



# Ysgol Gynradd Cwmnedd Primary School

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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Cwmnedd Families,

I hope this newsletter finds our Cwmnedd families safe and well and not to affected by the very wet weather we have had over the half term break. Sadly, the weather seems set at 'rainy' at the moment, but it certainly brightened our day to see our Cwmnedd learners return to school.

### After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs will start back this week on Wednesday and Thursday after school. A reminder of our clubs is below.

Every Wednesday – 3.10 to 4.10pm	Every Thursday
Year 1 & Year 2 - Clwb Cymraeg -Mrs Holloway	Year 1 & Year 2 – Lego Club - Mr Wallis
Year 3 & Year 4 - Creative Club - Miss Harwood	Year 3 & Year 4 – S.T.E.M Club - Mr Horrell
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 -Netball Club -Miss Rosser	Year 5 & Year 6 – Arts & Crafts Club - Mrs Williams

### Building works at New Street site

I want to thank our Cwmnedd families based at New Street for helping us to adjust a change in school entry and exit points as we juggle the ongoing works at school and our day-to-day operation.

**Can I ask that families are mindful of not blocking the school crossing patrol and to stand clear of the crossing point between us and YGG Cwmnedd?**

Our upper phase children in Year 3 to Year 6 have adjusted to the 'extra steps' we are getting when we walk to our yard at break and lunchtime.

This week some work will begin in our Sports Barn and adjoining shed which may have an impact on our use of the barn space for a short time.

### Dydd Gwyl Dewi/St David's Day

As St David's Day falls on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we will be celebrated our Patron Saint's Day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

We ask that our children wear traditional Welsh Costume or Welsh Rugby or Football shirts or colours of our national flag for the day – red, white or green!

I will update families on our plans for our Caffi Cymraeg later this week.

### World Book Day

**Next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 is World Book Day. As this year is the National Year of Reading, the theme of World Book Day is also – 'Go all in!'**

Our focus for the day will be on promoting Reading for Pleasure, with an emphasis on reading, listening to and engaging with story and books. Children are more than welcome to dress as book characters for the day, but I do not expect families to spend money on costumes – school uniform or comfy clothes are a fine way to promote reading for pleasure! Children will all receive the World Book Day £1.00 voucher!

### Daily Healthy Snack

This term we will continue to provide our Cwmnedd children with a healthy snack at breaktime.

The cost is £1.00 per week or £5.00 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. Should you have any issues with Parent Pay, please contact the school office.

### Attendance for Week ending Friday 13.02.26

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%**

**Whole school attendance for week ending 13.02.26 was 88%**

**LLONGYFARCHIADAU** to our **Year 6** class for the highest attendance for last week with **A FANTASTIC 93%!!**

### Class Attendances for week ending 13.02.26

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>Year 4/5</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Year 1/2</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>★★93%★★</b>

### 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 Second Half Term 2026

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	School Starts for children
From Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 for 6 weeks	Parent/Carer Self-Care Sessions with our School-Based Counselling Team (See flyer sent home)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 1/2 visit to Glynneath Library for book reading session
<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>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 3/4 & 4/5 Visit to Big Pit, Blaenavon – letters after half term
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 6 Visit to Big Pit, Blaenavon – letters after half term
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 6 Transition Day to Llangatwg Community School
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade 10am</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	End of Spring Term

#### Summer Term 2026

*Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026*	*Inset Day for staff*
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School starts for children
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday Monday – no school today
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**

