

SKETTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
YSGOL GYNRADD SGETI
Newsletter 19 – December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and children

What an incredible year 2025 has been! We've rounded it off in style with our wonderful Christmas celebrations. Every one of our Christmas shows has been a joy to watch, showcasing the incredible talent of our amazing children.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents, carers, and Governors for your support throughout 2025. Together, we've celebrated achievements, overcome challenges, and continued to make our school a place where every child can be the best they can be. We are so grateful to our team of talented and committed staff, who work tirelessly to ensure our children have the very best experiences. And of course, to our brilliant Sketty Primary children – you have worked so hard this term, we are very proud of you and look forward to seeing your achievement next year.

On behalf of Mrs Phillips, myself and all the staff at Sketty Primary, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Enjoy the festivities and we look forward to doing it all again in 2026 – it's going to be another exciting year!

Cofion Cynnes
Mr Simon Lloyd-Jones
Deputy Head
Sketty Primary School

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Nursery

Meithrin

Our December celebrations began with the morning Nursery performing their Sioe Nadolig. Their performance was excellent, showcasing snowmen, Christmas puddings and trees, Santa and Mrs Claus, reindeer and The Nativity. The children worked so hard to learn a variety of songs and to perform them on a stage in front of an audience. We are so proud of them! A great big thank you to our parents for providing the fabulous costumes to complete our performance.

To conclude our topic, Myself and My Family, the children have been discussing and comparing our favourite celebrations, using photos as a stimulus. They have enjoyed working in groups to take part in "hot seating" and to develop their ability to ask and ask questions. Throughout this activity the children have learnt that there are many different celebrations and they have the right to express what they like, remembering our No Outsiders message - All different, all welcome.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying our Ffa La La songs, learning Welsh sentence patterns and vocabulary through song. We also have our class sheep, Dylan y Dafad, who takes it in turns to go home with the children to help them share the songs at home. We have had some amazing videos of children singing and the children have been so proud to share these videos with their peers. All children in morning Nursery will have a turn in the months ahead.



Afternoon Nursery have enjoyed welcoming their parents to take part in Christmas crafts this week. They have enjoyed showing their parents around their classrooms as well as creating a variety of decorations to take home. It was also lovely to have the opportunity to talk to parents about how their child has settled in. We look forward to welcoming more children in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from all staff at Dragonflies Nursery.

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Reception

Derbyn

What a truly magical and memorable month it has been in Reception! We are incredibly proud of our children for their enthusiasm, kindness, and determination throughout such a busy time. This month, we came together to raise money for the Mr X Appeal, and the children took part in a sponsored walk with huge smiles and boundless energy. Thanks to their amazing efforts — and your incredible generosity — they raised a fantastic £847.56! Thank you so much for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

The children also worked extremely hard to prepare and perform our Christmas sharing of The Wriggly Nativity for friends and family. They sang confidently, remembered their lines and actions, and showed such bravery on stage — they truly were amazing, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

Another highlight was our wonderful trip to Gower Christmas Tree Farm. Despite the chilly weather, the children had an absolute blast riding on the tractor, singing festive songs, meeting Santa, and even collecting chocolate from the magical chocolate tree! It was a joyful day full of excitement, laughter, and special memories.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and kindness this term — it has made such a difference. It has been a brilliant end to the year, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back soon!

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Year 1
Blwyddyn 1

December has been a busy and festive month, full of exciting experiences and celebrations. One of the highlights of the month was our Christmas sharing performance, Born in a Barn. The children worked incredibly hard learning songs, lines, and actions, and they performed with great confidence and joy. We are very proud of their efforts.

The class also enjoyed a special trip to Gower College, where we watched a performance of The Wizard of Oz. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children and they were captivated by the characters, music, and storytelling.



As part of our Christmas Enterprise work, the children took part in our Christmas Market. They worked hard making a range of crafts to sell and learned about the purpose of enterprise. This linked closely to our maths learning, where the children have been developing their understanding of money.

In Literacy, we have thoroughly enjoyed listening to readers It has been lovely to see how much progress they have made with their reading, growing in both confidence and enjoyment.

This month, we were also pleased to welcome visitors from CAMHS, who spoke to the children about looking after their mental health. The children engaged thoughtfully and showed a great deal of maturity during the discussion.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy term. We wish you a happy, restful Christmas and look forward to an exciting new term ahead.

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Blwyddyn 2

December has been another very busy month in Year 2!

We finished our topic of Space and the children wrote a recount of the of the short story The Way Back Home using the Pie Corbett technique of incorporating actions to memorise the story. The children were encouraged to use time connectives to show the sequence of events in the story. In Maths the children have been continuing working on number facts, extending their knowledge to include doubles to 10, 20, 40 and beyond.

The children enjoyed a fabulous trip to watch The Wizard of Oz in Gower College. The show was very professional, and the children were a brilliant audience. We also used our D&T and creative skills to make clay coasters, imprinted with natural materials and then glazed and fired in the kiln.

Everyone worked so hard practising for our concert 'Baarmy Bethlehem' – we hope you all enjoyed as much as we did! Thank you for your support with costumes. They all looked amazing on stage!





Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Year 3
Blwyddyn 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this month, continuing their learning journey with enthusiasm!

In Maths, we've really thrown ourselves into addition and subtraction and are excited to build on this when we return in the new term. In Language, we explored the whole school text Float, starting with making predictions before reading. This helped us extend the story creatively by designing mind maps and producing stop-motion animations to bring a sequel to Float to life!



A big focus this month was our class assembly, where we retold the story of Christmas from Bethlehem's Ballroom. Thank you to everyone who came to watch, helped with costumes, and supported your child in learning their lines—it made a huge difference!



We also ended this busy month with festive fun, creating Christmas crafts for our enterprise project. Some of the money raised will be donated to The Friends of Morfa Copperworks, the charity that helped us explore how Swansea has changed over time.

Finally, we closed the year by celebrating what we've learned on the ukulele, performing a special piece to showcase our musical progress!

Diolch for your continued support, and Nadolig Llawen to you all!

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Year 4
Blwyddyn 4

What a fantastic month December has been for Year 4!

Our highlight of the month was undoubtedly our performance of Strictly Come Christmas. The children were absolutely amazing! Their enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork shone through on stage, and it was wonderful to see them bring so much festive cheer to our school community. Thank you to everyone who supported us along the way.

Even with all the excitement of rehearsals and the big show, we have continued to work hard in our lessons. In Maths, we have been consolidating key skills and tackling new challenges. The children have shown great resilience and focus, balancing their learning with preparing for the performance.



This term, we completed our Roman topic – Invaders. The children have learned so much about Roman life, battles, and how the Romans changed Britain. To finish the topic, they created their EPIC planning, showcasing everything they have discovered this term. It was fantastic to see their knowledge and creativity shine through!

We also had a sneak peek at next term's topic: Inside Out, which is all about the human body. The children are already excited to explore how our amazing bodies work, from organs to systems, and everything in between.

This month, we joined the whole school in exploring the picture book Float by Daniel Miyares. Inspired by the story, the children took part in a scientific investigation to discover ways to make everyday objects float. They worked collaboratively, making predictions, testing ideas, and recording their findings. It was a fantastic way to combine creativity with science and problem-solving!

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Year 5
Blwyddyn 5

What an incredible first term in Year 5! It's been a busy and exciting few weeks filled with learning, creativity and fun.

In Literacy, we explored poetry and wrote imaginative, descriptive pieces inspired by the Blitz. The children showed fantastic creativity and expression in their work. In Maths, we built on our skills in addition and subtraction, tackled simple algebra, and solved problems involving missing numbers. We rounded off the term by classifying 2D shapes according to their properties.

We looked at buoyancy in Science, linked to our whole school book Float. We experimented with different materials and even designed and tested our own boats.



The absolute highlight of the month was our Christmas show - It's a Census, Get Me Out of Here!! The children were amazing, and we are so proud of their hard work and confidence on stage.

The final week has been full of festive cheer and arts and crats and a special from the church to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Year 6
Blwyddyn 6

December has been a wonderfully busy month as Christmas approaches! Here's a look at what we've been up to:

We continued exploring our topic "Touring Teams", diving into fascinating stories from sports history. The children learned about the Mullagh Medal and its connection to St. Helen's rugby and cricket ground. We also investigated clues about the Battle of Swansea, an anti-apartheid protest that took place in 1969. These events sparked thoughtful discussions about fairness and equality. We visited St. Helen's cricket and rugby ground to find out more about Swansea's sporting history – it was an interesting morning.

Inspired by poster artist Paul Peter Piech, the children designed and printed their own collagraphs. We were thrilled to welcome local printmaker Sarah Hopkins, who guided us through the process. The results were stunning—beautiful and thought-provoking pieces of art!



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas carol service, "Glad Tidings," at St. Paul's Church, Sketty. The children sang beautifully and created a truly festive atmosphere.

We have finished reading Clockwork by Philip Pullman; a gripping story that kept everyone hooked until the very end.

As we wrap up this term, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for your continued support this year!

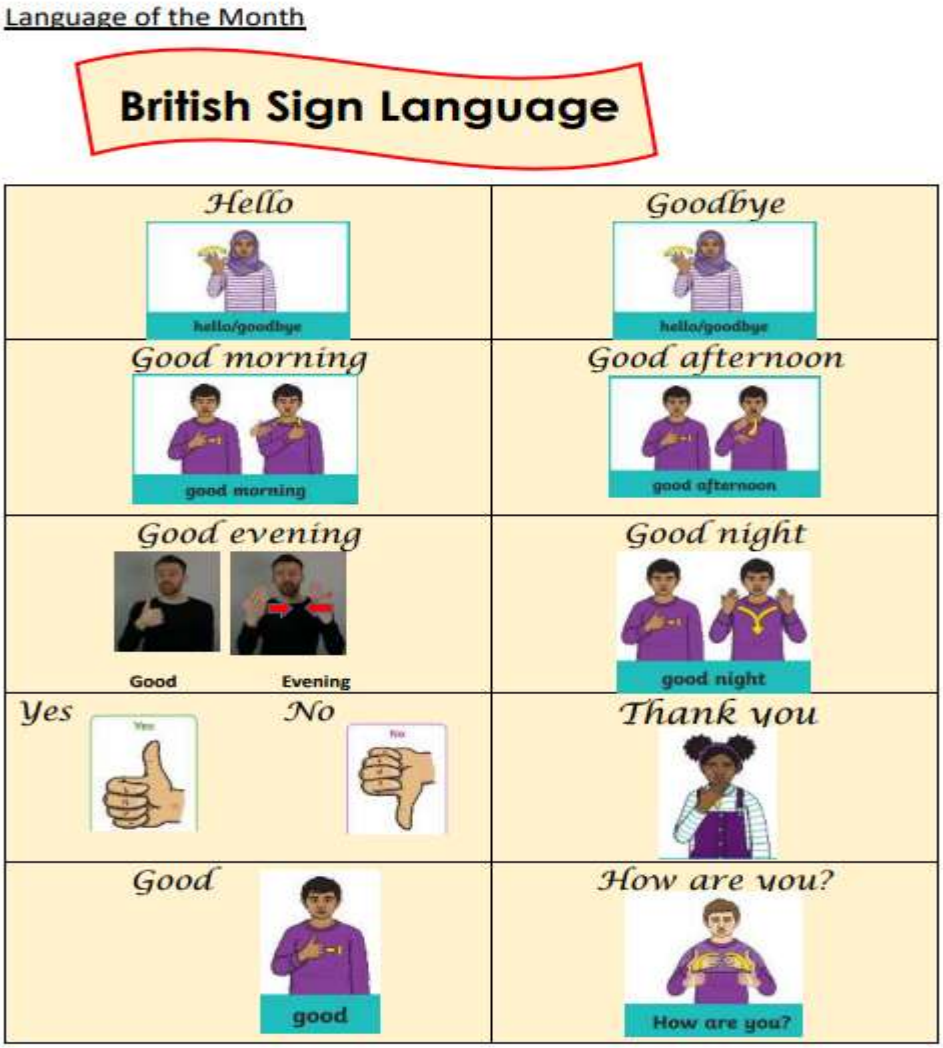
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Language of the Month
Iaith y Mis

This month, we have all been learning British Sign Language. We practiced in assembly and then continued learning back in class together.



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Eco Crew
Criw Eco



Congratulations to Y6LJ who won November's battery competition.

We won't have a December winner - we will roll it over until the end of January when I'm sure we will have huge numbers after using all those Christmas lights.



Thank you once again to our amazing PTA who have been doing their little bit for the environment and also saving some of you a bit of money with their pre-loved festive outfit sale. This is something they hope to develop over the years, offering more variety of costumes and Christmas jumpers, so please don't throw anything out, we are happy to take it for next year. It doesn't have to be shop bought! We see some wonderful creations every year so please feel free to send them in too.

Please send any unwanted costumes and jumpers to me in a bag marked ***Mrs Palmer Christmas Costumes*** and I will pass them on to the PTA to store them for next year.

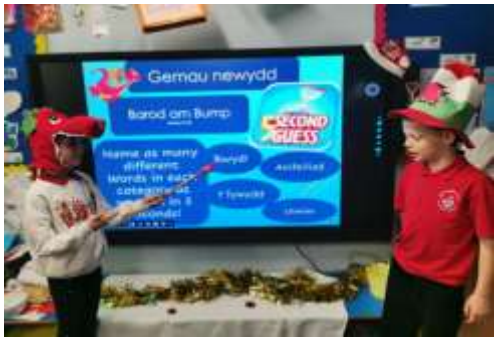
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Mrs Palmer and The Eco Criw

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Welsh Crew
Criw Cymraeg

What a busy month it's been. Concerts, celebrations, and plenty of festive fun! But even with all the excitement, our Criw Cymraeg and Helpwr Heddiw have kept the Welsh language front and centre in our classrooms. Their energy and enthusiasm have been amazing, making sure we all get plenty of chances to use and enjoy Cymraeg every single day.



One of the big hits this term has been our brand-new game 'Barod am Bump'. The challenge? Say as many words as you can in just five seconds within a given category. Sounds easy? Think again! The Year 4 leaderboard is looking impressive – eight different colours in five seconds… wow!



Over in Year 3, pupils have been loving 'Detectif Cymraeg', a brilliant way to practise patterns while trying to spot the sneaky 'imposter' in the class. Lots of laughter and learning – the perfect combination!

And let's not forget our Daily Slot Drilio. This simple routine is making a big difference, bringing consistency to our Welsh learning. Every day, the Helpwr Heddiw takes the lead, drilling sentence patterns and vocabulary so everyone gets a chance to grow in confidence.

Diolch yn fawr to all our pupils for their hard work. You're making Welsh sparkle in our school! Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

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Singing Club
Clwb Canu

Our Singing Club have had a busy month, singing at an event to mark the switching on off the lights in Sketty Community Church and taking part in the Lord Mayor's Christmas concert at St Mary's Church. As always, they represented Sketty Primary brilliantly and we are very proud of everyone involved.









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Christmas Jumper Day
Diwrnod Siwmper Nadolig













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Christmas Experience
Profiad Nadolig

Unfortunately, our Christmas Experience at All Souls Church was cancelled because of the awful weather. However, the children across the school enjoyed listening to Reverend Layfetta Masih retell the Nativity story in school with some of the children dressed up as characters from that special day.









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Christmas Dinner
Cinio Nadolig










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Internet Safety
Rhyngrwyd Mwy Diogel





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PTA

Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon

Thank you to our amazing PTA and our volunteers on the day for organising a fantastic mini fayre and to the staff for entertaining with carols in the hall.









After costs, the event raised an incredible £345

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PTA
Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon



Bake Sale Dates 25/26

PTA

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
16/01/26	New Year Bake Sale	Year 4 - Mr Tucker Rep - Katie Cooze
30/01/26		Year 3 - Mr Dunt Rep - Rhian Thomas & Cory Carra
13/02/26	Valentine's Bake Sale	Year 3 - Miss Baldwin Rep - Alexandria Jones
27/02/26		Year 2 - Miss Jones Rep - Carlie Williams
13/03/26	St Patrick's Day Bake Sale	Year 2 - Mrs Wanless & Mrs Miller Rep - Stephanie Booth
24/04/26	Springtime Bake Sale	Year 1 - Mrs Palmer & Mrs Gillett Rep - Rhiannon Akers
08/05/26		Year 1 - Miss Christer & Mr Lloyd-Jones Rep - Hannah Cullen
05/06/26	Summer Bake Sale	Reception - Miss Emily Jones Rep - Mel Burtonwood
19/06/26		Reception - Miss Rees & Mrs Porter Rep - Beth Phillips
03/07/26		Nursery AM & PM - Mrs Fox Rep - Rhea Hill & Stephanie Booth

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Living Streets

Our Living Streets project has been continuing this month. Well done to everyone who has become more active since we started this project. The aim of the project is to create a nation where walking and wheeling is the natural choice for every day, local journeys. If the children can walk, cycle, scoot or walk and stride once a week over the month it will make a difference.



Llongyfarchiadau i Blwyddyn 6 LJ who have made the most active journeys for the first time this month. Da iawn pawb!!

To find out more information about living streets, click on the following link https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/

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Important Reminders

Atgoffa Pwysig

- School gates are open from 8.40am-9.00am. Please come to the office if you arrive after 9.00am.

- The register is taken at 8.50am.

- School Uniform is a red polo shirt and blue sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie.

- PE kit is black leggings/joggers and white t-shirt.

- Please wear sensible shoes to school. No flip flops, crocs or sandals for health and safety reasons.



- As you know, we are a large school and accumulate a great deal of lost property over the year. Please help us by making sure all clothes, bags and equipment are labelled.

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Attendance
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Reception EJ	90.1%
Reception ER/SP	87.7%
Year 1 HC	92.7%
Year 1 KP/SG	91.0%
Year 2 CW	84.4%
Year 2 MJ	92.9%
Year 3 AB	93.3%
Year 3 WD	90.4%
Year 4 JG	92.5%
Year 4 NT	95.7%
Year 5 SW	92.1%
Year 5 SK	85.6%
Year 6 MW	87.1%
Year 6 LJ	89.7%

This month, our whole school attendance was 90.4% which is a big drop on last month.

Congratulations to Year 4 NT who had the best class attendance this month. Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

Your Child's Attendance	National Guidelines
100% - 95%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
94.99% - 90%	Satisfactory, although your child may have to spend time catching up with work they have missed.
Below 90%	Cause for concern: - 1. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. 2. Your child may need extra support from you to help catch up with missed work. Your child may be missing out on a broad and balanced education.

If your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school office to inform us. A message can be left on the answer machine.

Please do not use class dojo to explain absences as teachers don't always get the chance to check during teaching time.

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Spring Term Classroom Sharing
Rhannu Ystafell Ddosbarth Tymor y Gwanwyn

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to invite you into school to visit our classrooms, find out what the children have been learning and take a look at their books. The dates and times for Year 1 - 6 are listed below.

Year 2 – Tuesday 27th January (9.30am)
Year 4 – Wednesday 28th January (9.30am)
Year 3 – Thursday 29th January (9.30am)
Year 1 – Tuesday 3rd February (9.30am)
Year 5 – Tuesday 10th February (9.30am)
Year 6 – Wednesday 11th February (9.30am)

Parents/Carers with children in Nursery and Reception will have the opportunity to come into school WB 02/02/25 and 09/02/25. More details will come from class teachers.

We appreciate that these times may not be suitable for everyone. If you are unable to attend, please contact the class teacher for an alternative time to view your child's books.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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Mrs Bev Phillips
Headteacher
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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur

January 2026

Date	Event	Year group
05/01/26	**Back to school**	All
16/01/26	Show Racism the Red Card workshops	Year 3
19/01/26	World Religion Day	All
21/01/26	National Hug Day	All
25/01/26	Dydd Santes Dwynwen	All
27/01/26	Classroom Sharing – 9.30am	Year 2
28/01/26	Classroom Sharing – 9.30am	Year 4
29/01/26	Spectrum workshops	Year 2 + 5
	Classroom Sharing – 9.30am	Year 3
30/01/26	Show Racism the Red Card workshops	Year 4

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur
February 2026

Date	Event	Year group
WB 02/02/26 and 09/02/26	Classroom Sharing – class teachers will be in contact after Christmas to arrange timings	Nursery and Reception
05/02/26	Spectrum workshops	Year 2 + 5
WB 09/02/26	Children's Mental Health week	All
10/02/25	Safer Internet Day	All
	Classroom Sharing – 9.30am	Year 5
11/02/26	Classroom Sharing – 9.30am	Year 6
12/02/26	PTA Valentine's Disco – further details to follow	All
13/02/26	Last day of half term **Pupils return to school on Monday 23rd Feb**	All
23/02/26	**Back to school** Welsh fortnight begins	All

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur
March 2026

Date	Event	Year group
05/03/26	World Book Day **(More details to follow)**	All
06/03/26	Eisteddfod – pupils can come to school wearing Welsh costumes, kits or Welsh flag colours.	All
WB 09/03/26	British Science Week	All
	Parents Evening Week **(NO TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)**	Year 3 – Year 6
WB 16/03/25	Parents Evening Week **(NO TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)**	Nursery – Year 2
16/03/26 - 18/03/26	Llangrannog Residential	Year 4 Year 5
20/03/26	Warner Brother Studios	Year 6
20/03/26	Comic Relief – pupils can wear red if they wish **(Suggested donation of £1 per family if possible)**	All
23/03/26	World Water Day	All
27/03/26	Autism Awareness Day	All
27/03/26	Last day of Spring Term **Pupils return to school on Monday 13th April**	All

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School Term and Holiday Dates (2025-2026)
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Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday begins	Half-term holiday ends		Terms ends
Autumn Term 2025	Monday 1st September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	Monday 27th October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 3th November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	Monday 13th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	Monday 25th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026	Monday 1st June 2026	Monday 20th July 2026

Bank holidays

3rd April 2026 - Good Friday

6th April 2026 - Easter Monday

4th May 2026 - May Day

25th May 2026 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 3rd October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 1st May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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