



Llangynwyd Primary School

Spring Term 1 Newsletter - January 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term 2026! I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas with your families and a well deserved rest after what was a very busy Autumn Term! Last week, we welcomed the publication of our ESTYN report which has been shared with you via Seesaw. The report recognises our School as a *welcoming, inclusive community* where pupils feel cared for and supported, highlights the strong team ethos across the school, and celebrates the positive progress our pupils make — including those with additional learning needs. I am incredibly proud of our pupils, staff, governors and families for their hard work, commitment and support, and we're excited to continue building on the strengths identified while taking forward the recommendations for further improvement. I would like to personally thank everyone who plays a part in making our school such a special place to learn and grow. Following the appointment of the Headteacher post before the Christmas break, this term we will be interviewing for the permanent Deputy Headteacher post on the 12th and 13th February. Our new whole-school enquiry topic, *"How does Art change the way we view the World?"* will inspire opportunities for the development of the expressive arts and how they can influence emotions, perspectives and social change. Here's to an exciting Spring Term ahead!

Diolch yn fawr, Mrs 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

This year, our School Improvement Priorities are focused upon the following key areas:

1. Improving teaching and learning and raising standards in writing and Welsh.
2. Improving whole school attendance & further developing opportunities for outdoor learning and family engagement to improve pupils wellbeing.
3. Continuing to improve leadership at all levels.

We are excited to continue to build upon our Family and Community Links and look forward to welcoming Parents into School at every opportunity this year!



Meet our Pupil Voice Groups

for 2025!



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 - Acting Headteacher

Mr D Volasek - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Price - 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 attendance.

Young Voices

We are incredibly proud of the children who attended the Young Voices concert in Birmingham last Friday! It is an incredible experience for them to be part of the World's Largest Choir and they sang and danced their hearts out, giving an unforgettable performance filled with energy, confidence, and joy. It was wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm shine on such a big stage. A huge thank you also goes to the parents and carers who travelled all that way to support us. Your encouragement and commitment mean so much and helped make the day truly special for everyone involved.

Diolch yn fawr!



Key Dates - Spring Term 2026

Please see key dates below for the Spring Term

January 2026	
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd January	KS2 Intensive Swimming daily: 9am - 11:30am @ Maesteg Pool.
February 2026	
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February	Scholastic book fayre in the school hall 3:30 - 4pm daily.
Thursday 5th February	KS2 Internet Safety Parent Workshop - 2:30pm in the school hall.
Tuesday 10th February	Year 6 - Visit to Maesteg School to see production of Oliver.
Thursday 12th & Friday 13th February	Deputy Headteacher interviews.
Friday 27th February	Infant Dentist Visit & Puppet Talk.
March 2026	
Monday 2nd March	St David's Day Eisteddfod - Pupils to wear traditional Welsh Costume or red top / jumper.
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - Children to dress up as their favourite book character & bring a book to share with their friends.
Monday 9th March	Colorfoto - Class group photographs.
Wednesday 11th March	Deb from Maesteg Library to visit - Storytime sessions across the school.
Monday 16th March & Tuesday 17th March	Parents Evenings.
Thursday 19th March	Purple Class - St David's Church Visit - Easter experience.
Thursday 26th March	Easter Fun Day! Infants: Bonnet parade around our local village. Parents can join us! Juniors: Easter egg rolling competition. Last day for pupils before Easter Holidays.
Friday 27th March	INSET Day - No school for pupils
Monday 13th April	Pupils return to school following Easter break.

Parents Evening



This term, Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March.

This will give you the opportunity to meet your Child's Teacher and see your Child's work.

Booking details will be sent home closer to the time to book your appointment.

We look forward to seeing you!

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 Amanda, Gwyn Evans and Anthony Bwye for a fabulous visit last week with the Mari Lwyd. It is so lovely to share this wonderful Welsh tradition with our children. To see the Mari Lwyd which is very much a part of our school logo and local history is always a very touching moment for Staff and Pupils.



MAESTEG CELTIC CRICKET

Join 'The Celts' for 2026

Winter junior training begins Sunday 1st February at Tondy Cricket Club's indoor facility. We welcome boys and girls aged U9 to U19, whether you're returning to the club or completely new to cricket.

This is a special year for Maesteg Celtic CC as we celebrate our centenary, making it the perfect time to get involved.

- U9-U13: Sundays 4.00-5.30pm
- U15-U19: Mondays 8.00-9.30pm

No equipment needed and all sessions are free of charge. Come along, have fun, and be part of our historic season. 🏏

For more information, contact our club account on social media.



@MaestegCelticCC



Maesteg Celtic Cricket



@MaestegCeltsCC



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:

[Home | Llangynwyd Primary School](http://www.llangynwydprimaryschool.co.uk)