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Dear Parents/Carers,

And so ends another very busy half term at Sketty Primary School. It has flown by so quickly! As usual, the children have been working very hard, challenging themselves and showing themselves to be the best they can be in their learning and attitude to school.

We have had a number of important awareness events this month including Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We have also celebrated Welsh Music Day and started our Welsh fortnight celebrations. This will continue after half term and end with our Eisteddfod on Friday 7th March.

It has been a pleasure again to welcome parents and carers for our Classroom sharing mornings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and 6. The children loved going through their books with you and sharing their experiences in class. Many thanks to those who have completed the feedback form, we really do value your views.

A huge thank you to our PTA who arranged a fabulous Valentine's Disco and continue to raise funds for our school through cake sales. Thanks also to the teaching staff who stayed to support the event.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Kind Regards
Mr Simon Lloyd-Jones
Acting Headteacher
Sketty Primary School

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Nursery

Meithrin

As part of our topic, Helping Hands, the children learnt to make their own healthy snack-A fruit kebab. The children found out that eating healthy foods helps you to have a healthy brain, as well as a healthy body. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing their fruit, cutting, peeling and then putting the pieces onto the skewer. They also learnt the vocabulary first, second, third and last during the process.



Every Movement Monday, Dewi Dragon writes a challenge for us. The challenges so far have focused on developing counting, number concepts and recognising numerals, as well as developing bodily awareness, team work and perseverance. Our last challenge involved the children working in pairs and playing a game of hide of seek. One partner went to hide whilst the other partner counted backwards from 10 to 0, using the numbers on the washing line.

On Internet Safety Day, the children were introduced to Smartie the Penguin who taught the children a rhyme to help keep them safe when using a digital device. Smartie says, “Before you click, click, click, you must think, think, think, and tell someone.” During this week the children also learnt to access their own Seesaw accounts to record a message for someone who they love.

To conclude, a great big thank you to the parents who have given up their time to come in and speak to the children about their jobs. The children really enjoy the experience and it is an important part of developing their Cynefin. If you would like to come in, it is not too late, so please get in contact with Mrs Fox.

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Reception

Derbyn

Another half term has gone by and we have been as busy as ever in Reception! Continuing with our topic Let's Celebrate, our next stop was birthdays! The children all brought photographs in from a past birthday and they shared their memories of this day. In small groups, we listened to each other carefully and asked questions to find out more about the fun that was had on the day! We read the story 'Kipper's Birthday' and learned about the importance of writing the day and month on birthday invitations to make sure everyone turns up on the right day! We practiced singing the days of the week and the months of the year. We wrote our own invitations to a future birthday and many fun parties were planned.



In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction. The children have been using playdough, blocks and Numicon to explore what happens when we take something away and how the objects change. We practiced reading number sentences and figuring out what resources we could use to solve the problems. They did a great job!



We had a tennis coach come into school and delivered a session to us. We loved practicing our tennis skills and we were fantastic!

In Welsh we have re-visited our vocabulary and practiced colours, clothes and parts of the body. Our Ffa La La songs have been helping us ask and respond to questions with confidence.

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Year 1

Blwyddyn 1



This month we've been busy investigating Germination through a hands-on experiment, and we've been carefully monitoring our bean seeds each week as they've sprouted and grown. The children have been fascinated by the process and are eagerly observing the changes day by day.



To mark Children's Mental Health Week, we wrote and drew what makes us happy, what makes us smile, and who makes us feel special. Each child also set a goal for something they would like to work on and challenge themselves with. A highlight was creating a long paper chain full of positive thoughts, which we attached together to form a beautiful chain of happiness. Our tree-themed display also took shape, with each child writing on a leaf one thing that makes them feel good, creating a vibrant and uplifting Tree of Positivity.

Internet Safety Day was an important focus, where we learned all about staying safe online with the help of Buddy the Internet Safety Dog. We learnt a great song to help remind us how to stay safe! We also enjoyed the stories of Digi Duck, which showed us the right and wrong ways to behave online.

We've also been celebrating the first week of Welsh Fortnight by learning about local artist Anne Blades and creating artwork in her style. We have been inspired by the incredible story of Swansea Jack, the heroic Welsh dog who saved numerous lives. The highlight of this celebration was our fantastic 'Ffa la la' gig in the school hall, where we had some special visitors join us for a fun-filled afternoon of music and creativity.

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Year 2

Blwyddyn 2



Year 2 have continued our topic 'Turrets and Towers', learning about the uses of castles and the different roles within the castle. The children have created their own castle role play based on what they have learned so far.



We have been using bossy verbs to write instructions on how to make a shield. We finished reading our class novel 'Beaver Towers' and are looking forward to reading the second novel after half term. We enjoyed learning about all the characters and have written a character description using the 'Talk for Writing' approach based on the witch Oyin. In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about days of the week, months of the year, the seasons and recapped place value and counting from different starting points.

For Children's Mental Health Week, we read the story 'The get well spell' which taught us about how we can make ourselves feel better by doing activities we enjoy. We have been enjoying outdoor learning, where we have been completing activities that make us feel happy like den building, mud painting, making homes for animals to name a few. For Safer Internet day, the children learned about what information was safe or unsafe to share online.

We had our first week of Welsh fortnight and started to learn about the artist Annabelle Dann, who creates colorful paintings of our local area. We enjoyed learning and playing a range of Welsh yard games. We were lucky enough to have visitors in for a 'Ffa La La' Gig, where we sang Welsh songs together – we had a fantastic time! We are looking forward to our second week of Welsh fortnight after half term!

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Year 3

Blwyddyn 3

Mis prysur arall! Another Busy Month! This month has been packed with exciting learning experiences!



In Geography, we explored how tectonic plates move and the incredible landforms they create. We also designed our own outdoor games inspired by the 'Ring of Fire' and discovered fascinating facts about volcanoes worldwide—Top Trumps style!

In Literacy, we have been developing our scanning and skimming skills when reading non-fiction texts. We also started planning our own information writing, applying our research skills to organise information effectively.

We kicked off Welsh Fortnight with an amazing 'Ffa La La' music gig and a lively Twmpath dance session. Music continued to be a highlight as we took part in a live PBUZZ TV lesson with Cerdd Abertawe, where we learned to play Men of Harlech in preparation for our music event after half-term.



We continued building our language skills and explored traditional Chinese paper cutting and calligraphy—a fantastic way to learn about Chinese culture.

It's been a fantastic month of learning, creativity, and fun, and we can't wait to see what's next! Hwyl a sbri!

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Year 4

Blwyddyn 4



As always we have packed in so much into a few short weeks from music, art, story writing and the digestive system! The latter was quite interesting indeed!



The children had so much fun, well the ones who didn't feel ill! They recreated how food travelled through the body from chewing, through to the stomach, small and large intestines and

then to the bowel by using biscuits, a banana, glass of water and a glass of orange juice, a plastic bag, tea towel and one leg of a pair of tights! The children have also looked how we all taste by sampling a variety of foods and drinks.

We have celebrated a few different awareness days and looked at keeping children safe online. The children have continued with learning trumpets and trombones and are sounding far more confident now. They are to perform together in our St David's Day Eisteddfod when we return after the half term break. As it happens the last week before half term was the first week of our Welsh Fortnight.

Thank you again for all your support and we wish you a happy and safe holiday.

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Year 5

Blwyddyn 5

Year 5 have been super creative this month, with the highlight being our positive graffiti board! This project was designed to spread uplifting messages and showcase graffiti as a positive form of artistic expression—an idea the children identified at the start of the topic. We're excited to take this project further as part of our enterprise.



Alongside our graffiti project, Year 5 have been developing their Maths skills, working hard on comparing and finding equivalent fractions, as well as using addition and subtraction with fractions. In Literacy, we've wrapped up our recount writing, where pupils created newspaper reports on the exciting (imaginary!) event of Banksy graffitiing Sketty Primary School!

As we approach the end of term, we've kicked off Welsh Fortnight celebrations, with a special focus on castles—a fascinating part of our history.

And don't forget our Year 5 Upcycling Competition! Get creative and show off your best upcycled creations!

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Year 6

Blwyddyn 6

In Year 6, we have been incredibly busy exploring the rich culture and history of Wales. Our latest project involved creating amazing poems inspired by the Welsh myths and legends we've delved into. The children have truly shown their creativity and imagination!



Additionally, we've tackled a timeline of significant events in Welsh history and uncovered some fascinating facts. Who would have thought that the Red Lady of Paviland dates back to around 30,000 years ago? We also discovered that the Rebecca Rioters of 1852 were actually men disguised as women, protesting the tolls imposed by wealthy landowners—what a twist!

Our artistic talents have shone through as well; Year 6 have enjoyed expressive arts, crafting stunning paper collages of Welsh ladies and designing and constructing their very own Welsh houses out of clay. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and craftsmanship on display.



In a delightful turn of events, we had the pleasure of welcoming author Olivia Wakeford, who shared her latest book, *The Dog*, with us. The children were captivated by her storytelling and insights into the writing process. We also celebrated Welsh Music Day by listening to some fantastic Welsh language music and rating each piece out of ten. The children were excited to share their opinions.

A real highlight of the month has been inviting family members into school to witness the incredible work we've accomplished so far this year.

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School Council

Cyngor Ysgol

This month, our School Councillors continued to share and reflect on their ideas in relation to the fire safety audit and also improving and supporting attendance in our school.



The council explored the Eat Them To Defeat Them resources and information for the programme and talked about their plans to share the programme's aims with their peers, Parents/Carers and Governors to implement the programme in our school.

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Eco Crew

Criw Eco



The Eco Committee have had a busy month. On 5th February Fran Watkin, and her team from Keep Wales Tidy, came in for the next phase of our Orchard project. Throughout the morning the committee planted 15 fruit trees. Most are Welsh varieties, including apple, pear, plum and cherry. It was hard work but the children from Y3 to Y6 collaborated really well to complete the task and have pledged that they will continue to look after and tend the orchard in their remaining years at Sketty.



The committee also completed their annual environmental review. This covers a range of areas including biodiversity, energy, global citizenship, water, waste and litter. From this we will generate our action plan for the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to Macsen and Manon who have been elected as our new chairs of the Eco team.

Moving forward the committee, as well as organising a number of environmental awareness day projects, are keen to launch a whole school competition to create an Eco code- a mission type statement which demonstrates Sketty's core values and commitment towards creating a sustainable future. More information on that to follow.



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Welsh Crew

Criw Cymraeg

This month the Criw Cymraeg have launched their new competition to encourage pupils to use more Welsh language around the school. Our learners must ask the teachers and adults in our school community questions to try and work out who the mystery person is. Can you solve the mystery??



Pwy yw Pwy??

Dw i'n byw yn Dyfnant.

Mae gwallt melyn gyda fi.

Mae llygaid glas gyda fi.

Dw i'n hoffi yfed coffi, ond dw i ddim yn hoffi te, achos mae'n ddiflas.

Dw i ddim yn hoffi pysgodyn a pys achos mae'n soeglyd, ond dw i'n hoffi bwyta pítsa.

Fy hoff hobi ydy gwneud jig-so.

Does dim ci neu cath gyda fi.

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Welsh Crew Cryw Cymraeg



Dyma Seren a Sbarc!



The Cryw launched our exciting Welsh fortnight in Welsh assembly and are really looking forward to judging our Eisteddfod competitions after half term. Keep a look out on Class Dojo for whole school, and Year group competitions.



As part of our Welsh Fortnight events we hosted a Ffa La La gig. and had a special visit from Sbarc a Seren the Siarter Iaith superheroes. We also invited student teachers from UWTSD along, to help support their professional learning, and be immersed in the Ffa La La approach to developing Cymraeg.



Mis cyffrous iawn!!



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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 11th February. This year the theme was 'too good to be true', protecting yourself and others from online scams.



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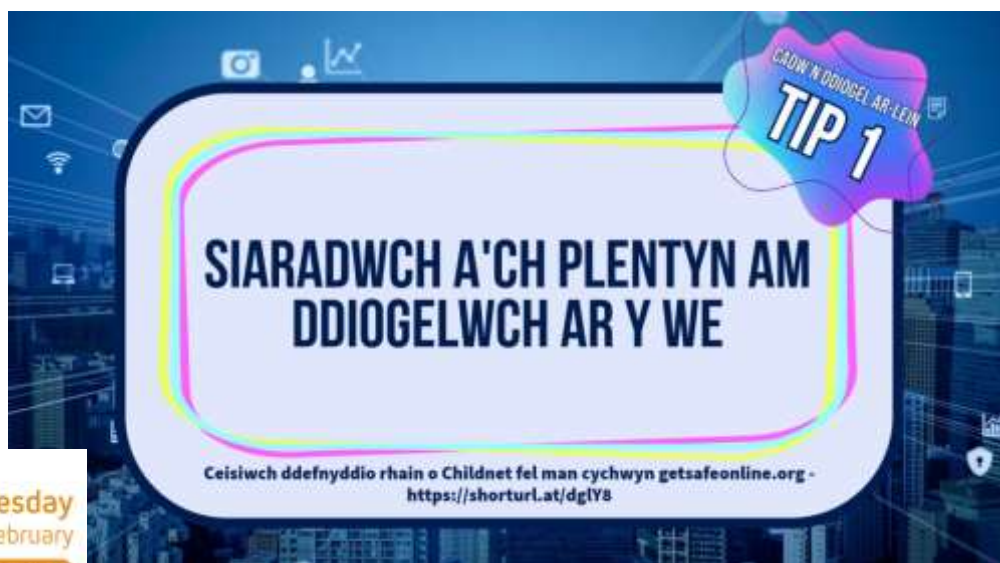
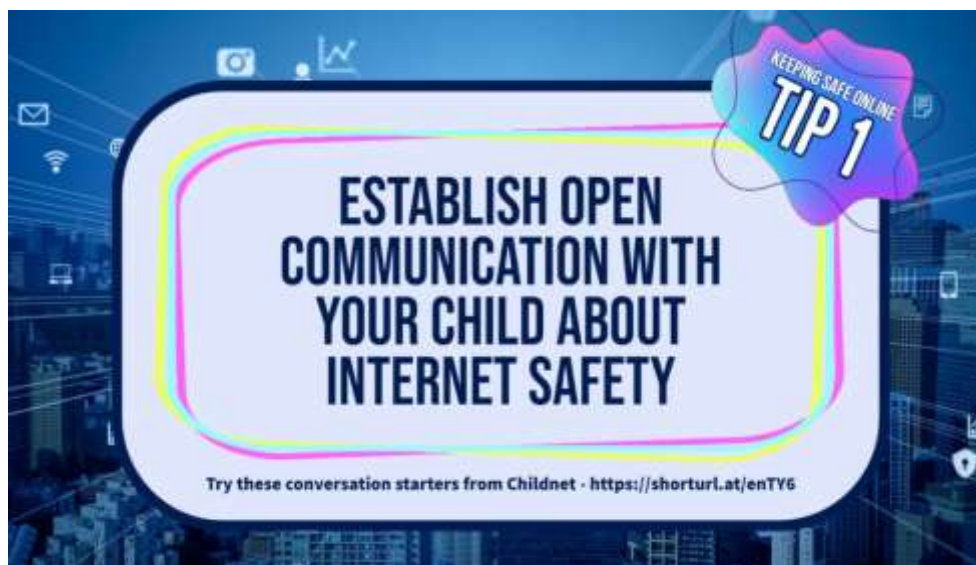
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Internet Safety Day

Diwrnod Rhyngrwyd Mwy Diogel



Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre
saferinternetday.org.uk

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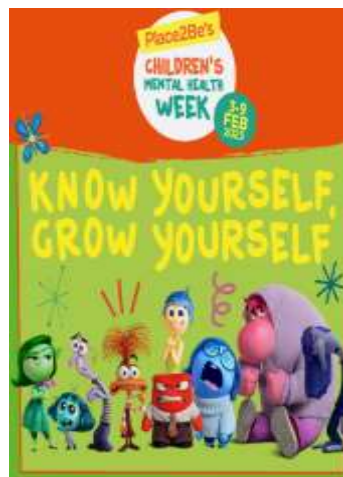
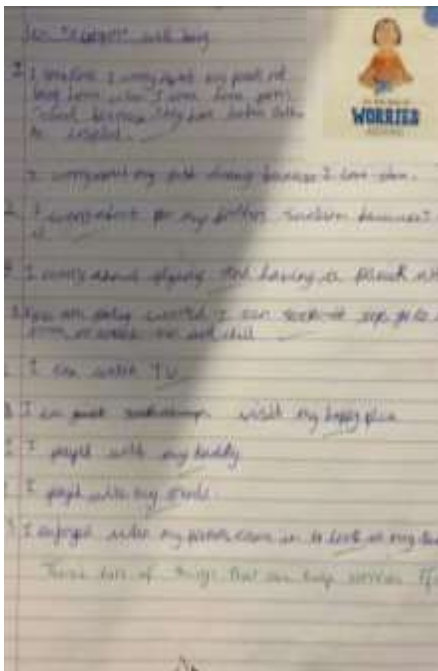
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Children's Mental Health Week

Wythnos Iechyd Meddwl Plant

This month we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with the theme being 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.'



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Rugby Tournament
Twrnamaint Rygbi



We are very proud of the school rugby team who attended their first tournament on 19th February. They represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic time as well. Many thanks to Mr Williams for coaching them.



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PTA

Bake Sale Dates 24/25

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
14/03/25	...	Year 3 - Mrs Griffiths Rep - Katie Cooze
04/04/25	Easter Bake Sale	Year 2 - Miss Jones
09/05/25	...	Year 2 - Miss Rees & Mrs Gillett
23/05/25	...	Year 1 - Mrs Porter & Mrs Palmer Rep - Stephanie Booth
06/06/25	...	Year 1 - Miss Jones Rep - Carlie Williams
20/06/25	...	Reception - Miss Baldwin, Mrs Eagle, Mr Lloyd - Jones Rep - Rhi Akers & Hannah Cullen
11/07/25	Summer Fayre Uniform Sale	Nursery - Mrs Fox AM & PM

**Many thanks to parents, carers, children and staff
who have continued to support our Bake Sales.**

**Huge thanks to everyone who supported the
Valentine's Disco. An amazing £865.00 was raised on
the night. Diolch yn fawr iawn pawb!!**

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Rainbow raffle

March 14th is dress down Friday for a donation of coloured raffle items.

Each year group has their own colour.

Donations are optional and we appreciate any contributions, such as non-perishable items like sweets, biscuits, teabags, soap, shower gel, pasta, chocolate, drinks, or alcohol. Donations will be made into hampers for the Big Easter Raffle, to be drawn on April 9th. Raffle tickets will be sent home with children soon. Thank you for your support!

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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 5 MW who have made the most active journeys again 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. School starts 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 Presenoldeb

Reception AB	95.2%
Reception KE/SLJ	89.5%
Year 1 KP/SP	90.5%
Year 1 EJ	94.3%
Year 2 MJ	96.0%
Year 2 ER/SM	94.1%
Year 3 NT	95.0%
Year 3 JG	97.1%
Year 4 SK	89.6%
Year 4 LO'M/SM	92.1%
Year 5 WD	93.4%
Year 5 MW	96.4%
Year 6 SW	90.1%
Year 6 LJ	90.8%

This month, our whole school attendance was 93.1% which is a big improvement on last month.

We have a new EWO, Carly Grancourt, who will be continuing to monitor attendance this term. If you your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school office to inform us.

**Congratulations to
Year 3 JG 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.

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur

Date	Event	Year group
03/03/25	Back to School	All
	Welsh Fortnight continues	
	Welsh storyteller – Phil Stockton	Nursery Year 6
	Art Workshop – Suzie Grindley	Year 3
04/03/25	BuzzAlong and BandAlong celebration event	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5
07/03/25	Eisteddfod – pupils can come to school wearing Welsh costumes, kits or Welsh flag colours.	All
07/03/25 until 16/03/25	British Science Week	All
10/03/25	World Book Day (Pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character)	All
14/03/25	PTA Dress Down Friday	All
WB 17/03/25	Parents Evening Week (NO TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)	Nursery – Year 2
18/03/25 and 19/03/25	Roz and Kirsty photos	All

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19/03/25	NHS Puberty talk	Year 5
21/03/25	Comic Relief – pupils can come to school wearing red if they wish (Suggested donation of £1 per family if possible)	All
	PTA Non-Uniform Day (More details to follow)	All
WB 24/03/25	Parents Evening Week (NO TEACHER LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)	Year 3 – Year 6
25/03/25	Fire Safety Session	Year 2 Year 5
27/03/25	NHS Puberty talk	Year 6
02/04/25	Autism Awareness Day	All
02/04/25- 04/04/25	Llangrannog Residential	Year 4 Year 5
11/04/25	Last day of Spring Term Pupils return to school on Monday 28th April	All

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Sports Day – May 2025
Diwrnod Chwaraeon – Mai 2025

The dates for Sports Day 2025 are listed below:

Date	Year Group	Time	Venue
Thursday 15 th May	Nursery	10.00am and 1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Monday 19 th May	PS3 (Years 4, 5, 6)	12.30pm	Swansea Bay Sports Park
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 3	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 2	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 1	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Friday 23 rd May	Reception	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School



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School Term and Holiday Dates (2024-2025)

Dyddiadau tymhorau a gwyliau ysgolion

Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday begins	Half-term holiday ends		Terms ends
Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2nd September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 28 th February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025	Friday 11 th April 2025
Summer Term 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Monday 21 st July 2025

Bank holidays

18th April 2025 - Good Friday

21st April 2025 - Easter Monday

5th May 2025 - May Day

26th May 2025 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

THE RIGHT TO LEARN AND GO TO SCHOOL
~ Eich hawl i ddysgu a mynd i'r ysgol.~
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THE RIGHT TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE
~ Eich hawl i fod y gorau gallwch fod ~
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