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

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Dear Cwmnedd Families,

It was lovely to welcome our Cwmnedd children back to school yesterday to start the last half term. Next week we will be starting our transition visits to New Street for our Reception children. I will send information to our Reception families. This newsletter is just to give some reminders and updates on dates and events for the half term.

Deputy Headteacher Appointment

As you know, Mr Lewis Wallis will be retiring at the end of the school year and so the Governors and I am currently in the process of appointing a new Deputy Headteacher.

Interviews will be taking place at the end of next week – and I will share with families when the new person is appointed.

Once the appointment is made, I will be sharing with families our class structure for next academic year.

Attendance

As you know, attendance is a focus for us as a school, and we highlight our attendance every week with our children. I want to take this opportunity to remind families that school must be notified when children are off school so that we can mark them absent on our registers. Too many absences are without reason for some of our children, and families are not letting us know why children are off.

I meet with our EWO Mr Simon Jones every two weeks to discuss attendance and contact him when attendance becomes a cause for concern.

Please can families ensure to contact the school office or leave a message on our answer phone if children are off school.

Healthy Snack

This half term we will be continuing to offer our Cwmnedd children a healthy snack at breaktime.

The cost is £1.00 per week or £7.00 for the half term. Please can families pay via Parent Pay.

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

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 an Inset Day on 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 Empathy 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 – National School 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

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 Second Term 2026

Thursday 4 th to Thursday 11 th June 2026	Empathy Festival
Tuesday 9th June 2026	Year 5 and Year 6 Celebration Day at Margam Park with OiTC and AfC
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Empathy Day – Jump into someone else’s story!
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Year 3 – Year 6 - Urdd Jambori – Cwrt Herbert
Monday 29 th June 2026	Cluster Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	School for children
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th July	National School Sports Week
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Early Years Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Year 1 – Year 3 Sports Day @ 9.30 – 10.15am
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Year 4 to Year 6 Sports Day @ 10.15 – 11.30am
Friday 10th July 2026	School Summer Fete @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Year 6 Transition Day to Llangatwg Community School Year 6 Families Meeting at Llangatwg Community School
Tuesday 14th July 2026	End of Year Reports issued to families
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 June 2026:
Article 31
The right to rest, relax and play

