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

Monday 18th May 2026

Dear Cwmnedd Families,

As we approach the end of the Summer half term, I just wanted to share some updates for the next term and also let families know that this week is 'Walk to School' Week where we are encouraging our children to walk to school or even 'Park and Stride'.

John Harris Cup

Last Friday 15th May 2026, the annual John Harris Cup Rugby Tournament took place in Abernant Park, Glynneath.

The tournament hosted 8 teams, made up of 6 local Primary Schools – with both Cwmnedd Primary and YGG Cwmnedd, and Blaendulais Primary and YGG Blaendulais playing a Barbarians team.

I am so proud of our Cwmnedd children who played in both our full and Barbarians teams – their teamwork and determination shone through – an absolute credit to us all! A HUGE THANK YOU to Mr Lewis Wallis for organising the day and Miss Rosser for supporting Mr Wallis and our children throughout the day.

The tournament was won by Abbey Primary School – LLONGYFARCHIADAU to them! It was lovely for our children to see a familiar face in Mr Farley visiting with his new school – and deservedly winning the cup this year!

Inset Day

I wanted to remind families of our remaining Inset Days this academic year. We have a Cluster Inset Day on Monday 29th June 2026 and also Monday 20th July 2026.

Empathy Festival and Empathy Day

This term our Concept has been linked to our school values of Empathy, Equity and Compassion. It will be the Empath Festival from 4th to 11th June 2026 – which we will be marking in school by sharing many stories that help us to 'Read with Empathy'.

On Thursday 11th June 2026, we will be celebrating Empathy Day whose theme this year is 'Jump into someone else's story'. We will be sharing the new Empathy Lab collection of stories with our children and having a dress down day to share our Empathy Super Power.

Sports Days

This year our Sports Day will again coincide with National Schools Sports Week.

Please see below details of our Sports Days for our respective Year Groups.

Date	Year Groups	Location
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Nursery and Reception	Morfa Glas Site @ 9.30am
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3	Abernant Park, Glynneath RFC @ 9.30am
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Abernant Park, Glynneath RFC @ 10.15am

Attendance for Week ending Friday 15th May 2026

As we start the Summer Term, attendance continues to be a priority for us, with our Whole School Attendance Target for the year being 92%

Our Whole school attendance for week ending 15.05.26 was 91%

LLONGYFARCHIADAU to our Year 3/4 class for the highest attendance for last week with AN AMAZING 94%!!

Class Attendances for week ending 15.05.26

Nursery	79%	Year 3/4	★★94%★★
Reception	82%	Year 4/5	90%
Year 1/2	88%	Year 6	92%

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.

Summer Term 2026

Friday 22 nd May 2026	End of half term
Summer Second Term 2026	
Monday 1 st June 2026	School starts for children
Thursday 4 th to Thursday 11 th June 2026	Empathy Festival
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Empathy Day – Jump into someone else’s story!
Monday 29 th June 2026	Cluster Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	School for children
Monday 6th – Friday 10th July	National School Sports Week
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Early Years Sports Day
Thursday 9th July 2026	Year 1 – Year 3 Sports Day @ 9.30 – 10.15am
Thursday 9th July 2026	Year 4 to Year 6 Sports Day @ 10.15 – 11.30am
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Year 6 Transition Day to Llangatwg Community School Year 6 Families Meeting at Llangatwg Community School
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm
Friday 17 th July 2026	Summer Term ends for children
Monday 20 th 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 May 2026:
Article 24
The right to be as healthy as possible

