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Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer is well and truly upon us as we say goodbye to the month of April. The children have all returned to school so happy, enthusiastic and excited for the Summer Term and have already begun planning their learning for their new topics with their teachers. The warm weather has definitely helped and it has been lovely to see the children exploring the outdoors in the sunshine this week.

Before the holidays we celebrated Autism Awareness Day and learnt about the Easter story, welcoming Rev Layfetta Masih from All Saints Church. We are very grateful to have such wonderful links with the community.

A huge thank you to our PTA who organised the Rainbow Raffle and to everyone who donated towards it. 20 lucky winners were chosen by our Year 6 School Council and hampers delivered to them before the end of term. An amazing amount of money was raised which will help to benefit the children across the school. Diolch pawb!!

Onwards to the final term of this academic year and I guarantee you it is going to be busy with trips, Sports Days and performances planned.

Reminder that school is closed for pupils on Friday 2nd May (INSET) and Monday 5th May (Bank Holiday).

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

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Nursery

Meithrin

We have been making the most of the April sunshine in Nursery, creating lots of opportunities for outdoor learning!



At the beginning of the month we found out who celebrated Eid in our class. We enjoyed learning a traditional Eid dance to music and performed it on the school yard in the sunshine! We also enjoyed exchanging gifts with those that were celebrating and learning to say, "Eid Mubarak".

As part of our Movement Mondays the children have been learning to exercise their senses outdoors. In the forest they have been working with a partner and playing feely bag games, to practise using their sense of touch to identify objects. This is a great game to try at home, both indoors and outdoors. The children have also been exercising their sense of balance and developing their gravitational security through having lots of fun running and rolling up and down the bank at the side of the school field. Parachute games have also been a popular activity, and once again, are a fabulous opportunity to practise spinning by moving around in a circle, as well as coordinating all parts of the body.

During the last week of school, we enjoyed working with All Saints Church. All classes were given a challenge to find out about an aspect of Easter. In Morning Nursery, the children learnt about Palm Sunday, through making their own palms using handprints and lollipop sticks and taking part in our own Palm Sunday parade around the yard. We even found a donkey to lead the parade!

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Reception

Derbyn

April has been a short but action-packed month in Reception! We spent the lead up to the holidays learning about the Easter story, and the meaning behind many of the Easter Symbols. The children enjoyed looking at photographs and pictures in our Reading Area, recording themselves talking about them with a friends using Seesaw. As with all Celebrations, comes a lot of craft! The children made some beautiful Easter Cards to take home and practiced making their own in the Mark Making Area, using templates and getting through 100's of Easter stickers! They also loved making mini chicks in our Creative Area using toilet rolls, paint and feathers as well as making Easter Cakes in our Dough Area.



In Literacy, we read the story 'How to Catch the Easter Bunny' by Adam Wallace. The Children came up with some creative ideas as to how they would catch the Easter Bunny in their own home. They drew some beautiful illustrations and used time connectives to describe their plan.

For Health and Wellbeing, we enjoyed learning about the different food groups and how they all benefit our bodies. We have also been learning how to say many foods in Welsh and the children were fantastic at writing and performing a poem about the foods they dislike. 'Broccoli' was a common theme! To mark the end of yet another eventful and exciting term, we had a lovely sunny morning at the local park. The children were so sensible walking there and played beautifully together!



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Year 1

Blwyddyn 1



We've packed the month full of discovery, creativity, and fun. Here's a snapshot of all the amazing things we've been up to. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Community Farm as part of our topic *New Beginnings*. The children had an unforgettable time feeding donkeys, goats, chickens, and sheep—learning all about the important role these animals play in our lives. We discovered how animals provide us with milk, eggs, and wool, explored the local wildlife, and even planted our own cucumber seeds!



As part of our *No Outsiders* work, we read *Going to the Volcano*, a joyful and inclusive story that celebrates diversity and belonging. The children loved seeing the group of adventurers grow and enjoyed retelling the story.

We've also been reviewing our learning targets and consolidating our number knowledge in Maths in preparation for the Summer term. The children have shown fantastic focus and are becoming more confident every day!

We were delighted to welcome visitors from All Souls Church for a special assembly. Each year group took part in an Easter-themed activity creating beautiful 'stained glass' window crosses. As they crafted, they learned about the symbolism of the cross in the Easter story.

Their creativity has been shining in every corner of the classroom, filling it with colour, joy, and that springtime buzz! We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and can't wait to see what the summer term brings.

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Year 2

Blwyddyn 2



Year 2 finished off our 'Turrets and Towers' topic. We really enjoyed learning about castles. We had a fantastic trip to Oystermouth Castle, where we saw all the parts of the castle we have been learning about. We learned about how the castle has changed over time, we learned about the different people who have lived there, and we learned about the different battles that have happened there. We enjoyed learning all the history of the castle and we enjoyed hearing about some of the myths and stories about the castle.



We were lucky to have the author Karen Owen come in to visit us. She talked to us about what it is like to be an author; she told us about some of her favourite books and talked to us about what her books are about. She told us that she has written stories about a child who is partially hearing like her. She taught us how to count to 20 in British Sign Language.

We have started our new topic 'The Enchanted Wood'. The children completed their EPIC planning, where they generated questions to plan what they would like to learn about as part of our new topic. We are really excited to start learning about the woodland habitat and the animals that live there.

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Year 3

Blwyddyn 3

What a fantastic and busy month we've had in Year 3. We kicked off the month by celebrating Easter in a very creative way. The children thoroughly enjoyed crafting their own donkeys, which reminded us of the Easter story and helped bring the season to life in our classroom. It was wonderful to see their imaginations at work as they carefully designed and decorated their creations.



In Maths, we've been diving into data collection and representation. The children have worked hard to gather information, create tally charts, and turn their findings into colourful bar graphs and pictograms. It's been amazing to see their enthusiasm as they discovered how numbers can tell a story. Our Literacy lessons have been just as exciting. The children have been learning how to write clear and detailed instructions, with a particularly thrilling task: writing step-by-step guides on how to explode a volcano! They've impressed us with their use of imperative verbs and sequencing words to make their instructions both accurate and engaging.

We're thrilled to have launched our new topic: *Wonderful Wetlands*! The children have been full of curiosity, sharing their questions and what they're eager to learn about these unique habitats. From discovering the creatures that call the wetlands home to understanding why they are so important for our environment, there is so much to explore. We're all especially looking forward to our upcoming trip to the WWT Centre in Llanelli, where we'll see the wonders of the wetlands up close.

We are so proud of all the effort Year 3 has put into their learning this month. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home. We look forward to more adventures and achievements as we head into May!

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Year 4

Blwyddyn 4



What an amazing April we have had. The children were resilient, well-behaved, polite and adventurous on our residential to Llangrannog. They took part in many adventurous activities and didn't stop for the three days! Thank you for all the support in kitting them out and preparing them for their first school residential.



We have also been celebrating the Easter Story this month. Our year group have been learning to weave and have made friendship bands to celebrate and symbolise the building of nests, new life and friendship.



The children have been great this term, and have really embraced and invested in learning about the human body and our emotions in our topic 'Inside Out.' This culminated in a presentation and a written piece of work explaining the digestive system.

Since returning to school, we have started our next exciting topic – Islands. We will be using the David Attenborough, Wild Isles series on the BBC as stimulus to learn about our island and our responsibilities to look after this beautiful country we live in. This topic will also encompass our enterprise project. The children will be in charge of the direction of that - so stay tuned.

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Year 5

Blwyddyn 5

Although it's been a shorter month in school, Year 5 have certainly made the most of every moment.



We began the month with our much-anticipated residential trip to the Urdd Centre in Llangrannog. The visit was filled with adventure and fun – a particular highlight was trying out the go-karts for the very first time! On our return, we put our Cymraeg skills to the test by writing reviews of our trip.

In Maths, we've been revisiting fractions, focusing on identifying equivalent fractions and linking them to decimals. Meanwhile, in Literacy explanation texts – a new and exciting writing challenge!

As part of our Easter learning, we had a special visit from Layfetta, from All Souls Church, who helped us understand the Easter story in more depth. We also got creative by making clay pinch pots to represent the Last Supper.



One of the most exciting projects we've recently begun is Primary Partners – an unforgettable experience in collaboration with Swansea Grand Theatre. We've been learning songs and even helping to choreograph a dance routine for our on-stage performance. We can't wait to share it with you on the stage!

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Year 6

Blwyddyn 6



Our topic, "Wonderful Wales," has concluded, and I am delighted to share some of the activities our pupils have participated in. One of the highlights was the touch rugby tournament at Dunvant Rugby Club. It was fantastic to witness so many children showing great enthusiasm and outstanding team spirit—truly a wonderful representation of our school community.



To commemorate Easter, we enjoyed a lovely visit from Layfetta from All Souls' Church. She shared the Easter story with the children, which sparked some thoughtful discussions. In addition, we crafted Easter gardens and organised a delightful Easter-themed egg hunt for our buddies, making it a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved.



In our academic pursuits, we delved into the world of decimals in Maths. The weather allowed us to extend our learning outside, where we measured the area of various shapes around the yard. We also examined maps of the school, discussing their accuracy as scale drawings, which encouraged skills in critical thinking and observation. In literacy our focus has shifted to explanation writing.

So far, this term, the children are actively engaged in preparing for Sports Day and our upcoming dance performance, both of which promise to showcase their talents and teamwork. Additionally, we have embarked on our new class novel, "Orphans of the Tide," which is sure to ignite their imagination.

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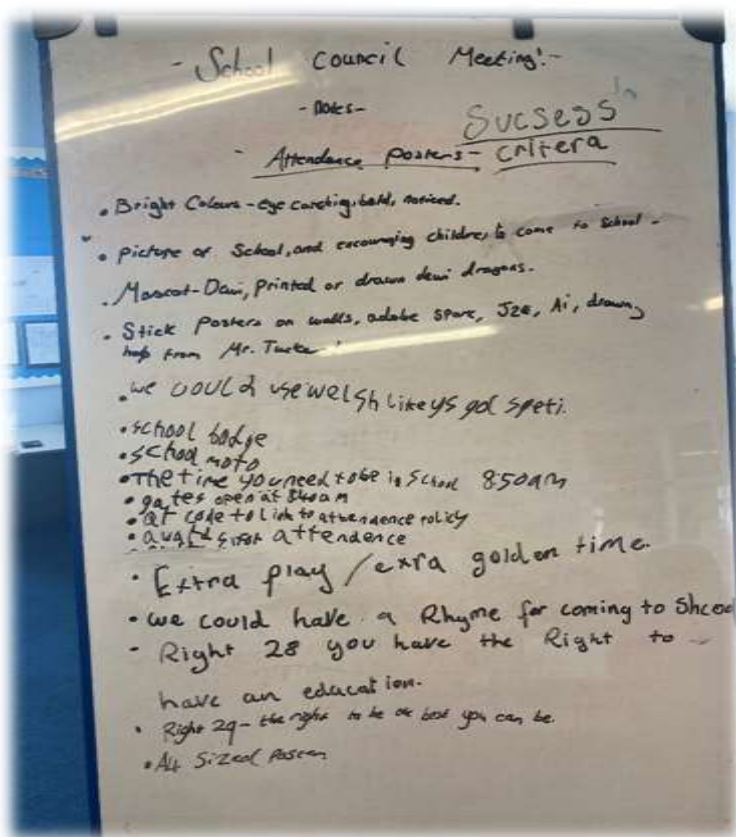
School Council

Cyngor Ysgol

This month we have been continuing to collect feedback on school dinners from pupils across the school and feeding back to Anne-Marie from catering.



Our next goal is to design a poster to encourage improved attendance in school. We came up with success criteria for the poster which we will be designing together after Easter.



Bendigedig Pawb!

Our School Council work so hard and are committed to improve things for the children across our school.

Keep up the hard work in the Summer Term.

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Eco Crew

Criw Eco

Just a few reminders this month from the Eco Criw.



Batteries: Please continue to send in your used batteries. We have collected an impressive amount so far- that won't be going into landfill. The children (and teachers) are always very excited to see who will win the monthly count. This year we have signed up to the European Recycling Platform (ERP) battery competition who work with local authorities to collect the waste batteries. We will submit the total number of batteries collected at the end of the year and may even be the Swansea winners- so keep them coming!

Rags2Riches: I hope some of you have had a chance to start a bit of Spring cleaning and sort some unwanted clothes for us. Unlike last term, we WILL NOT be sending home collection bags. Please use any refuse bags you have at home and make sure these are tied up securely as it makes it easier when weighing and loading the bags. Please keep your bags at home until Tuesday 6th May. The collection crate at the school barrier will then be unlocked for the remainder of that week for you to put the bags in.



Eco Code Competition: Information about the Eco Code competition was sent out before the holidays, with some of the Criw members launching it in a whole school assembly. We are hoping that as many children will enter as possible and the Eco Criw are looking forward to judging the entries later next month. Remember you can email your entries to PalmerK1@hwbcymru.net or submit them to your class teacher.

Skeetty School Eco-Code Competition



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Welsh Crew

Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg visited our local shopping area to find out if businesses and customers use Welsh in our local community.



The Criw interviewed shop and business owners, and carried out some market research. The Criw will now analyse the data collected, and think of ideas to help people in our Sketty community develop their Welsh language skills

Everyone was very kind, helpful and happy to speak to us.

Watch this space for updates and news about activities we will be organising over the next few weeks.



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Welsh Crew
Criw Cymraeg



Pwy yw Pwy??

Dw i'n byw yn Gorseinon mewn ty teras.

Mae gwallt golau gyda fi.

Ar y penwythnos, es i i'r traeth gyda fy ci.

Dw i'n hoffi yfed lemonade achos mae'n melys .
Dw i ddim yn hoffi coffi achos mae'n ych a fi!!.

Fy hoff fwyd ydy siocled achos mae'n flasus, ond
dw i ddim yn hoffi fwyta seleri achos mae'n
ofnadwy!

Fy hoff hobi ydy canu gyda fy ffrindiau.

Mae un gath ac un ci gyda fi!



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Big Question

Cwestiwn Mawr

This term we have launched our Big Question where all children and members of the community respond to an important philosophical question. We had amazing responses and has really helped the children to develop their thinking and respond to the view of others.



If I was struggling on my skateboard, I would want someone to come and help me.



Should we help someone even if they haven't asked us to?
(Respect Community)

If someone is in danger, you have to help them.

We should always ask first



This can be tricky balancing what's being offered as help being perceived as interfering. I believe our own behaviour can help those around us without them even knowing. Just by being kind, considerate and thoughtful of others can help, and making sure our community knows we're available when they're ready to ask for help is so important.

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Exciting Visitors

Ymwelwyr Gyffrous



We were delighted to welcome author Karen Owen to Ysgol Sgeti. Karen is the writer behind the exciting Major and Mynah adventure series—stories full of secret codes, clever mysteries, and plenty of fun! The children were completely engaged as she spoke about her characters' thrilling investigations,

and they especially enjoyed hearing about her newest book, Project Puffin, which takes readers to Skomer Island off the Welsh coast of Pembrokeshire to learn all about the puffins who live there.

Karen also shared something very special about herself: she is partially deaf and wears hearing aids, but she hasn't let this hold her back in any way. She spoke openly with the children about her experience and how it has never stopped her from following her dreams. As part of her visit, she even taught us how to count to 20 using British Sign Language (BSL), which the children loved learning.

Her visit was not only inspiring but also a wonderful reminder of the power of resilience, creativity, and inclusivity. We're so grateful to Karen for spending time with us and for making such a positive impact on our learners.

For more information about Karen's work click the link below!
<https://karenowen.co.uk/majorandmynah/>

Diolch yn fawr Karen.

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Easter Celebration

Dathliadau Pasg

Before the holidays, as a school we reflected on the Christian meaning of Easter. We were delighted to welcome Layfetta Masih and representatives from All Souls Church, who led our Monday assembly with a thoughtful retelling of the Easter story. Layfetta also set special challenges for each year group, helping to bring the story to life in meaningful and creative ways.

Throughout the week, our classes have been learning about the Christian faith focussing on the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As always, we warmly welcome everyone at Sketty and proudly uphold our belief that there are No Outsiders in our school community.



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Autism Awareness Day

Diwrnod Ymwybyddiaeth Awtistiaeth

As part of Autism Awareness Day, the children dressed up in their onesies and pyjamas.



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PTA




Bake Sale Dates 24/25

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
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 - Jenna 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 Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day. Your amazing efforts raised more than £1400. Diolch pawb!!

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Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Over the last month, we have participated in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. It was a great opportunity to encourage children to walk and scoot to school



First day complete



Bronze badge: 244
journeys



Silver badge: 488
journeys



Gold badge: 976
journeys



5 day streak



Better than the same day
last week



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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.

1st YEAR 5 MW



2nd YEAR 5 WD



3rd YEAR 4 SK



4th YEAR 3 JG



5th YEAR 1 KP/SP



Llongyfarchiadau eto i Blwyddyn 5MW 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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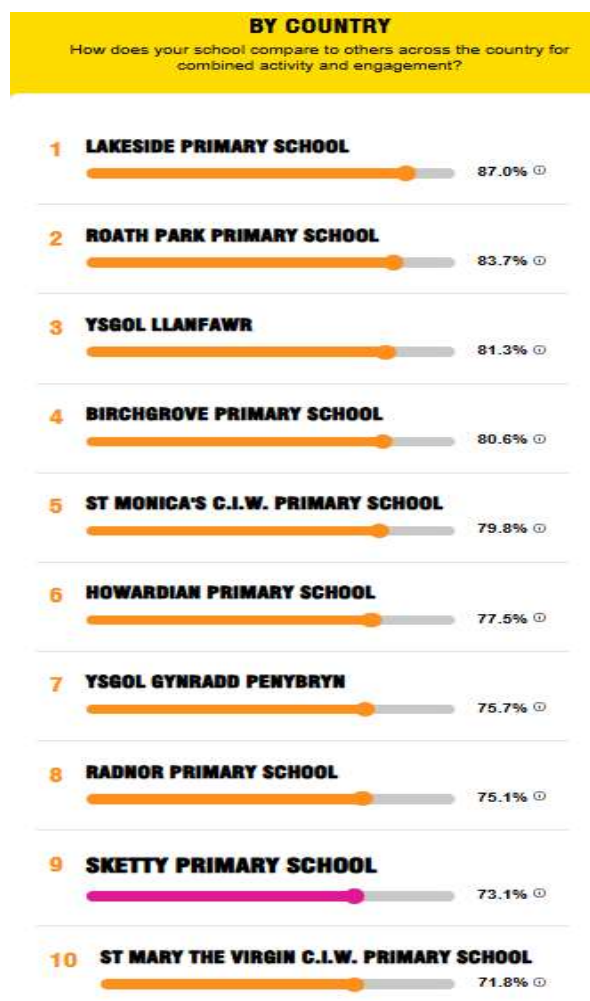
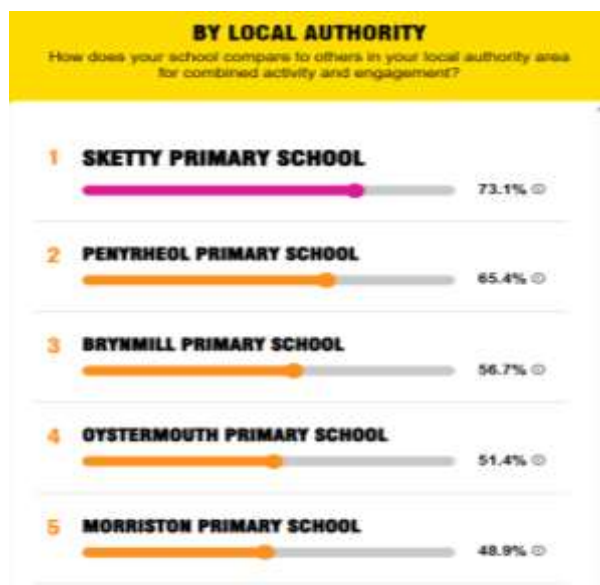
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Living Streets

This month has been our most successful as a school and we are delighted that we were the most active school in Swansea in the month of April and also in the top 10 of all the schools in Wales. Da iawn pawb!!



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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	96.1%
Reception KE/SLJ	94.5%
Year 1 KP/SP	97.5%
Year 1 EJ	95.6%
Year 2 MJ	96.1%
Year 2 ER/SG	94.3%
Year 3 NT	97.0%
Year 3 JG	97.0%
Year 4 SK	92.7%
Year 4 LO'M/SM	93.5%
Year 5 WD	94.6%
Year 5 MW	94.1%
Year 6 SW	93.4%
Year 6 LJ	89.5%

This month, our whole school attendance was 94.7% which is close to our target of 95.0%. Da iawn pawb!

If you your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school office to inform us.

**Congratulations to
Year 1 KP/SP 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
01/05/25	Mobile Planetarium	Year 5 Year 6
02/05/25	Inset Day – no school for pupils	All
05/05/25	May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils	All
07/05/25	Tennis event at Olchfa	Year 5
09/05/25	Llanelli Wetlands Centre	Year 3
13/05/25	Cricket tournament	Year 5
14/05/25	Caffi Cymraeg – more details to follow	Criw Cymraeg
15/05/25	Sports Day – School field 10am and 1.45pm	Nursery
19/05/25	PS3 Sports Day at Swansea Bay Sports Park 12.30pm	Year 4, 5 + 6
20/05/25	Sports Day – School field 1.45pm	Year 3
21/05/25	Sports Day – School field 1.45pm	Year 2
22/05/25	Sports Day – School field 1.45pm	Year 1
23/05/25	Sports Day – School field 1.45pm	Reception
23/05/25	Last Day of Half Term Pupils return to school on Monday 2 nd June	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

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