



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Glan Llyn

Autumn Newsletter - November 2025

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Christmas Activities 2025

December is always a busy time of the year. Please see dates and further information below.

Please note that these events are classed as part of our curriculum and as such, we are unable to withdraw children from these activities for personal or religious reasons.

Christmas Dinner

As communicated previously, Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 3rd December. Please book your child's meal as normal via ParentPay. Usual uniform applies on this day.

Elf Day – Thursday 4th December

Always an exciting day in school, where children have the opportunity to dress up as a Christmas elf or in red and green to make their Christmas cards. Please do not feel the need to purchase any special costumes – non-uniform is absolutely fine.

LRB Christmas Craft

We look forward to welcoming LRB parents into school at 2pm on Thursday 4th to work with the children on Elf Day on a range of Christmas crafts.

Infant Christmas Concerts

As per the letter sent last week, these concerts take place week commencing 8th December. (Please see dates and times on the letter previously sent and on page 2 of this newsletter). The booking system for tickets for these concerts has now closed and tickets will be sent home this week with extras being made available by Friday.

Junior Christmas Concerts

A letter will be sent this week detailing information about booking tickets for Y3-6 performances. Please see dates and times on page 2 of this newsletter. (These have not changed since the last newsletter)

Nursery Christmas Jingles

Nursery parents are invited into school on Tuesday 16th December at 10:30am/2:30pm. No booking is required – please see information on SeeSaw.

Christmas Trips

Nursery/Reception/LRB Panto in school – 5th December
Y1-3 Trip to Riverfront – 10th December
Y4-6 Trip to New Theatre – 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers on the last day of term (Friday 19th).

Progress Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the recent progress meetings. We hope you have all found these useful to clarify understanding of your child's current progress and the next steps for them in relation to their education. Children in Years 2-6 will take their midpoint personalised assessments in February and the next progress meetings are scheduled for the end of March 2026.

School Meals

Chartwells rolled out their new menu after half-term and since then, some concerns have been raised about the changes they have made. Please note that their menus are planned taking into account Welsh Government guidelines for nutrition and portion size and the school has no input into these decisions. Parents can log any concerns directly on the Chartwells' website.

As mentioned a few weeks ago, concerns regarding hygiene are closely monitored by senior leaders in the lunch hall.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Court (Y4) who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. We would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Court and family and look forward to meeting the new arrival very soon.

Mrs McGee will be returning to school from maternity leave after Christmas and will be teaching many classes across the school to cover teachers' statutory PPA time.

Health and Safety

As always, a reminder for all visitors to keep to the designated pavements and paths when accessing the school site. This is extremely important for your safety and in particular throughout the Winter when gritting takes place on the key routes to classroom doors. Please remember to supervise your children after collection – they should not climb on the climbing frames or ride scooters and bikes on the school site.

Diary Dates – 2025/2026

Wednesday 3 rd December	Christmas Dinner (TBC)
Thursday 4 th December	Elf Day 2pm LRB Christmas Craft Session
Friday 5 th December	N/R Christmas Panto in School
Tuesday 9 th December 10am & 2pm	Reception Concerts
Wednesday 10 th December	Y1-3 Trip to Pantomime
Thursday 11 th December 10am & 2pm	Year 2 Concerts
Friday 12 th December 10am & 2pm	Year 1 Concerts
Wednesday 17 th December 10am & 5pm	Y5/6 Carol Concerts
Thursday 18 th December 10am & 2pm	Y3/4 Carol Concerts
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term – Christmas Jumpers/Non uniform
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	School Holidays
Monday 5 th January	Return to school
W/C 9 th February	Midpoint Assessment Week
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th February	Half-term
Monday 23 rd February	Return to School
Friday 27 th February	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd March	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd March	St David's Day celebrations
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Open Doors
W/C 23 rd March	Parent-Teacher Reflection Meetings
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term
Mon 31 st March – Fri 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	Return to School
Mon 13 th – Weds 15 th April	Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May	Y5 swimming (3 week block)
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Half-term

Term Dates 2025/26

Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn 2025	1 st September	27 th October	31 st October	19 th December
Spring 2026	5 th January	16 th February	20 th February	27 th March
Summer 2026	13 th April	25 th May	29 th May	20 th July

School Development Plan 2025/26

The school is currently working on the following areas as part of this year's school development.

Priority 1 - Improving digital skills (in particular spreadsheets and databases this year)

Priority 2 - Increasing independence in learning (with a particular focus this year on metacognition and self-regulated learning)

Priority 3 - Further developing and refining the school's curriculum.

Priority 4 - Improving target-setting for children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and emerging ALN.

Priority 5 - Increasing the amount of incidental Welsh used outside of the classroom.

Attendance

As mentioned in the letter sent previously, we are now being encouraged to make more use of Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences in term time.

Our current attendance stands at 95.1%.

A reminder that holidays in term time will not be authorised. Where the number of unauthorised absences exceeds 5 days, attendance processes need to be triggered and fixed penalty notices will be issued when unauthorised absences exceed the limit indicated by the Local Authority.

Road Safety

We continue to receive emails from concerned members of the community in relation to dangerous parking around the school site. We would encourage all families to try and leave their cars at home as much as possible and allow children to walk to and from school. If you do need to bring your car, please park legally and safely, avoiding pavements and grass verges. Please also ensure that you model to the children how to cross the road safely, looking left and right before they cross. Children on bikes and scooters should dismount before crossing the road carefully and slowly and push their bikes when on the school site.

Remaining INSET Days:

The final INSET days have now been confirmed:

INSET 3: Friday 27th February 2026

INSET 4: Monday 2nd March 2026

INSET 5: Friday 17th July 2026

INSET 6: Monday 20th July 2026

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

*Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,
Mrs Richards and staff*