



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Glan Llyn

Spring Newsletter - March 2026

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End of Spring Term

It has been a short and very busy Spring Term in school and the children should be very proud of the continued progress that they have made over the last few months. Thank you for supporting our St David's Day and World Book Day celebrations. As always, it was lovely to see such lovely art and craft creations alongside their wonderful writing and musical performances in the Eisteddfod.

Last week we marked World Down Syndrome Day again to raise awareness and promote inclusive attitudes amongst the community. A huge thank you to Year 6 pupil, Lucas who has been a huge part in supporting this special day every year and educating children and staff whilst raising awareness. We hope he continues with his good work when he moves onto his new high school in September.

This week, an assembly was held raising awareness and acceptance of Autism in preparation for further class activities in April for World Autism Acceptance month.

April is also Month of the Military Child which highlights the important role that service children play in the Armed Forces Community. Children are invited to wear a splash of purple with their uniform for this on Friday 24th April.

Thank you for your ongoing support this term. A reminder that we break up for Easter on Friday 27th March at usual time. Children return to school on Monday 13th April.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 pupils are leaving for Morfa Bay at 9:15am on the first day of term - Monday 13th April. Children should arrive by 8:40am as usual but via the main school entrance. As always, please do not drive into school site and if you are staying to wave them off on the bus, please keep to the hall side of the main entrance to allow people to still access the main school doors.

If you have any last-minute queries about the residential, please make sure you discuss with school by the end of the day on Friday 27th March as staff will be non-contactable throughout the Easter break and everything needs to be in place ready to leave promptly on the Monday morning. We look forward to hearing of their exciting adventures when they return!

Parent Feedback

Thank you to everyone who attended Open Doors and Parent-Teacher Reflection meetings in recent weeks. I have read through all of your feedback and have discussed progress with staff and hope that you have enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and plan next steps for their learning for the remainder of the school year.

We will be organising a final End-Of-Year Open Doors session in mid-June before annual progress reports are sent home in July. As always, if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher at the end of a school day.

Length of School Day

The Governing Body and staff are currently holding discussions about amending the length of the school day to bring it back in line with session times in other Newport schools. A period of consultation will take place with parents after Easter and we will send further information about the proposals after the Easter break.

Please note that changes to session times will only be implemented at the start of an academic year, giving everyone at least the statutory three months' notice before implementation. Opportunities for parents and other stakeholder to give their comments on proposals will take place in April.

Hapus i Siarad Cymraeg

We have seen an improvement in the use of spoken Welsh across the school day since introducing our "Hapus i Siarad Cymraeg" initiative in the Autumn Term. Keep up the good work!

The themes the children will be focussing on in the Summer Term are:

April - Where I like to go

May - Where did you go? What did you see? What did you do?

Diary Dates – 2025/2026

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
Wednesday 29 th April	Nursery Concert (10am / 2:30pm)
Mon 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Colorfoto – Class Photos
Mon 11 th May	Y5 swimming (3 week block)
Tuesday 19 th May	Nursery Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 3 Showcase (9:30am)
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Half-term
Monday 1 st June	Return to School
Tuesday 9 th June	Reception Welcome Meeting
W/C 15 th June	Sports Day Week (dates tbc)
W/C 22 nd June	Personalised Assessments (Y2-6)
W/C 6 th July	Y4-6 Musical (dates tbc)
Tuesday 14 th July	Moving Up Day
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Concert (2:30pm)
Thursday 16 th July	Last Day of Term
Friday 17 th July	INSET DAY 5
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day 6
Tues 21 st July – Monday 31 st August	Summer Holidays

Remaining INSET Days:

INSET 5: Friday 17th July 2026

INSET 6: Monday 20th July 2026

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Reception Admissions 2026

The offer date for Reception places this year is 16th April. Please note - as in previous years, it is highly likely that applications will have exceeded the maximum number of places available and therefore, we are likely to be oversubscribed again with some applications refused.

Please note that decisions on school places are made centrally via Newport City Council and so any queries should be made directly to the NCC Admissions Department.

Staff News

As some of you are aware, Miss Evans (Year 6) is finishing this week to start her maternity leave. We would like to wish her the very best and look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of her new bundle of joy!

Safeguarding and Child Protection

A reminder that the school is bound by the processes laid out in the Wales Safeguarding Procedures. As discussed at Nursery and Reception Induction meetings, children will often make comments about situations at home that sometimes we may need to speak to you about. On other occasions, children may make more specific allegations or disclosures that warrant further escalation to social services.

All of our staff receive regular safeguarding training and know how to respond appropriately to disclosures from children. They have a duty to report any safeguarding concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Person (Headteacher) who has enhanced safeguarding training in relation to responding to concerns and making referrals to social services.

The DSP (Headteacher) has no flexibility over whether or not to make referrals for serious disclosures. We have a duty to report and are not permitted to investigate what a child says or speak to a parent about a disclosure. Following referrals, schools are then bound by the direction given by social services and whilst we understand that this can be distressing for parents, we are unable to disclose any further information unless directed to by the relevant external agencies.

A leaflet from the NCC Safeguarding Team explaining steps taken following a referral is available for parents in the front office.

Attendance

Our attendance currently stands at **94.4%** which is close to the target set by the Governing body for this academic year.

As we move into the summer months, a polite reminder that holidays in term time will not be authorised as per NCC's recommended policy.

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.

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