

SKETTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
YSGOL GYNRADD SGETI
Newsletter 21 – February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy February, we'd like to share and celebrate some of the wonderful successes across the school this month.

Our children took part in a range of activities during Internet Safety Day, helping them learn how to stay safe online. Their engagement, questions, and thoughtful discussions were truly impressive. Children have also explored the importance of wellbeing, expressing their feelings through creative tasks and class discussions. We are so proud of their maturity and kindness.

The excitement is building as we get ready for St David's Day, Dydd Gwyl Dewi and our Eisteddfod! The children have been busy practising, creating artwork, and learning about Welsh culture and traditions. We can't wait until the Eisteddfod Day to find out the results of the competitions. Good luck everyone!

A huge well done to our rugby and football teams, who played with determination, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship in their recent matches. They represented the school brilliantly!

I would also like to extend a warm thank you to all parents and carers who visited the school to see the children's work. Your support means so much to us and to the children. And finally, a big thank you to all our dedicated staff and governors for their hard work this month, and to our fabulous children for their effort, enthusiasm and positive attitudes.

Here's to looking forward to lighter mornings and better weather as we enter March one of the busiest times of the year!

Cofion Cynnes
Mrs Bev Phillips
Headteacher

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Nursery
Meithrin



This month the children in morning Nursery have continued to enjoy visits from parents to talk about their jobs in the community, as part of our topic, Helping Hands. They loved the visit from Sketty Fire Station, meeting fire fighters, exploring a real fire engine having a go at squirting water with the hose. The children also found out about the protective clothing that fire fighters wear and fire safety at home. The children also enjoyed their visit from a grandad who is a local postman. They especially loved the letters they received. Our topic will continue until Easter, so we would be very grateful if more parents or carers would be interested in coming in to speak to the children.

During February the children have explored the themes of love and kindness through celebrating World Mental Health Week and Valentines. This has been a great opportunity to develop our Welsh oracy and the children have enjoyed learning the questions, “Wyt ti’n caru……?” and “Pwy wyt ti’n caru?” through our Ffa la la approach. They have also been finding out the importance of compliments and have been learning Welsh vocabulary to enable them to give compliments in Welsh-Ardderchog, arbennig, da iawn, gwych, bendegedig!

It was lovely to welcome parents of morning Nursery into school this month, so the children could share their work through their Seesaw accounts. Please get in touch if you have not managed to do so. During Internet Safety Day the children learnt a rhyme with Smartie the Penguin, to help them take care when uploading and sharing their work on Seesaw-Before you click, click, click, remember to think, think, think.

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Reception

Derbyn

February has been a wonderfully busy and exciting month in Reception! A lovely highlight was welcoming parents and carers into the classroom to celebrate their progress. The children were so proud to share their work and talk about what they have been learning. Thank you for taking the time to join us — it meant so much to them.

Our Literacy focus this month was the Welsh legend of the Red Dragon and the White Dragon**.** This tied in with our Welsh fortnight activities. The children listened to the story, discussed the characters, and used picture prompts to describe their chosen dragon. This was a fantastic way to develop vocabulary, speaking, and listening skills whilst connecting to Welsh myth and tradition. Daily Phonics continued with plenty of practice, revisiting key sounds and joining in with the alphabet chant. Alongside this, the children took part in regular Squiggle and handwriting activities to build their fine-motor skills.

In Expressive Arts, the children explored the colourful, stained-glass-inspired work of Welsh artist Glenys Cour. They created their own vibrant pieces using colour, shape, and layering techniques, taking real inspiration from her style. The children also enjoyed participating in Welsh folk dancing, learning simple steps and moving together to traditional music. Outdoor learning was another highlight, with the children using natural materials to create symbols of Wales.

This is just a fraction of all the amazing things Reception children have done this month, and it's clear it has been a month filled with learning, creativity, and cultural celebration. We are incredibly proud of the children and all they have achieved. Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to another wonderful month ahead.

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Year 1
Blwyddyn 1

We have had a very busy and exciting month in Year 1! In Maths, we have started our Spring Term Maths Project which is all measure. The children have explored using non-standard units, such as blocks, to measure objects before moving on to using rulers to measure in centimetres. Over the next few weeks', they will be measuring lots of things about themselves e.g., height, hand span, foot size, head circumference and even temperature. They have also been learning about 3D shapes. In Literacy, the children have been applying their knowledge of nouns and adjectives to write sentences linked to our topic, and we are so pleased with their progress. In Welsh, we have been learning the names of farm animals and where they live, linking closely to our topic work. The children have also been asking and answering questions about how old they are.

As part of our topic, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about adult and baby animals, as well as the differences between farm animals and wild animals. Throughout the month, the children have been busy in provision completing their must-do activities linked to our topic and special awareness days, including painting farm animals and creating wellbeing activities.

During Children's Mental Health Week, where the theme was "This Is My Place," the children took part in thoughtful activities, drawing and writing about places that make them feel like they belong.

The children were very proud to show you around our classroom and share their work in their books – thank you for coming in to see all their hard work.

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Year 2
Blwyddyn 2

Year 2 have had a wonderfully busy month. We continued our topic Turrets and Towers, exploring how castles were used and the different roles people played within them. The children have enjoyed playing with our small world Castle and have incorporated what they have learned so far. In Literacy, we have been using bossy verbs to write clear instructions for making a shield. We also finished our class novel Beaver Towers and are excited to begin the second book next. The children particularly enjoyed getting to know the characters and used the 'Talk for Writing' approach to create detailed descriptions of the witch, Oyin.

In Maths, our learning linked with a Design Technology project. After studying 2D shapes, 3D shapes and nets, the children applied their knowledge to design and build their own 3D castle model using nets they built themselves. We also revisited place value and practised counting from different starting points.

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we read The Get-Well Spell, which helped us think about activities that support our wellbeing. Our outdoor learning sessions have been full of joy, with den building, mud painting and creating homes for animals. For Safer Internet Day, the children learned what Artificial Intelligence is, explored examples of where it is used, and discussed how to use it safely.

This week marked the start of Welsh Fortnight. We learnt about local artist Annabelle Dann, who creates vibrant paintings of our area, and played traditional Welsh games. We are looking forward to continuing our Welsh Fortnight celebrations next week.



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Year 3
Blwyddyn 3

February has been a busy month for Year 3 as we continued exploring our topic, Food, Glorious Food! The children compared farm-grown and shop-bought food, worked on planting outdoors, and carried out enquiries linked to healthy eating and food production. Their curiosity shone through as they investigated what can be grown at this time of year.

In Literacy, the children developed persuasive writing skills through alliteration, similes, descriptive vocabulary and sentence-building. They also prepared for the Eisteddfod by learning, performing and recording Welsh poems, even creating their own additional verses. Maths sessions focused on key number skills, including bonds to 10 and 20, column addition, subtraction across 10 and number-line strategies, supported by our Winning with Numbers programme.



Our Topic and Missions sessions were full of creativity and independence. Children explored Microbit pedometer challenges, created cawl recipes, investigated traditional Welsh foods, and developed 3D artwork inspired by Susie Grindey, working from outlines to detailed finishes.

With the Eisteddfod approaching, Welsh culture has been at the heart of our learning. Pupils practised Welsh dance in PE, prepared artwork and photography pieces, and rehearsed songs and poems with growing confidence.

Overall, February has been a productive and enjoyable month. The children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, independence and creativity, and we look forward to seeing their hard work celebrated in March.

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Year 4
Blwyddyn 4

We have been extremely lucky to welcome several parents into school to share their knowledge about the human body. We have enjoyed informative talks on the heart and how it pumps blood around our bodies, the lungs and how we breathe, the brain and how it controls everything we do, the ears and how we hear and the digestive system and how our bodies process food. The children asked thoughtful questions and impressed our visitors with their enthusiasm and curiosity. A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to speak to us — the children were fascinated!

Inspired by the visitors and our learning about the human body, the children produced some excellent information texts. They worked hard to include clear headings, factual information, technical vocabulary and organised paragraphs. We are very proud of the effort and high standard of writing produced.

We also explored the story of Dydd Santes Dwynwen (St Dwynwen's Day). Using the Pie Corbett storytelling approach, the children learned to retell and recount the story confidently, using actions and expression to bring it to life. They thoroughly enjoyed practising and performing the story, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow.



Year 4 have massively enjoyed their recent art project — making clay bowls! The children carefully shaped and designed their bowls, thinking about patterns and textures to make them unique. The bowls are currently in the kiln being fired and will then be glazed before being sent home. We are very excited to see the finished pieces, and we know the children are looking forward to sharing their creations with you.

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Year 5
Blwyddyn 5

What a fantastic month it's been in Year 5! Although it's been a short month, it's certainly been full of learning, creativity and new experiences.

Our children have taken part in some important and thoughtful sessions this month including learning about puberty with the school nurse and exploring the idea of healthy relationships with Spectrum. They approached both topics with maturity and curiosity, and we are very proud of them. We also had the amazing opportunity to visit Swansea Arena to watch the Black History Cymru 365 Swansea Launch Music Concert—a celebration of music, culture, and the powerful contributions of Black communities in Wales.

In Literacy, Year 5 finished their discussion writing on plastic pollution, showcasing some excellent arguments and passionate environmental thinking. In Maths, the children have been confidently adding and subtracting fractions — a tricky skill they've worked hard to master! Our Blue Planet topic has continued to inspire us. The children loved researching ocean creatures and producing colourful, detailed fact files about animals living beneath the waves. In PE, pupils had the exciting option of choosing between Pilates and outdoor games, and Y5SW have continued their swimming sessions — gaining confidence, having fun, and developing an incredibly important life skill. Y5SK will take to the pool over the next six weeks.

Outdoors, our wildlife area is really starting to take shape. It's been wonderful to see the children using a range of tools, working together, and growing in independence as they help transform the space.

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Year 6
Blwyddyn 6

February has been another action-packed month in Year 6, filled with rich learning experiences and creative opportunities. The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, teamwork, and growing independence as we move through the spring term.



One of the highlights of the month was a visit from local artist Nina Morgan. The pupils explored a range of artistic techniques, including drawing, collage and screen printing. Nina helped transform the collaborative designs into vibrant, professional-quality screen prints. The pupils worked collaboratively to produce a stunning collection of artwork, and we are incredibly proud of what they achieved. These beautiful pieces will be on sale later this term, with funds contributing to future creative projects and Year 6 activities.

We were also delighted to welcome Welsh beatboxer and rap artist Mr Phormula. His workshop was an incredible, high-energy session in which the children learned how rhythm works, how to build a beat using only their voice, and how to structure rap lyrics. The most impressive moment was watching him take the children's ideas and turn them into a short track blending both Welsh and English. The pupils were absolutely captivated and left the session feeling inspired to create more music of their own.

Alongside these exciting experiences, we have continued to enjoy our dance lessons with Julie Hobday. The children have worked hard to create partner motifs to include in a performance, showing both creativity and teamwork.

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Continuing the musical theme, Year 6 visited Swansea Arena to watch a variety of performers in a celebration of Black culture in Swansea. It was a loud, fun-filled event and a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a range of live music and energetic performances. They represented the school brilliantly throughout the entire trip.

Back in the classroom, the pupils have published their Welsh journey poems, drawing on their knowledge of Welsh myths and legends. It was wonderful to see so many children confidently incorporating Welsh vocabulary into their writing. In Maths, the children have been investigating fractions and have now moved on to exploring area and perimeter. The Yorkshire building society visited year 6 to discuss financial management. We learnt about needs and wants, and the importance of setting a budget – an important life skill.



Year 6 have become experts in creating spreadsheets; a skill that will be useful as we begin planning our enterprise project. For Safer internet day Year 6 participated in a live lesson and online quiz about the advantages and disadvantages of using AI. Technocamps also delivered a fascinating workshop on the role of semi-conductors in modern technology – the children loved making their quiz boards and programming the microbits.

We have also continued reading and enjoying our class novel *Holes*. It has sparked great discussion within the classroom and may have even inspired a few costume ideas for next month's World Book Day celebrations.

Finally, thank you to everyone who was able to visit our classroom to share their child's work. It was lovely to listen to so many pupils talk about their achievements with such pride.

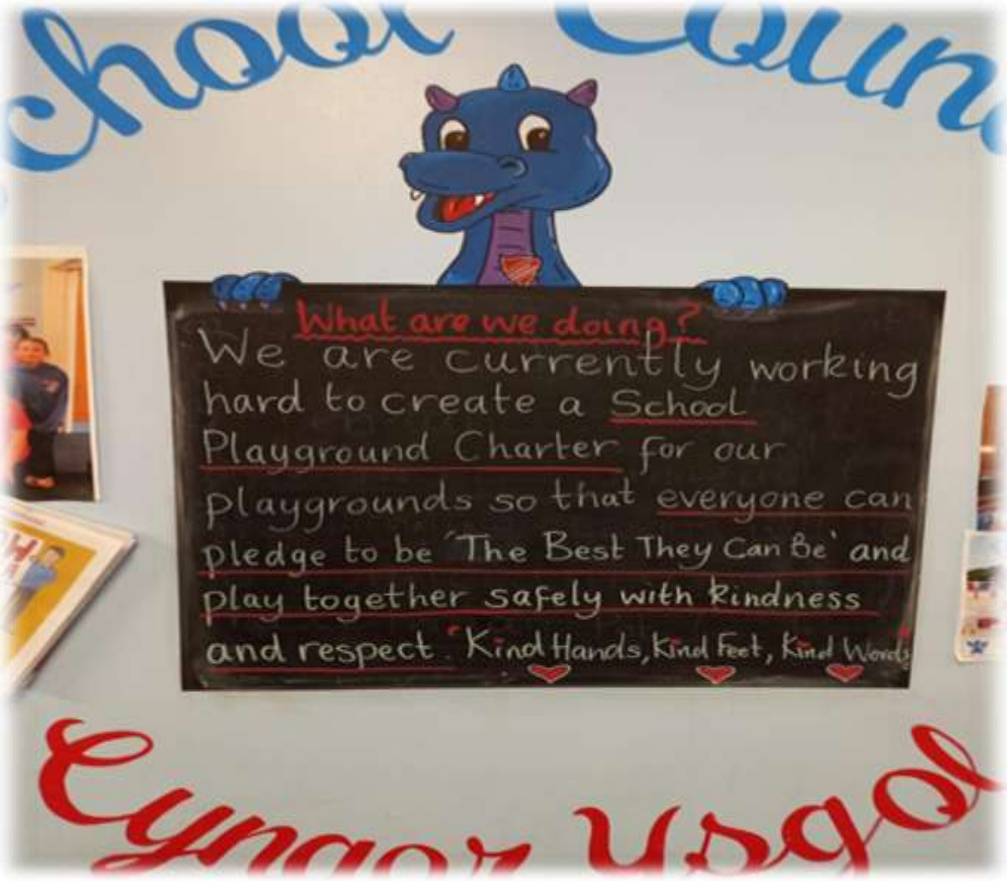
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School Council
Cyngor Ysgol

This month, School Council have been working hard to create Playground Charters. They thought hard about keeping it simple for all the children to understand and shared their ideas with the rest of the school in assembly on Friday. They will be continuing to work on this over the next few months.



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Welsh Crew
Criw Cymraeg



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Internet Safety Day
Diwrnod Rhyngrwyd Mwy Diogel

All classes in school have been learning about Internet Safety this month and celebrated Internet Safety Day on the 10th February. This year the theme was **'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**









Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

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Rugby Tournament
Twrnamaint Rygbi

Our rugby team represented Sketty Primary School with pride in the Swansea Schools Under 11s National Qualifier event at Bonymaen RFC. Unfortunately, we did not make it out of the group stages, but we played with a smile on our faces. Thank you to Mr Williams for coaching the boys and Miss Ralphs for her support on the day. We look forward to arranging some more fixtures before our next tournament in May.



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Football Tournament
Twrnamaint Pel-droed

Our football teams played brilliantly in a tournament at Pure Football, representing Sketty Primary School superbly. We finished third in our group but had a great time. Thank you to Mr Knight for coaching the boys and Miss Ralphs for her support on the day.



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PTA

Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon



Bake Sale Dates 25/26

PTA

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
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

Thank you for your continued support of our Bake Sales. The proceeds all contribute to enhanced resources and activities for the children across the school.

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Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon



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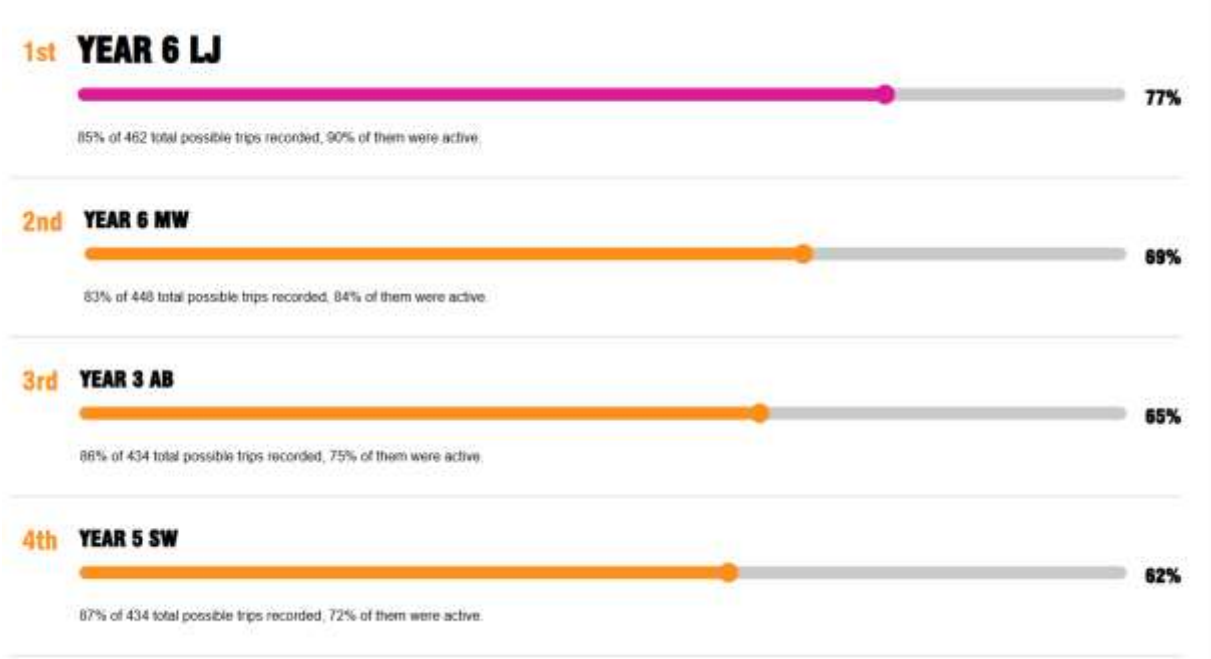
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Living Streets

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 it will make a difference.



Llongyfarchiadau i Blwyddyn 6 LJ who have made the most active journeys again this month. However, it is very close so da iawn pawb for being active!! 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	90.8%
Reception ER/SP	91.6%
Year 1 HC	93.2%
Year 1 KP/SG	91.5%
Year 2 CW	95.8%
Year 2 MJ	94.5%
Year 3 AB	94.5%
Year 3 WD	95.1%
Year 4 JG	93.3%
Year 4 NT	95.0%
Year 5 SW	96.4%
Year 5 SK	97.0%
Year 6 MW	91.3%
Year 6 LJ	94.8%

This month, our whole school attendance was 93.9% which is slightly down on last month.

Congratulations to Year 5 SW who had the best class attendance this month. Da iawn also to Year 5 SW and Year 2 CW who were not too far behind. 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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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur
March 2026

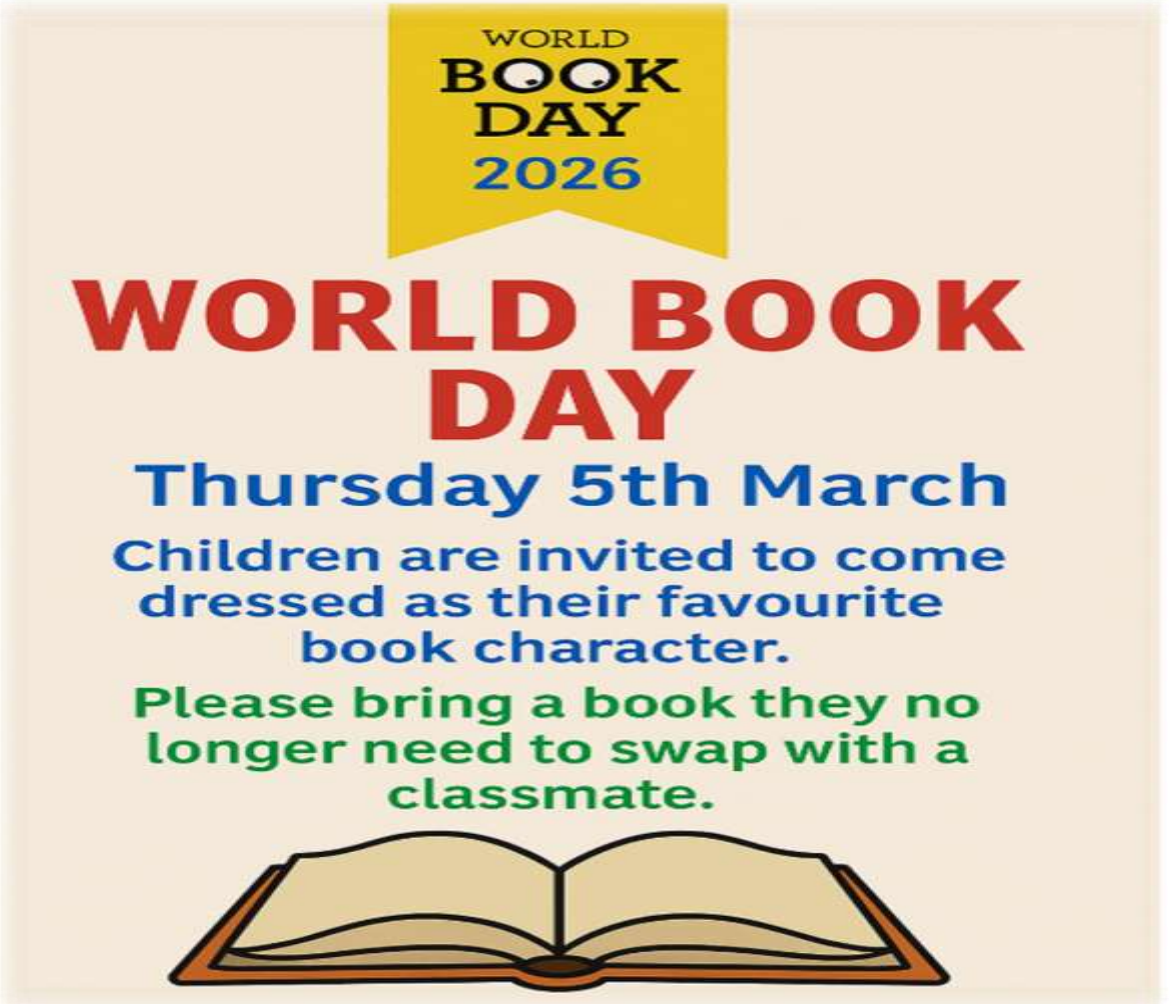
Date	Event	Year group
04/03/26	Author Visit at Waterstone's	Year 6
05/03/26	World Book Day – pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish.	All
06/03/26	Eisteddfod – pupils can come to school wearing Welsh costumes, kits or Welsh flag colours.	All
WB 09/03/26	British Science Week	All
	Parents Evening Week **(NO TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)**	Year 2 MJ Year 3 – Year 6
10/03/26	Grand Theatre – The Hopeful Hare	Year 3
	Cinema Trip – David Attenborough	Year 5
13/03/26	Visit to Olchfa – Little Shop of Horrors	Year 6
WB 16/03/26	Parents Evening Week **(NO TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)**	Nursery – Year 1 Year 2 CW
16/03/26 - 18/03/26	Llangrannog Residential	Year 4 Year 5
20/03/26	Warner Brother Studios	Year 6
	Comic Relief – pupils can wear red if they wish **(Suggested donation of £1 per family if possible)**	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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World Book Day – March 2026
Diwrnod Llyfr y Byd – Mawrth 2026



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Sketty Primary School
Sports Day – May 2026

The dates for Sports Day 2026 are listed below:

Date	Year Group	Time
Tuesday 12th May	Year 6	1.45pm
Wednesday 13th May	Year 5	1.45pm
Thursday 14th May	Nursery AM Nursery PM	10.00am 1.45pm
Friday 15th May	Year 1	1.45pm
Monday 18th May	Year 4	1.45pm
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3	1.45pm
Wednesday 20th May	Year 2	1.45pm
Thursday 21st May	Reception	1.45pm

Unfortunately, there is uncertainty over whether the redevelopment of Swansea Bay Sports Park will be ready to host our Year 4-6 event this year. As a result, all Sports Days will take place at Sketty Primary School.

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School Term and Holiday Dates (2025-2026)
Dyddiadau tymhorau a gwyliau ysgolion

Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday			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

THE RIGHT TO LEARN AND GO TO SCHOOL
~ Eich hawl i ddysgu a mynd i'r ysgol.~
Article 28

THE RIGHT TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE
~ Eich hawl i fod y gorau gallwch fod ~
Article 29