



Cylchlythyr y Prifathrawes Headteacher's Newsletter

Dates for the Diary...

- 7.1.26 Mari Lwyd workshop for Cedrwydd
- 8.1.26 New January Nursery starters begin school 9am-11:30am.
- 8.1.26 Hip Hop sessions for KS2 dance team.
- 9.1.26 PS3 trip to St. Fagans.
- 12.1.26 1pm Years 4/5 Mari Lwyd assembly at Y Ferch o'r Sger.
- 13.1.26 Y5/6 Money Ready workshop for Deri & Cedrwydd.
- 14.1.26 Cedrwydd Bumbles of Honeywood workshop.
- 14.1.26 Cardiff City FC sessions (pm) for Deri.
- 16.1.26 PS2 and PS3 Upbeat music workshops.
- 19.1.26 Helyg and Bedw Afon Dance sessions (weekly for the half term).
- 19.1.26 Angharad Cookery club for Cedrwydd.
- 21.1.26 Cardiff City FC sessions (pm) for Deri.
- 22.1.26 Cedrwydd history workshop (from local historian).
- 23.1.26 Y6 Helping Hands (Cynffig Comp.).
- 23.1.26 Nursery and Reception toothbrushing starts.
- 29.1.26 Cedrwydd Mabinogion workshop.
- 29.1.26 FP trip to St. Fagans.
- 4.2.26 Poetry workshops for parents/grandparents of Bedw (Author- Rhiannon Oliver James).
- 12.2.26 Deri and Cedrwydd trip to Cilfynydd (Dwr Cymru).
- 13.2.26 Ddydd Miwsig Cymru assembly and activities.
- 16.2.26-20.2.26 Half term holidays.
- 2.3.26 Whole School Eisteddfod.
- 2.3.26 PS3 Ukelele sessions start (weekly until Easter break).
- 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).



Croeso nôl... Blwyddyn Newydd Dda pawb!

I hope the Christmas holidays were full of happiness and joy. We are delighted to welcome back all our Children and families, a special warm welcome to new Nursery children starting this week part-time.

I'd like to offer huge thanks to a range of people who supported our school/pupil's last term... Mawdlam Church for donating many selection boxes for our pupils. Thanks also goes to parents and guardians who have helped the school to raise £141 for charity causes and £1,020.92 for the school last term. The school money will all be invested in providing the children with rich experiences. The school also received £10,240 in grant donations during Autumn 2025.

During the Autumn term, the Governors and I discussed school attendance as there is a wealth of evidence that shows low attendance negatively impacts on children's attainment. We have since reviewed our school target which will remain at 91% for the academic year. Autumn 2025 was 88.5%. I will be monitoring attendance very closely and holiday requests will only be approved if a child's attendance is 91% or above; a review of your child's previous year's attendance will also be reviewed before a decision is made on approving holidays request. Parents will also be invited to a meeting where attendance is an ongoing concern, as I want to support you to improve this so your child has the best possible educational offer.

Our staff have received training on a new phonics, reading and writing programme called Read, Write Inc. where a character called Fred (who is a frog) helps them learn to read. Scan the QR code to find out more! Teachers on Dojo will be posting information on how you can support your child soon! We will also be offering parent info sessions to help you understand how your child is learning to read and what you can do to support their reading journey. Lastly, there is a new number for our school text service. It is 07860 051156. It is part of our T2P service.



Penblwydd Hapus i...

Adesuwa O, Blake W, Harper P, Miley-Rose P, Noah D, Reuben W-D, Grace H, Alfie-James N, Rosemary P, Carter W, Hudson M and Carter-Ray B who celebrated a birthday in November.

Leroy J, Lilly-Mae D-P, Harrison T, Tomi H-W, Esme D, Christopher W, Isla-Rose E, Riley-Paige P, Ava-Lee D, Hunter J, Alfie N, Thomas C, Liam D, Lucas-Jay W, Darcey-Mai B and Reggie W who celebrated a birthday in December.



Safeguarding/Child Protection...

Child Protection refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific individuals (children) who are suffering or at risk of suffering harm.

What should you do if you think a child is at risk of harm?

Listen to the child. If they confide in you, make it clear to them you are taking them seriously and you are going to help them, never promise confidentiality! Trust your judgement. If you have concerns about the welfare of a child, contact the school, the police, Local Authority children's services or the 24-hour NSPCC Child Protection Helpline.

Bridgend Children's Services duty desk: 01656 642320

NSPCC 0800 800 5000 / 0800 1111

The information you share can be anonymous. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Food and Fun...

Welsh Government are offering their fully funded Food and Fun project again for 3 weeks of the Summer 2026 school holidays. We have been asked to gauge if there is enough interest for us to consider offering this project to our families. Bwyd A Hwyl provides healthy and good quality breakfasts and lunches, food and nutrition education sessions, structured physical activity and enrichment activities to children. I will be asking for your thoughts and if you are interested in us offering this, over the next few weeks, via Dojo. This will not be a commitment from you just an initial interest.



Criw Cymraeg...

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!
Happy New Year!

Y Gaeaf Winter



Admin...

Contact us...

01656 815750 or

admin@afonyfelinps.bridgend.cymru

or check out our school website

www.afonyfelinprimary.co.uk

We also have secure class Dojo pages and Instagram.



School attendance...

December's attendance was **86.6%**. This has gone up a smidge, well done!

Class attendance for December was...

Mes Fach Little Acorns... 79.7% 📈

Celyn Hollies... 86.4% 📈

Helyg Willows... 89.9% 📈

Bedw Birch... 87.8% 📈

Cedrwydd Cedars... 86.2% 📈

Deri Oaks... 86.2% 📈

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.

Safety online...

I'm sure you'll agree that keeping your child/ren safe online is an ongoing concern as technologies advance at a rapid pace. However, there is a wealth of support out there to help you. If you scan the QR code, you will find information about many apps below.

Starting a conversation with your child about a sensitive issue or something you don't usually talk about isn't always easy, especially if this means you will be talking about things they prefer to keep private, but there are ways to make having these conversations with your child easier. HWB (WG) has the below advice.



Starting the conversation...

Find a good time and place. Try to choose a good moment. Pick an opportunity when you know you're not going to be interrupted and you are both going to feel comfortable and have enough time – without turning it into one of those 'special talks' moments.

Think about how you are going to introduce the subject. You could mention a recent news story or just explain why you would like to talk to them about something. Try to be clear. It's no good having a difficult conversation if at the end of it they don't really understand what you wanted to talk to them about.

Explain to them why you are worried. Your child might think that you are getting worried for no good reason, but if you explain why something is troubling you they will understand why you want to talk to them. Tell them if it is something you've noticed in their behaviour or maybe something you have read about or seen their friends doing. Help them to understand your worries so that together you can work them out.

Let them talk. It's hard sometimes when a child doesn't want to open up. Asking them a question like 'how are things going' and remembering to give them time to answer will help. It's tempting to keep talking at them to fill the space – try not to.

Listen more than you talk. A conversation has to have two people in it. It's important you listen to them and that you explain you'd like them to listen to you. Talking at them is never going to work.

Be loving and supportive. The most difficult conversations can be made easier if your child understands that you care about them and whatever the outcome you will love them just as much.

If your child tells you something that worries you...

Take a break. If your child is telling you things that worry you it is really important to stay calm and not to react immediately. Let them tell you what's going on and then decide together how you're going to deal with it.

Get help together. If your child tells you something which means they could be in danger you must report this to the relevant organisations. Try to agree to do this together. Don't take over unless you think that is your only option.

Get support for yourself. Your focus is going to be on looking after your child but remember to look after yourself as well and get support from your family and friends. You can get further [advice from CEOP Education](#), [Parent Zone](#), and there are [other organisations that can help](#) you and your child.

If you are concerned your child is in immediate danger, call 999.



The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings.

This [guide](#) can also help parents and carers have a conversation with their child about a sensitive issue.



Adopt Me



Among us



Apex Legends



BeReal



BitLife



Call of Duty: Mobile



ChatGPT



Clash of Clans



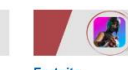
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(formerly FIFA Mobile)



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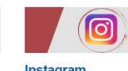
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Grand Theft Auto



Instagram



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Minecraft



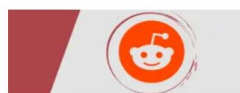
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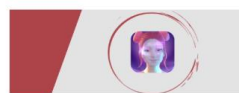
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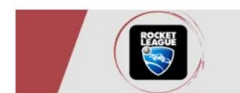
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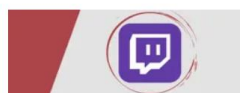
Spotify



Threads



Tik Tok



Twitch



W App



Wattpad



WhatsApp



X (formerly 'Twitter')



YouTube