (See flyer sent home)</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Year 1/2 visit to Glynneath Library for book reading session</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Eisteddfod and Caffi Cymraeg @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Year 3/4 &amp; 4/5 Visit to Big Pit, Blaenavon – letters after half term</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Year 6 Visit to Big Pit, Blaenavon – letters after half term</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 6 Transition Day to Llangatwg Community School
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	End of Spring Term

### Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School starts for children
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	End of half term

### Summer Second Term 2026

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	School starts for children
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Cluster Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	School for children
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition Day to Llangatwg Community School</b> <b>Year 6 Families Meeting at Llangatwg Community School</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Summer Term ends for children
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Inset Day for staff

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school,

Thank you for your support  
Miss S A Harwood  
**Headteacher**



**Right of the Month for February  
2026:**  
**Article 14**  
The right to follow your own religion

