



Cylchlythyr y Prifathrawes Headteacher's Newsletter

Dates for the Diary...

- 1.10.25 Y6 transition (Cynffig).
- 1.10.25 Y3-Y6 Poetry workshops (Rhianon Oliver James).
- 2.10.25 and every Thursday afternoon Y6 Osprey's Rugby sessions (Charlie Mundy).
- 3.10.25 Deri reps to present Mary Magdelene project.
- 6.10.25 Pyle library reading challenge.
- 7.10.25 Cedrwydd Slade Farm visit
- 8.10.25 Bedw & Cedrwydd Urdd Jambori (Maesteg).
- 10.10.25 Wear Yellow for young people's mental health day.
- 10.10.25 PS3 trip to Dylan Thomas theatre Swansea.
- 10.10.25 T Llew Jones day.
- 13.10.25 Bedw trip to the Principality Stadium.
- 13.10.25 Deri (Mrs. Evans') Parents Consultations 9am-5pm.
- 14.10.25 Cedrwydd (Mrs. Harries') Parents Consultations 9am-5pm.
- 15.10.25 Sutmae, Shwmae Day! Wear Welsh colours.
- 15.10.25 Bedw (Mr. James's) Parents Consultations 9am-5pm.
- 16.10.25 Helyg (Mrs. Mohameds') Parents Consultations 9am-5pm.
- 17.10.25 Show Racism the Red card day- wear red.
- 17.10.25 Bedw reps Care in the Community session 2.
- 17.10.25 Katie Plimmer (runner) to visit Bedw.
- 20.10.25 Celyn (Mrs. Hughes') Parents Consultations 9am-5pm.
- 21.10.25 Cedrwydd class trip to Rhondda Heritage Park.
- 21.10.25 Aberfan disaster memorial day.
- 21.10.25 Mes Fach (Mrs. Bowie's) Parents Consultations 9am-5pm.
- 22.10.25 Celyn and Deri Techniquet trip.
- 23.10.25 Wear It Pink for breast cancer charity day.
- 24.10.25 INSET day- school closed.
- 27.10.25-31.10.25 Half term holidays.
- 6.11.25 Deri Lush bath bomb workshop.
- 7.11.25 Nasal flu administration.
- 10.11.25 PS3 trip Sony coding workshop.
- 11.11.25 Remembrance Day.
- 14.11.25 Children in Need day- info to follow.
- 14.11.25 Colofoto individual & siblings school photos.
- 14.11.25 Bedw reps Care in the Community session 3.
- 5.11.25 Helyg and Bedw Royal Mint trip.

Welcome back...

I can't believe it is October already! What a wonderful first month the children have had. As you can see the diary for this year is jammed packed and I am delighted to provide you with a comprehensive overview of events we plan to offer this academic year. We may add to this list as the year progresses; the monthly newsletters will focus on upcoming events.

I am eager to establish a PTA for Afon Y Felin Primary, as I was last year, but unfortunately, there was very little interest from families. A PTA is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. It doesn't have to be a parent, it may be an aunty, uncle or grandparents or even adult siblings of children who attend our school. A PTA brings together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover such as subsidising trips, gifts for children e.g. selection boxes at Christmas. If you are interested in being a part of this, please speak to the school office.

Harvest is fast approaching. We will be collecting food donations which will be donated to our Big Bocs Bwyd. Please donate what you can. Last day of collection 22.10.25. **#foodforthecommunity** Some of you may be aware that every school has been provided with a Family Engagement Officer for one day a week. Ours is Sarah Lee (see photo on the right). She is with us every Monday and will be running some family events such as Reading Café and more bespoke support e.g. behaviour support. Sarah has asked you to complete a brief questionnaire, to follow on dojo.



- 21.11.25 Cluster INSET day- school closed.
- 28.11.25 Cedrwydd trip to Dylan Thomas Centre.
- 2.12.25 Christmas shows for pupils (Clumsiest Elf and Agent Frost).
- 8.12.25 10am Nursery-Year 2 dress rehearsal for Y3-Y6 children.
- 8.12.25 2pm Y3-Y6 dress rehearsal for Nursery-Year 2 children.
- 9.12.25 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (10am).
- 9.12.25 Y3-Y6 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 10.12.25 Y3-Y6 children's Christmas concert (10am).
- 10.12.25 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 8.12.25 Choir performance at Pysgah Chapel (7pm).
- 12.12.25 Christmas dinner and 'Save The Children' Christmas jumper charity event.
- 16.12.25 Do Re Mi Canu Sioe Nadolig (morning).
- 17.12.25 PS3 visit to Mawdlam Church (Christingle service) with Corneli.
- 22.12.25-2.1.26 End of term one holidays.
- 5.1.26 INSET day- school closed.
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- 13.1.26 Y5/6 Money Ready workshop.
- 14.1.26 Cedrwydd Bumbles of Honeywood workshop.
- 21.1.26 Helping Hands (Cynffig Comp.).
- 4.2.26 Poetry workshops (Rhianon Oliver James).
- 16.2.26-20.2.26 Half term holidays.
- 5.3.26 World Book day.
- 13.3.26 Young Carers day.
- 27.3.26 Easter Bonnet Parade (2pm).
- 30.3.26-10.4.26 End of term two holidays.
- 13.4.26 Y3/4 swimming 11am (daily until 24.4.26).
- 27.4.26 Y5/6 swimming 11am (daily until 8.5.26).
- 4.5.26 May Day bank holiday- school closed.
- 11.5.26 Colofoto class photos and Y6 leavers photos.
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half term holidays.
- 18.6.26 Family Fun Day (Nursery-Year 2 Sports morning (9:30am), picnic lunch, disco and stalls in the afternoon) @ Afon Y Felin).
- 19.6.26 Year 3-Year 6 Sports morning (9:30am) @ Afon Y Felin.
- 29.6.25 Colofoto legacy whole school photo- last Afon Y Felin school photo.
- 6.7.26-8.7.26 Y5/6 Llangranog residential.
- 9.7.26 Nursery graduation assembly.
- 13.7.26 Parent consultation meetings, if required (from 3:15pm).
- 16.7.26 Year 6 Leavers Assembly.
- 20.7.26 INSET day- school closed.
- 21.7.26-31.8.26 End of term three/academic year holidays.

Admin...

Contact us...
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or check out our school website
www.afonyfelinprimary.co.uk
We also have secure class Dojo pages and Instagram.



School attendance...

September's attendance was **88.2%**. A disappointing start to the year!
Class attendance for September was...

Mes Fach Little Acorns... 76.4%

Celyn Hollies... 87.8%

Helyg Willows... 86.9%

Bedw Birch... 90.6%

Cedrwydd Cedars...90.4%

Deri Oaks... 91.7%



Office staff, on request, can also provide you with a holiday form, breakfast club form or a 'medication' form. The medication form only needs to be completed if your child is taking prescribed medication three-four times a day such as antibiotics, allergy or asthma pumps. If your child is, please hand this paperwork into a member of staff from your child's class with medication labelled (from a chemist). Please note, no medication can be given unless prescribed by a GP or a form completed by parents/ guardians.

If your child is ill, please inform the school office by 9:30am. You can leave a message if the line is busy.

Criw Cymraeg...

Mae hi'n Hydref! It is Autumn!
Amser Cynhaeaf! Harvest Time!



Attendance...

Attendance, since Covid, has been an ongoing nationwide problem. When children are not in school, they are unable to achieve. Local Authorities have plans to closely monitor attendance and support parents so that a child's attendance is 95% and over, which is classed as good attendance. See below the general information the Local Authority has provided us.



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RE: School Attendance- General Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school, we strive to improve and encourage the attendance of all our pupils to ensure they achieve their full potential.

You will be aware attendance protocols were relaxed during the COVID-19 pandemic but Welsh Government announced that Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for non-attendance at schools have been reintroduced.

We understand that the last few years have been particularly challenging and hope to work closely with all families to ensure you and your child are fully supported in attending school, and that FPNs can be avoided.

However, FPNs may be considered in the following circumstances:

- where there is a minimum of 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) in the current term (these do not need to be consecutive);
- pupils are persistently arriving after the close of the registration period (that is, more than 10 sessions in the current term);
- where parent/carers have failed to engage with the school and/or the education welfare service in attempts to improve attendance but where court sanctions have not been instigated;
- a period of absence from school due to a holiday that was not authorised by school; and/or
- a pupil has regularly come to the attention of the police during school hours and is absent from school without an acceptable reason.

Attendance at school is compulsory and is a legal requirement. We appreciate that pupils may be unwell on occasions, but it is important in these instances that you inform the school in a timely manner with the reasons for absence.

Should you wish to discuss your child's school attendance in more detail or require additional support to improve your child's attendance, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Pryse
Headteacher

Remember...

