



Llangynwyd Primary School

Summer Term 1 Newsletter - April 2026

Dear Families,

As we begin an exciting Summer Term, our whole School Enquiry Topic is 'How has industry shaped Wales?'. Our Class Teachers are busy planning exciting visits for our children linked to this theme and further details will be shared with you shortly.

The Summer Term brings excitement for the warmer weather and longer days but also a sadness as we begin to prepare to say goodbye to our exceptional Year 6 learners who now truly embody our Llangynwyd Vision. Over the next few weeks they will embrace their independence and embark on their three day residential visit to Manor Adventure whilst also participating in a range of transition activities linked to their chosen Secondary Schools. We know they are going to do our School and their Families exceptionally proud and wish them lots of luck as they begin these important transition milestones.

Finally, I would like to share an important update. Following the Deputy Headteacher interviews held last term, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Christina Price has been appointed as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Price brings several years of experience as a Senior Leader at Llangynwyd, along with a wonderful ability to inspire both pupils and staff. We are delighted to welcome her to the role. I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Volausek for his support while serving in the role in an acting capacity. His contribution has been appreciated. Mr Volausek will continue his Senior Leadership role as school ALNCO. In addition, after several years at Llangynwyd in various temporary positions, Mr Thomas has now been appointed as a full time permanent member of Staff and we are delighted he gets to continue the wonderful work he has undertaken to date preparing our Year 5 & 6 children for Comprehensive School whilst also driving Health, Wellbeing & Sport across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.
Mrs K. Kehoe

Communication with Parents

Our main form of communication continues to be via Seesaw where we will share school updates and information on the Newsroom and photographs of your child's learning journey will be shared on their Class Pages. Log in details were shared at the start of last term but please speak to your child's class teacher if you need a reminder.

Our School texting service, Teachers to Parents, will continue to be used for urgent reminders and attendance updates.

In Llangynwyd, our Staff work tirelessly to provide the best quality education for all our pupils and I kindly request that messages / emails outlining concerns are not sent directly to my Teachers via Seesaw whilst they are spending much deserved family time at home in the evenings and on weekends. The correct procedure is to speak directly to your child's class teacher in the first instance either at the end of the school day or by telephoning to arrange an appointment. Members of staff, including myself, are also available in the yard every morning and are more than happy to speak to you and to answer any questions you may have. Many thanks for your cooperation. By working together, we can build the foundations needed for your child to shine.

School Improvement Priorities

Our School Improvement Focus is on the following three key priorities:

- **R1:** Addressing inconsistencies in teaching to ensure all pupils are appropriately challenged and supported to become effective, independent learners.
- **R2:** Strengthening pupils' Welsh language skills across the school.
- **R3:** Tackling persistent absenteeism and improving overall school attendance.

These priorities will guide our work over the coming terms, and we will continue to keep you updated on the progress we make.



Meet our Pupil Voice Groups

for 2025/26!



Big Bocs Bwyd

Open on Fridays

3:15pm - 3:45pm

Big Bocs Bwyd is more than just a food initiative — it's a movement that strengthens communities, reduces food waste, and supports families. By offering affordable, surplus food in a welcoming, school-based setting, it helps ease food insecurity while teaching children and families about sustainability, sharing, and healthy living.

Our Big Bocs Bwyd creates a sense of connection and care, showing that small changes — like rescuing good food — can make a big difference for people and the planet. Not only does it help out our families, but it provides key life-long learning opportunities in the Curriculum for our children to explore Healthy Eating, Budgeting and Recipe Writing to name just a few!

Our Big Bocs Bwyd also hosts our uniform swap shop so come along and join Mrs Corthine, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Pullen every Friday from 3:15pm - 3:45pm.



Update your contact details:

Please complete the form below if you have changed mobile numbers, moved house, changed email addresses or want to add a name and number to the contact list. It is vital we have the most up to date information on record. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes: <https://www.llangynwydprimary.co.uk/update-details-form/>

Safeguarding Update

Please continue to be considerate when parking at drop off /pick up times and refrain from parking in the bus stop or on the zig-zags outside school. We also ask that you show consideration to the local residents when parking outside School.



The designated safeguarding officers for the school are:

Mrs K Kehoe - Headteacher

Mrs C Price - Deputy Headteacher

Mr D Volausek - ALNCO

Mrs Gwynne - Family Engagement Officer

Mr R. Breeze - Chair of Governors

Should you have concerns about the safety/welfare of any child, please speak to one of our safeguarding officers.

Healthy Eating

We continue to promote healthy habits and children are encouraged to bring a healthy fruit snack and water bottle to school daily.

Please click the link below for top tips on preparing healthy lunch boxes for your child:

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)



Attendance & Punctuality

As a school, we are committed to supporting our families and pupils to attend regularly in order to give them the best chance of success. Parents/carers can support the regular and punctual attendance of their children by:

- Ensuring that their child arrives at school on time.
- Ensuring that their child only misses school for reasons which are unavoidable or justified, such as illness or days of religious observance.
- Notifying the school as soon as possible of any absence and confirm this in writing when the child returns to school.
- Not booking family holidays during term-time.
- Talking to the school if they are concerned that their child may be reluctant to attend.

Examples of attendance concerns include:

- Pupils arriving late at school and missing essential lessons.
- Pupils being collected early and therefore not accessing the full school day.
- Absence for non-essential reasons, such as hair or other personal appointments during school hours.
- Time taken off when a child is not genuinely unwell.

We encourage all parents and carers to be open and honest when reporting absence so that we can work together to support good school attendance.

MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT!

"Attending school every day is important for our learning, wellbeing, achievement, and overall development"

Research shows that missing out on just 17 days of school will cause a drop in grade across all subjects at GCSE level. The higher your school attendance rate, the higher you will achieve.

#attendtoachieve

www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-attendance/

Bridgend

School Eisteddfod

In March, we celebrated our Schools St David's Day Eisteddfod. It was a brilliant day full of Welsh pride which saw our pupils celebrate their talents and share their successes. A very big thank you to all our wonderful Parents for supporting our children with their Home School Flags. Congratulations goes to our two children who were crowned Bardd of the Eisteddfod - Khloe & Alfie! Your creative writing pieces were exceptional!



Key Dates - Summer Term 2026

Please see key dates below for the Summer Term. Please note these are subject to change and additional dates will be added as the term progresses. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for updated dates!

APRIL 2026

Friday 16th April: Maesteg Library Quiz - Selected pupils only.

Wednesday 22nd April: Maesteg's Got Talent Event @ Town Hall - Selected pupils only.

MAY 2026

Friday 1st May: Netball Tournament @ Brynmenyn—Selected pupils only.

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday - School closed.

Tuesday 12th May: Flouride Varnish—Nursery to Year 2.

Tuesday 19th May: Apollo Football Tournament @ Penybont Football Club—Selected pupils only.

Thursday 21st May: Fire Station Visit - Silver & Gold Classes.

Friday 22nd May: Whole School Rainbow Day - Charity Fundraising Day for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital organised by our wonderful Year 5 & 6 pupils. Further details to follow.

JUNE 2026

Thursday 4th June: Sports Day. 10am: Foundation Phase Pupils. 1:30pm: Key Stage 2 Pupils.

Friday 12th June: Netball Tournament @ Litchard—Selected pupils only.

Wednesday 17th June to Friday 19th June: Year 6 residential visit to Manor Adventure.

Monday 22nd June to Thursday 25th June: Maesteg School Transition Week for Year 6 pupils.

Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June: Welsh Week with Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

JULY 2026

Monday 6th July: Annual Reports to Parents to be sent.

Monday 13th July: Summer Fayre.

Tuesday 14th July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly.

Wednesday 15th July: Year 6 Leavers Trip - Surfing Session.

Thursday 16th July: Last day of Summer Term.

Friday 17th July: INSET DAY 5 - School Closed to pupils.

Monday 20th July: INSET Day 6 - School Closed to pupils for Summer Break.

Reporting to Parents



Towards the end of the Summer Term, children will be issued with their End of Year Reports.

This will give you the opportunity to see the progress your child has made across the curriculum throughout the School Year.

INSET Days 2025-2026

INSET Day 1: Monday 1st September 2025.

INSET Day 2: Friday 12th September 2025.

INSET Day 3: Monday 20th October 2025.

INSET Day 4: Friday 27th March 2026.

INSET Day 5: Friday 17th July 2026.

INSET Day 6: Monday 20th July 2026.



Community News

A huge thank you to our Wonderful pupils who represented our School at the Town Hall to celebrate 170 years of the National Anthem. Thank you for being such wonderful Role Models!



Many people across Maesteg, Bridgend, Wales and the UK have struggled or encountered difficulties. Below are a number of agencies that could be of help, if you need it at the moment. If you are struggling, please contact me in the school to discuss what we can do to help you. We can access Early Help to support you and there are a number of agencies at hand you can contact:

- Bridgend Women's Aid – 01656 766139
- WCADA (Substance Abuse Charity) - 01656 667717
- Child line - 0800 1111
- Safer Wales – Male Domestic Abuse Charity - 0808 801 0321
- Live Fear Free 24 hour telephone line – 0808 80 10 800
- Citizen's Advice Bureau – 01656 762800
- Samaritans – 116123 or email jo@Samaritans.org
- Shelter Cymru (financial and home advice) – 08000 495 495
- Al-Anon (Family support for Alcoholism) - 0800 0086 811
- Calan – Domestic Violence Charity - 01639 633580



Further information about our school can be found on our website:

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