Tonysguboriau Newsletter 24th October

Message from Mrs Harries

A huge thank you to our hard working PTA for organising the Neon/Spooky Disco—it was a glowing success! The children had an incredible time. By helping to make school trips more affordable, you're ensuring that all children have the opportunity to take part in enriching experiences, regardless of their circumstances. Your commitment to inclusivity and community spirit is truly valued. We'd also like to thank the staff who generously gave up their evening to support the event.

A special thank you goes to one of our families who run **JB Karaoke**, for generously supporting the event. We're so grateful for your contribution.

Thank you all for your commitment to our school community.

We are delighted to share some exciting news about two valued members of our school team.

Miss Cross, who has been working with us over the past few months, has been successful in securing a permanent position as a Teaching Assistant. Her dedication and support have already made a positive impact, and we are thrilled she will continue to be part of our school community.

We are also pleased to announce that Miss Wakeford, who has been leading our Forest School sessions every Friday since September, will be joining us on a part-time basis. Her

enthusiasm and creativity have brought a wonderful energy to our outdoor learning, and we look forward to her continued involvement.

Please join us in congratulating both Miss Cross and Miss Wakeford on their new roles! Croeso to the Tonysguboriau Primary Team.

Diolch yn fawr.

Update from Mr Blears



Shwmae!

Another half-term has flown by!

We've had some fantastic events at school, and it was wonderful to see the children getting involved in our **"Show Racism the Red Card"** day last Friday. We are a diverse and multicultural community, and we hope everyone understands that our world is built on a rich tapestry of cultures — something that can only help us move forward together.

On the same day, the student council went to Bridgend to compete with other schools in a **"Race Against Hate"** long distance run. It was a great day that run by South Wales Police, we also got to meet Wales and Lions rugby star, Gareth "Alfie" Thomas.

I hope everyone has a lovely break and makes some wonderful memories.

Stay safe and enjoy the week off!

Mr. Blears

Clubs for after half-term



A huge thank you to Mr. Hussey, Mrs. Gill, and Mrs. Morgan for running their clubs this half-term. There was a fantastic turnout, and we're very fortunate to have staff members who are both willing and able to offer these opportunities.

Chess Club will continue after half-term, and we're excited to introduce two new clubs: **Drama Club** and **Circuit Club**.

Netball Club will also continue with Mrs. Morgan, but we kindly ask that parents **sign their child up** to help us ensure the clubs can run safely.

All clubs have a **limit of 30 children** and places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis. A **waiting list** will be created for any children who do not initially get a place.

Please complete the form here if you would like your child to attend any of these clubs. Parents will be notified via the **MCAS app** regarding whether their child has secured a place.

A reminder: all children must be collected promptly at the end of clubs.

https://forms.office.com/e/5Aq6xrQGSe

Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae!



On 16 October, we celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae, a special day that encourages everyone to start conversations in Welsh. Our Criw Cymraeg led a brilliant assembly for the whole school, explaining what Diwrnod Shwmae is, how it's celebrated and who takes part across Wales.

Each class joined in the fun in their own way. Some sang songs, others played games or took part in quizzes. It was lovely to see so much enthusiasm for the Welsh language.

We are working hard in school to encourage all children to speak Welsh during their Helpwr Heddiw sessions. As part of our journey towards the Gold Award, we are helping pupils develop a positive attitude towards the language of their country.

Please click on our link to learn how you can support your child with Welsh at home and find out more about the Siarter Iaith language charter. Also, I have put together a video of us celebrating Diwrnod Shwmae and have uploaded it onto our Criw Cymraeg page on the website.

https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/learning-welsh/

https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/criw-cymraeg/

Diolch,

Mrs Gill














Diwrnod
Shwmae
16.10.2025
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Eco Committee Update



Eco Committee Update

The Eco Committee has had a brilliant start to the new school year! Our newly formed team has already been hard at work, creating an action plan for 2025–26 and getting stuck into some exciting projects.

Last week, we took part in the **RCT Recycling Project**, where we recycled a large amount of school clothing to support local initiatives. Any remaining good-quality uniform items are now available in our reception area for families who may need them.

If you're looking for school uniform pieces, please feel free to pop into reception and ask — we're always happy to help!

On Tuesday the Eco Committee led a fantastic **whole-school assembly on recycling**. They did a wonderful job explaining not only how we can recycle more effectively, but also why it's so important for our environment. A huge well done to everyone involved!







♻️*Eco Committee*
Recycling Assembly.
October 2025♻️





The Read-Aloud Challenge!

We're absolutely thrilled to share some exciting news… **Tonsguboriau Primary School** has been crowned the *National Winner* for Wales in the 2025 National Read-Aloud Challenge!

The pupils' enthusiasm, effort, and love for reading aloud this summer have been truly inspiring. Out of the hundreds of schools that joined in, ours is one of only 12 schools to earn this incredible recognition — what an achievement!



Netball Club



A big well done to all the children who have joined netball club this half term. They've learned the rules of the game and picked it up incredibly quickly. It's been lovely to see their confidence and teamwork grow each week.

A special diolch to Lois and Mrs Morgan for their fantastic support. Mrs Gill!







Children in Need - 13th November

Parents and guardians! We will be celebrating Children In Need day a day earlier due to the INSET day. We kindly ask for a £1 donation towards a great charity and the children will have a number of games that they can participate in during the day that will come at no extra cost. Children can come in wearing Children In Need Day t-shirts, headbands or pyjamas.

We will be doing some extras that the Student council will be looking to raise extra money with which includes:

-Name the bear

-How many sweets in the jar

We will set this up after the half-term on the gates in the morning starting Friday 7th - Thursday 13th to get an extra opportunity to raise as much money as possible.

The student council area also asking for cake donations for Thursday 13th to sell at break and lunch time. We will only charge 50p per cake.

We hope to beat last years money where we raised over £500!

🚴‍♂️🍏 Healthy School Committee Kicks Off with Pupil Power 🍏🚴‍♀️

This week marked our first *Pupil Voice Assembly* of the year, led by the Healthy School Committee, and what a brilliant start it was. Pupils shared exciting updates and launched three fantastic initiatives to boost wellbeing, pupil agency and healthy choices.

🎨 Healthy Snack Bar Poster Competition

We are inviting all pupils in KS2 to take part in our exciting poster competition. Pupils can design their posters using pen and paper, or create them digitally. The winning designs will help promote our upcoming *Healthy Snack Bar.*

📧 Please return all entries to:

Emily.Larkins@tonysguboriauprimary.rctcbc.cymru

👟 Cardiff Half Marathon Challenge

KS2 pupils are taking on a collective fitness challenge, running laps of the school field to see if we can reach the distance of the Cardiff Half Marathon together. Pupils choose their own pace and distance, and we are already seeing incredible effort, some Year 5 stars have run the track 30 times already.

🚴‍♂️🏃‍♀️ Playground Leaders in Action! 🚴‍♂️🏃‍♀️

Pupils from our Healthy Schools Committee and Criw Cymraeg took part in a fantastic training session led by the Urdd, where they learnt how to lead and facilitate a range of playground games across the school.

The morning was packed with fun, skills-based activities designed to promote teamwork, physical activity, and the use of the Welsh language in everyday play. Our young leaders are now ready to bring these games to life during break times, helping to make playtimes more active, inclusive, and bilingual!

It was an exciting and engaging experience that empowered pupils to take the lead and share their enthusiasm for health and Welsh culture with others.

🍏 Healthy Snack Reminder

We also reminded pupils about the importance of bringing healthy snacks to school. Please see the poster below for further details and ideas to support nutritious choices.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Powell and Miss Larkins











1 - Please see the simplified groups of snacks that will be allowed from Monday, 15th September.

Good To Be Green



Children will receive a bronze certificate for 50 stars, a silver certificate for 60 and for achieving 65 stars, they will receive a gold certificate and a special Christmas treat.

See the below image to learn how to see your child's stars using J2E on the HWB.

How to use JIT stars

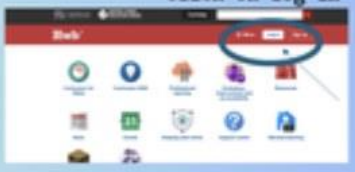
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Go to Google and type in hwb



2 login

click on log in



3 username and password

Put in your child's username, click next, then put in password and click next.

REMEMBER

Passwords are CASE SENSITIVE



4 J2E



Click on J2E.

5 J2 stars-

Click on J2 stars to see how many days your child has been on 'Good to be Green.'

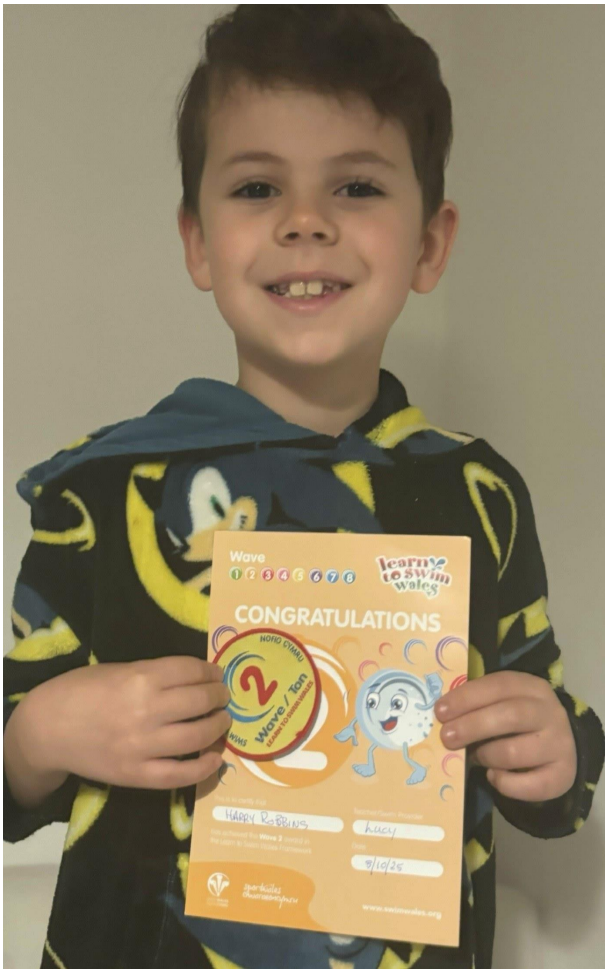


Tonysguboriau Stars

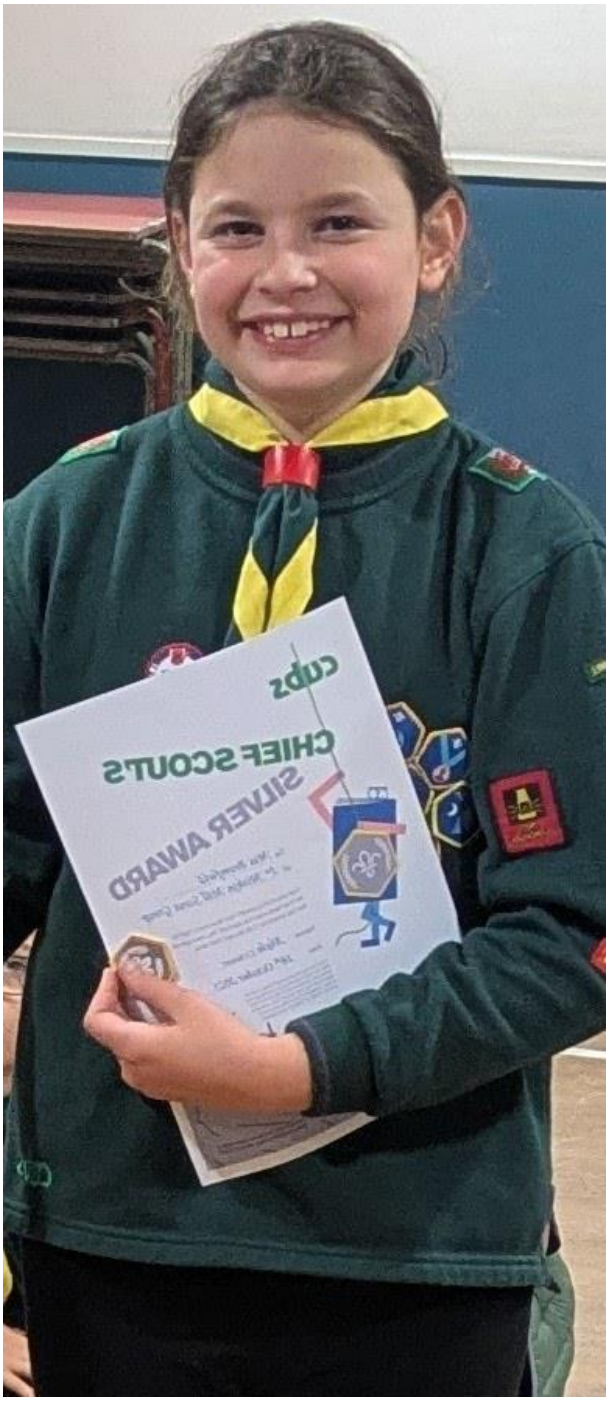




A big well done to Lincoln for coming third in the Race Against Hate that we participated in



Harry passed his Wave 2 Swimming badge this week.



Mia was awarded the Chief Scout Silver Award in Cubs. It's the highest award she can achieve whilst attending cubs. Her family are very proud of her!





Well done to the boys in year 2 for playing in their first under 7s playing for Talbot Green. Tommy also had player of the week.

Phoebe would like to share she's achieved her Wave 2 certificate in swimming lessons this week. She's one step closer to fulfilling her dream of scuba diving with tropical fish!

Dosbarth Dwynwen



Celebrating Diversity, Language, and Seasonal fun

This week, we have been supporting Show Racism the Red Card to help raise awareness of racism and promote kindness, respect, and equality. The children have been learning about the importance of treating everyone fairly and celebrating the things that make us unique.

The children have enjoyed exploring colour mixing and using playdough to develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and focus, while also encouraging them to use verbs to describe their actions and adjectives to describe a range of textures, supporting their early literacy and mathematical vocabulary.

In addition, we have been celebrating Shw Mae Day, a special event that encourages everyone to greet each other in Welsh with “Shw mae!” and take promote Welsh language. The children enjoyed exploring a range of Welsh books, stories, rhymes, songs, and children’s programmes, helping them develop their understanding and appreciation of the language and culture around them.

To round off the week, we also celebrated during our disco, where the children had a fantastic time dancing and enjoying the music together. Following our exciting pumpkin investigation, the children requested to make seasonal pumpkin pies, which they thoroughly enjoyed preparing and tasting! It was a lovely way to bring the season’s celebrations to life through practical, sensory experiences.

It has been a wonderful week filled with learning, creativity, and fun as we continue to explore important themes and celebrate our community together.

Have a wonderful half term! We cannot wait to continue supporting your children to be the best they can be!

Mrs Baylis

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Dosbarth Llewellyn



As we approach the end of our first half term, we're so proud of how well the children have settled into their learning routines and embraced new challenges.

Maths

This fortnight, our pupils have been comparing numbers and groups. They've learned to use the vocabulary *greater than*, *less/fewer than*, and *equal to*, and have been introduced to the symbols **>**, **<**, and **=**. Through hands-on activities, they've practised using these terms to describe and compare quantities with growing confidence.

Literacy

In literacy, we've been learning all about **postcards**. The children explored what a postcard needs, including an address, a message, *to/from* details, information about a trip, and even a question to make it more personal. They've enjoyed practising these skills and sharing their ideas.

Topic

In our topic work, we've been learning to recognise **aerial images** and beginning to understand that maps are drawn from an aerial view—*as if looking from above*. The children have explored a variety of maps and identified familiar features/places. We've also continued our learning about **energy**, identifying different things in our classroom that use energy and discussing how they help us.

Celebrations and Awareness

We celebrated **Diwrnod Shwmae** by learning a Shwmae dance and embracing Welsh language and culture. We also marked **Show Racism the Red Card** by reading *Elmer the*

Elephant, discussing how we are all different, special, and how we can work together with kindness and respect.

As we head into half term next week, we want to say a big well done to all the children for a fantastic start to the year. We hope everyone enjoys a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for more exciting learning!

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/llewellyn/

Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dear Parents/Gurdians,

We've had such a lovely few weeks in class, full of learning, creativity and celebration.

In English, the children have been writing diary entries, using descriptive language and adjectives to express their thoughts and feelings. They've worked really hard on their final pieces and should be very proud. In maths, we've been exploring odd and even numbers, counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, and measuring using grams, millilitres and centimetres.

In topic, we've been getting creative with African patterns and comparing them to Welsh tapestry designs. The children even made their own tapestry using card, which turned out

beautifully. We also celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae by learning about Welsh artist Rhys Padarn and trying out his colourful style. Last Friday, we took part in Show Racism the Red Card, a powerful reminder of the importance of kindness and respect.

After half term, we're looking forward to our rearranged trip to the Guildhall on 7th November and a visit to Ebenezer Church, where we'll learn about explorers in Christianity through a special workshop and storytelling session about Abraham. We'll also be starting preparations for our Christmas concert.

If you haven't managed to book a parents evening slot please do so, and if you need any support with this please get in touch. Make sure you have a look on our website to see photos of us having fun and learning.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Mrs Gill

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Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of our first half term in Year 3, I'd like to say how proud I am of how well the children have settled into the routines of the juniors. They've worked incredibly hard and produced lots of work to be proud of!

This week in **Maths**, we've been interpreting data using frequency tables, pictograms, and bar charts. The children have shown great focus and enthusiasm in understanding and presenting data.

In **Literacy**, we've been exploring **list poems**. The children have really enjoyed writing their own poems, experimenting with rhyme and using a wide range of adjectives to bring their ideas to life.

In our **Topic lessons**, we've been learning about the life of **Ancient Greek soldiers**, the equipment they used, and the fascinating world of **Greek pottery and vases**. The children finished the unit by designing and creating their own Greek-style vases, which look fantastic!

In **ICT**, we've been learning how to use **Office 365** through the children's **HWB accounts**. They've practised creating folders within their OneDrive, making Word documents, and saving them correctly into their chosen folders — a great step towards becoming independent digital learners.

Our time in **Forest Schools** has now come to an end for this term. The children have had wonderful experiences in our beautiful woodland, learning new skills, working as a team, and enjoying the outdoors.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a **wonderful half term break**, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for more exciting learning in the second half of the term and meeting you all at our open evening.

Mr Jones


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Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/y-ddraig-goch/

Dosbarth Caradog

Year 4 have worked extremely hard over this half term and it has been lovely to get to know them more.

In literacy, the children stepped into the boots of Tori James, the first Welsh woman to climb Mount Everest, writing powerful diary entries from her perspective.

In maths, we've been developing our understanding of patterns and sequences by comparing them. We have now begun our new geometry topic, investigating the properties of 2D shapes.

As part of our topic work, we've been comparing the climates of mountains in Wales with those abroad. Caradog also enjoyed celebrating Shwmae Day and Show Racism the Red Card, where they created collaborative class displays.

On the first week back after half term our PE day will be Tuesday and then for the rest of the term it will be on a Wednesday.

Over the next half term, the class will be taking part in forest school every Friday afternoon. For this they will need to bring in suitable footwear- wellies/old shoes and a coat.

Diolch, hope you all have a lovely half term! Miss Larkins

Keep up to date with what's going on by visiting our class page - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/caradog/

Dosbarth Branwen

We have had a very busy fortnight in Dosbarth Branwen!

Literacy: Diary Writing with Depth

We've completed our second writing journey, crafting emotive diary entries that recount a character's poignant move from a cherished home to a farm. Pupils skillfully used:

- Emotive vocabulary and past participles
- Hyphenated colour phrases (e.g. "sunset-orange sky")
- Personification to bring scenes to life

Their writing beautifully captured the emotional journey, blending technical skill with heartfelt reflection. We will now start our third writing journey. We will be looking at the discussion genre- focusing on climate change using the wonderful picture book, 'Window' by Jeanie Baker.

Maths: Algebra and Angles

This fortnight, we've delved into:

- Algebraic thinking: solving simple equations and spotting patterns
- Properties of shape: drawing and measuring shapes with precision
- Angles: applying shape knowledge to sort, measure, and calculate angles

Pupils have shown great resilience and accuracy in their mathematical reasoning. To practice this at home please look at the following: Measuring angles - KS2 Maths - Year 5 - BBC Bitesize

Compare and order angles - KS2 Maths resources for Year 5 - BBC Bitesize

Angles Alien Attack - Mathsframe

Diwrnod Shwmae: Welsh Through Drama

To celebrate Diwrnod Shwmae, we embraced our Welsh language skills through drama:

- Pupils created and performed conversational sketches around the school (See website for videos.)
- We focused on everyday Welsh phrases and expressive delivery

It was a joyful celebration of language and performance! To practice Welsh at home please use this website- [Welsh games | 14 Welsh language learning games online free]

💔 Wear Red for Racism: Raising Awareness

In support of anti-racism, pupils worked in groups to:

- Plan and act out scenarios that highlight different forms of racism
- Create short videos to raise awareness and spark discussion (see website for videos)

These will be displayed in school to promote empathy, understanding, and action.

🌎 Topic: Farming Around the World

During topic we have focused on farming practices:

- Comparing local methods with those around the world
- Discussing sustainability, climate, and cultural differences

Pupils have asked thoughtful questions and made insightful connections.

ICT: Surveys and Source Checking

We've been developing our digital literacy through two exciting projects:

- **Garden surveys**: pupils designed and conducted surveys to explore how people use their gardens in Tonysguboriau. We will use the data from these to create graphs to present findings.

Thank you for your continued support. We're so proud of the children's creativity, empathy, and growing independence. As always, we welcome your feedback and look forward to sharing more learning adventures soon! Please check out our class page on the school website to see what we've been learning, including photos and videos.

Have a lovely half term!

Warm wishes,

Mrs Powell

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Dosbarth Gelert

A busy first half-term in year 6. This fortnight we have been very busy with ....

Literacy - Starting our new writing journey based on the book 'Climate change and me' by Emily Raj. We are using this to look at writing discussions focusing on using different features of a discussion such as: complex sentences using for and nor, quantifiers, modal verbs – must, should, could; definitions, relative clauses, introduction, points for and against, and a conclusion. The children have conducted their own research into environmental issues, practiced using quantifiers and explored the best way to use the features of a discussion.

Numeracy - We have worked on properties of 2D shapes including terminology, angles within shapes, symmetry and patterns. To practice some of what we have been doing further at home, check out: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6rsm39#zt2pdnb

We have also been focusing on data and statistics looking at how to calculate the mean (average), how to draw and read information from bar graphs, pie graphs and line graphs. For more information on what we have been doing, check out: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z84skhv

Topic - We have continued our work on Our Changing Planet by focusing on things we can do in our local area to make a difference. We have looked at types of settlements and why different places are where they are, the shape they are and how they have developed over time. We have also analyzed road traffic data creating graphs and coming up with ways to make our streets safer.

There will be a transition day to Y Pant for Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 19th November - more details to follow when I have them.

Reminder: Swimming continues after half-term on a Thursday.



2 - We have been asked to share the following information in case we have any Year 6 children interested.

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A message from the office



Holidays

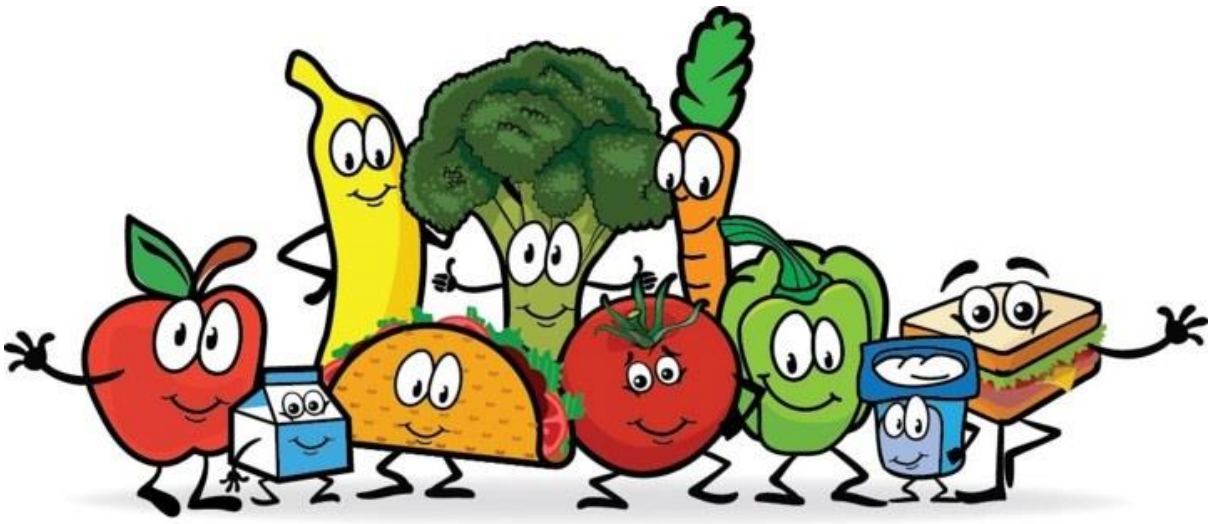
Just a reminder that holiday forms need to be submitted if you are planning a holiday in term time. They are available from our website or the school office.

https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/forms/

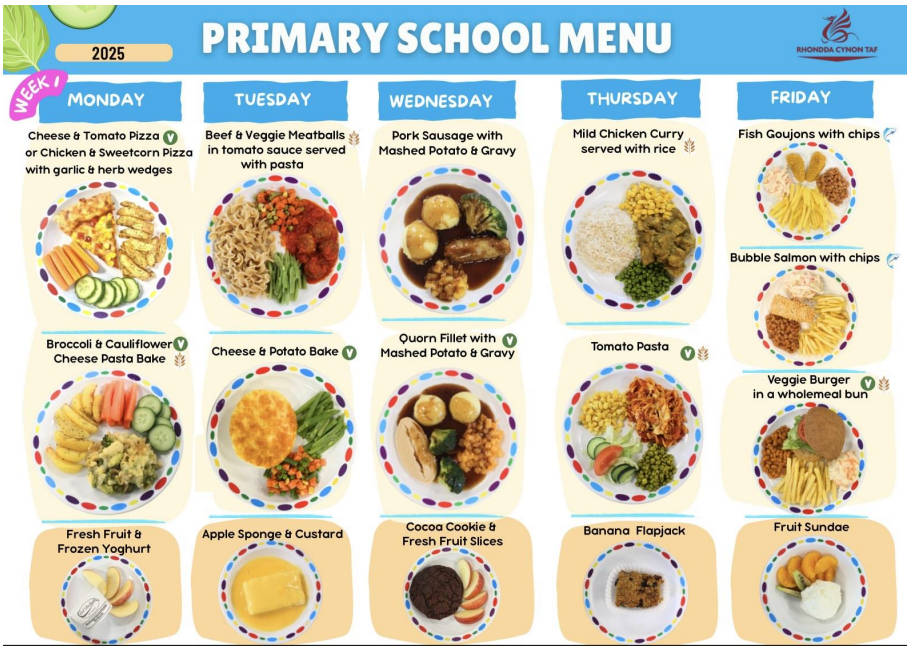
They must be submitted two weeks before a holiday is requested and if they have been submitted in advance of this we will not process until two weeks before you are due to attend due to us needing to review the attendance prior to authorisation. Fixed penalty notices are being issued if you take over 10 days per calendar year. Attendance and holidays are calculated one year back from the date of the holiday.

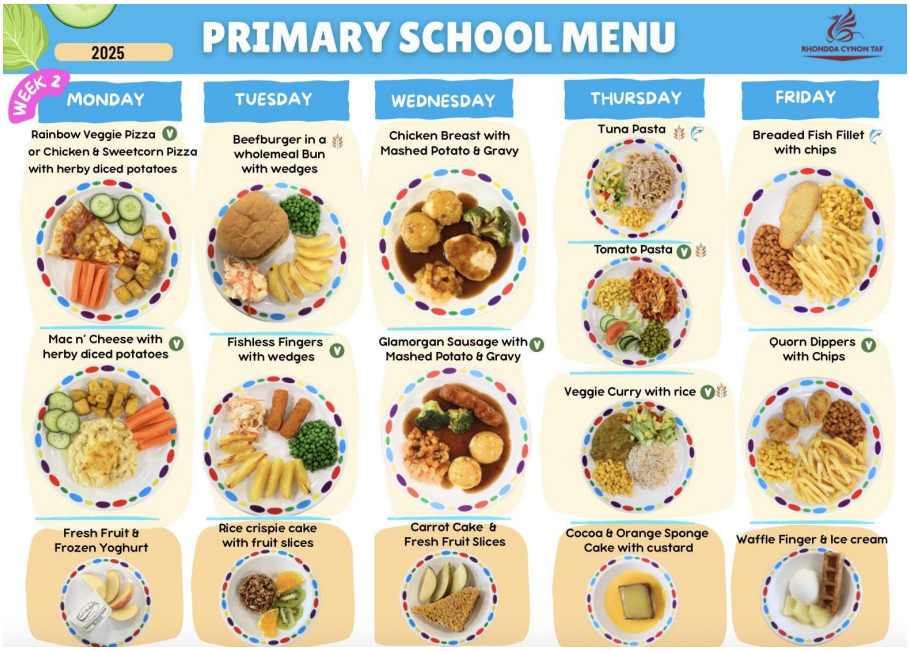
If you have any questions regarding the process I am happy to explain things or check holidays and attendance levels for you.

PRIMARY MENU-ENGLISH AND WELSH 2025



We now have an amazing photograph menu produced by catering services. This is great to share with your little ones to help them decide on their meal choice.





Dates



Important Dates

Fri 24th October - Last day of term

Tuesday 4th November - Parents Evening

Thursday 6th November - Parents Evening

Friday 7th November - Wed 13th November Scholastic Book Fair (after school)

Thursday 13th November - Children in Need

Tuesday 18th November - Fluoride Varnish (N/R/Y1/Y2)

Wednesday 19th November - Transition Day Y6 Y Pant

Friday 28th November - School Christmas Panto Y1 -Y6

Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December - Choir Singing in Christmas Tree Festival 12.00pm

Monday 8th December - KS2(Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carol Concert 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 9th December - FP Christmas Concerts (N/R - 1:15pm - 2pm) (Y1/2 - 2:15pm-3:15pm)

Tuesday 9th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carol Concert 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 10th December - FP Christmas Concerts (N/R - 1:15pm - 2pm) (Y1/2 - 2:15pm-3:15pm)

Friday 12th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Christmas Carols Concert 2pm-3pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

INSET DAYS for 2025/2026

Friday 14th November / Monday 17th November (long weekend)

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July 2026

There may be one additional day but we will let you know once this is arranged