Tonysguboriau Newsletter 10th October

Message from Mrs Harries Celebrating Our Community Connections



Over the past few weeks, it has been truly heartwarming to see our school community come together in such a meaningful way. Parents, carers, and pupils have joined forces in fun, interactive sessions designed to support families with children aged 3–7 in making healthier lifestyle choices. From cooking simple, nutritious meals together to sharing stories, exploring the importance of active play, and having open conversations about screen time. The enthusiasm and collaboration shown by families have been inspiring, and it's been wonderful to witness the positive impact of learning and growing together.







Update from Mr Blears

Shwmae pawb!

What a bus 2 weeks it has been. A massive thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning that extended into a cake afternoon. Well done to the PTA and student council!

We have started our Welsh National Tests in Year 2-6. We use this test, as way of looking at the areas of reading, procedural maths and reasoning to see where we need to work on across the school.

Have a great weekend and stay safe!

Mr. Blears

Survey from the PTA

Tonysguboriau PTA, would like some feedback on their events from the past year. The survey ranges from rating their communication with our school community to your preferences on the cost/how you pay for items at events. The PTA have put on some really fabulous events last year and they are looking at improving on this further with your support.

Follow this link to complete the survey: https://forms.gle/NfDZqfujmsKggCXk9



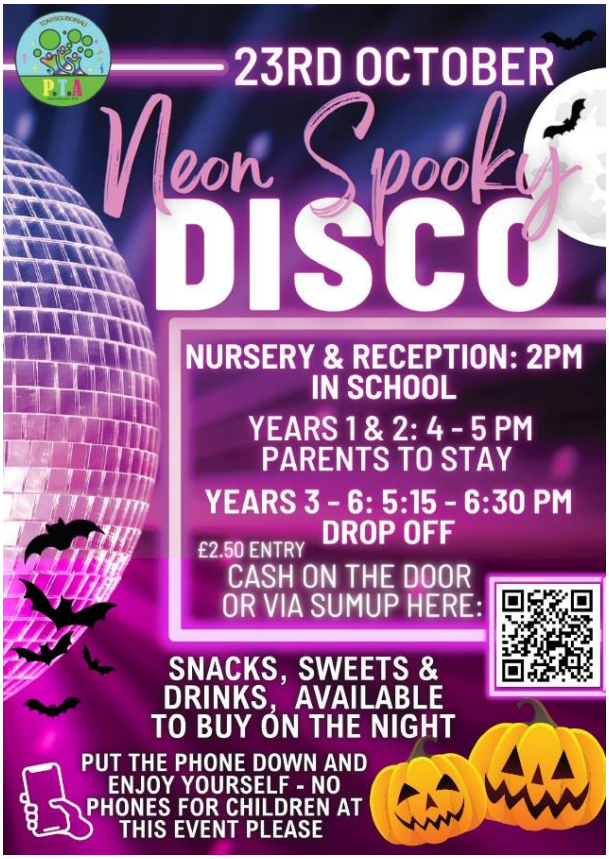
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to every parent and child that spent and donated money to the coffee morning. We raised a fantastic, **£319.07** The PTA were fantastic serving parents and children a like and the School Council were on hand to support and sell a few more cakes and biscuits at the end of the day.

Diolch yn fawr!

Neon Spooky Disco





1 - Please use the link below to make a payment

https://forms.gle/JRgYqhku8r9GjAnV7

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











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

Smoking/vaping on school grounds



We would like to kindly remind all families that **smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited on school property**, including the playground, car park, and all surrounding areas.

This policy is in place to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all children, staff, and visitors. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a smoke-free and vape-free school.

After School Clubs



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

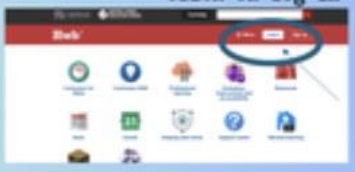
1 Google

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

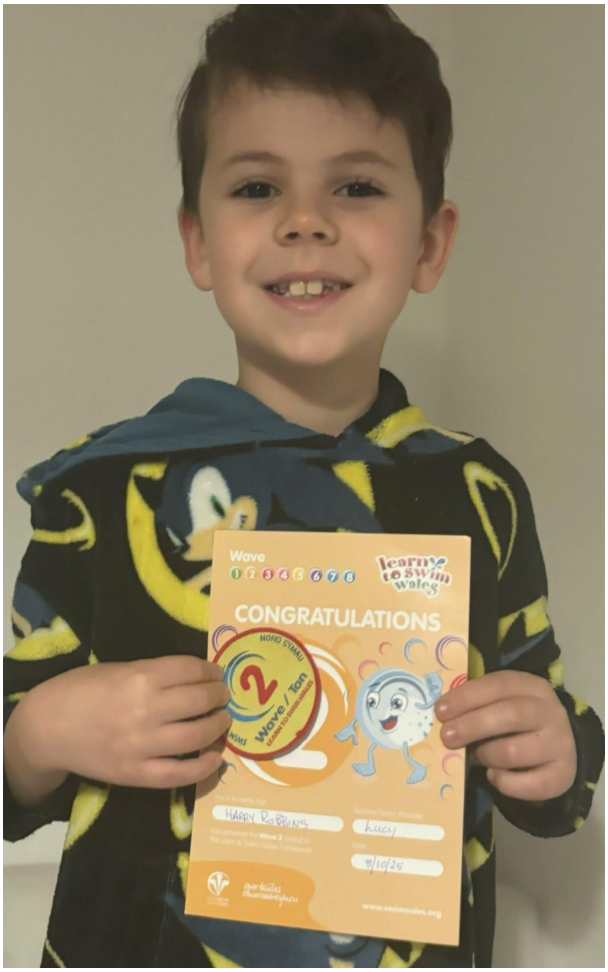


At Tonysguboriau, we love to celebrate all children's achievements. There are some achievements that we don't get to see that happen outside of school. Please send in photos and details of any achievements that your children have outside of school so that we can post them here and celebrate them with our community. Email blearsb2@hwbcymru.net with details and photos.

Any emails sent will be included in the next sway.



Bradley had a fantastic time at the Elvis weekend in Porthcawl!



Harry passed his Wave 2 Swimming badge this week



Emilia has worked so hard in her riding lessons and has been moved up to the next level. She’s excited about learning how to canter and jump.



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



Pumpkin Exploration and Autumn Discoveries

We've had a wonderful week exploring pumpkins in all sorts of creative and scientific ways! The children have been busy describing pumpkins using a rich range of adjectives, and comparing and sorting them by size, colour, pattern, and texture. We also became scientists - predicting whether pumpkins would float or sink and discussing why, as well as estimating and counting the number of seeds within different sized pumpkins. After our exciting pumpkin smash (see class website), we carefully collected seeds using tweezers to help develop our pencil grip and fine motor skills. We also practised our measuring skills by measuring the height and circumference of our pumpkins. To extend our focus on observation and mark making, we created observational drawings of sunflowers, taking care to label the different parts of the flower and use purposeful marks in our artwork. It's been a week full of exploration, curiosity, and creativity - celebrating autumn through hands-on learning across all areas of development!

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

Dosbarth Llewellyn



It's been a busy and exciting fortnight in Dosbarth Llewellyn!

In Literacy, we've wrapped up our fact files about a friend, working hard to improve them with interesting adjectives and longer sentences using '*and*' and '*because*'. Our next writing adventure has begun — postcards! Inspired by *Meerkat Mail*, we received a surprise postcard from Sunny the meerkat and wrote our own, describing our 'virtual' trip to Africa to see real meerkats.

In Maths, we've been practising counting forwards and backwards, finding one more and one less using number lines, counters, and lots of hands-on fun. The children can use lots of different strategies and are becoming more secure in their understanding of place value.

In Topic, we've explored different types of human settlements and learned about energy — including heat, light and sound — and how all living things need it. We also enjoyed a lovely visit to Ebenezer Church to learn about Christian beliefs and see a special place of worship.

On Wellbeing Wednesday, we used roleplay to think about how to respond when someone makes us feel sad or angry — the children had some brilliant ideas.

Reminders:

- Please bring bookbags every Monday.
- We are completing RWI assessments next week, so please support your child by using the Virtual Classroom videos at home for extra practice. (These are emailed to you/sent via the BromCom app weekly)
- Ensure children are dressed appropriately for PE on Mondays and Forest Schools on Fridays.
- Make sure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs English

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

Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Dosbarth Dewi Sant have had a busy and exciting week! Our school trip to Llantrisant Guildhall is booked for Monday 20th October, and we will return in time for lunch. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing and a coat if it is cold.

In literacy, we have been learning about diary writing using the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, and in maths we have been practising counting in twos, fives, and tens as well as sorting numbers into odd and even. Next week we will be estimating and measuring.

In science, the children have been comparing the weather in Wales and African countries and looking at the animals that live there. In DT, they have been learning about staying safe online and how to recognise websites and apps that are suitable or not, and to ask an adult for help if needed.

The children have also been creating beautiful artwork using oil pastels inspired by *Handa's Surprise* and African Art. This week they started the Welsh National Testing and did brilliantly for their first time. Next week we will be completing the Numeracy procedural and reasoning

tests. Examples of the tests can be found on HWB under Personalised Assessments – Familiarisation Test.

We are also looking to improve our construction area. If you have any spare Lego, magnetic tiles, or a large Jenga game sitting at home, we would be delighted to put them to good use in our class.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another fun and busy week in Year 2.

Mrs Gill :)

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Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



A busy couple of weeks in dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch looking at our topic all about the Greeks. Some top artefact exploration.

Great efforts from everyone on national tests this week. Getting on the HWB is a real skill that children are getting more used to day by day.

Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday!

Mr. Jones

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

Dosbarth Caradog

We've had a busy and exciting couple of weeks in class!

In literacy we have started exploring diary entries, using the book *Little Mouse's Book of Fears*. The children took part in a drama activity where they used body language and facial expressions to act out Little Mouse's emotions — a great way to understand how characters feel and how we can show that in our writing.

In topic, we investigated the water cycle. Caradog carried out a hands-on investigation using plastic bags, water, and sunlight to recreate the cycle in action. They made hypotheses, observed changes over time, and recorded their results.

In maths, we have begun our algebra unit by looking at patterns and sequences. Using concrete materials, the children solved colour pattern problems and began to spot rules and relationships.

For art, we have been inspired by Welsh artist Shannon Haswell. Pupils have started creating their own mountain-themed artwork using oil pastels, experimenting with colour and texture in her style.

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

Dosbarth Branwen

Literacy: Diary writing

Over the past fortnight, we have been busy exploring diary writing through the story *Welcome to Hinch Farm*, using techniques like double-hyphenated colours to evoke mood (e.g. storm grey silence), time phrases, personification, tripling and past participles to add emotional depth, next week we will complete this journey, by creating our hot write to showcase our learning and elevated writing skills.

Maths: Multiplication & Division

We've been building confidence in written methods for multiplication and division We have been practising decomposition, grid, and ladder methods to solve multiplication problems. We have also been Learning how to use the bus stop method for short division. Pupils have shown great resilience and reasoning as they tackled increasingly complex problems.

- Watch this BBC Bitesize video and https://youtu.be/SLze82Zcc4Y to support division at home
- Free division games are also available to reinforce skills in a fun way!division - Topmarks Search

Topic: plants, plants everywhere!

In topic and science, pupils created plant databases, dissected plants, learnt about photosynthesis, and compared gardens and allotments. We also designed surveys and graphed data about garden use in Talbot Green. Pupils explored global farming practices and compared them to British methods.

Visitors and Experiences

Bryn Pica Recycling Visit

Pupils took part in hands-on recycling activities, learning about sustainability, waste sorting, and how materials are reused. It was a brilliant way to link science and citizenship.

HMRC Visit: Understanding Taxes

A team from HMRC visited to teach us about how taxes work. Pupils asked thoughtful questions, one even stumped the experts by asking:

"If we buy a book from a charity shop, do we pay tax again even though it was taxed before?"

We discovered that even children pay tax when buying items like chocolate or pens! Pupils then role-played as government ministers, deciding how to allocate public spending across healthcare, education, museums, armed forces, police, and countryside protection.

Most pupils prioritised healthcare and education, while others championed security and nature. It was a powerful exercise in empathy, decision-making and citizenship.

Reminder - PE lessons on Tuesday, Swimming lessons on Thursday.

Reminder - Deposits for the class residential to Llangrannog need to be paid, please follow the link below. https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/make-a-school-payment/

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Dosbarth Gelert

This fortnight we completed our writing journey, creating some great newspaper recounts. The pupils learnt how to include information using different time connectives, including quotes, modal verbs and other recount features to create interesting news events.

In numeracy we have been working on algebra looking at strategies to help us solve words, pattern, shape and number algebra problems. For more information on what we have been doing or to practice further at home with your child please visit -- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zghp34j/articles/z2p6tyc

In topic work we have been focusing on climate change, conducting our own research, looking at factors that affect climate change and how it affects different areas of the World.

We had a great visit from HMRC this week who came to talk to us about taxes and where the money is used throughout the UK. This gave the pupils a chance to see how their maths skills are applied to real-life maths problems as well as bringing up interesting conversations about where tax money should be prioritised in our local area.

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Reminder - Deposits for the class residential to Storey arms need to be paid by October 24th - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/make-a-school-payment/

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Our School Pantry



We have an amazing school pantry located just behind the school office for any families that need a little extra support. The pantry is funded by the staff, the local BLT food hwb and

parents too and we really appreciate your support. Our community supports each other and that's what I really love about Tonysguboriau.

Each newsletter I am going to list any items that we really need and if you can pick these up with your shopping that would really help.

If you ever need to use the pantry please just ask me (Mrs Tanner or Mrs Morgan) to pop in and there is no judgement at all. Fill a bag or two. We know times are difficult at the moment and we wish to support all our families as much as possible.

Don't forget we also have the uniform swap shop too, which has coats and lunch bags too!

This week we need:

- Long life milk
- Noodles
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Squash
- Cereals
- Soap
- Tinned meatballs

A message from the office



Holidays

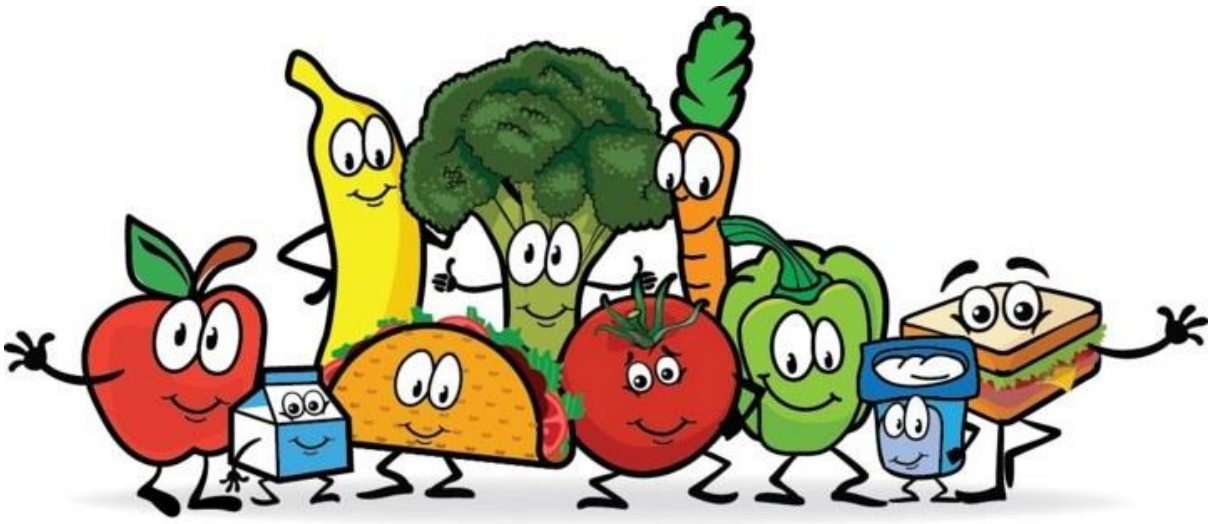
Just a reminder that holiday forms need to be submitted if you are planning a holiday in term time. They are available from our website or the school office.

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

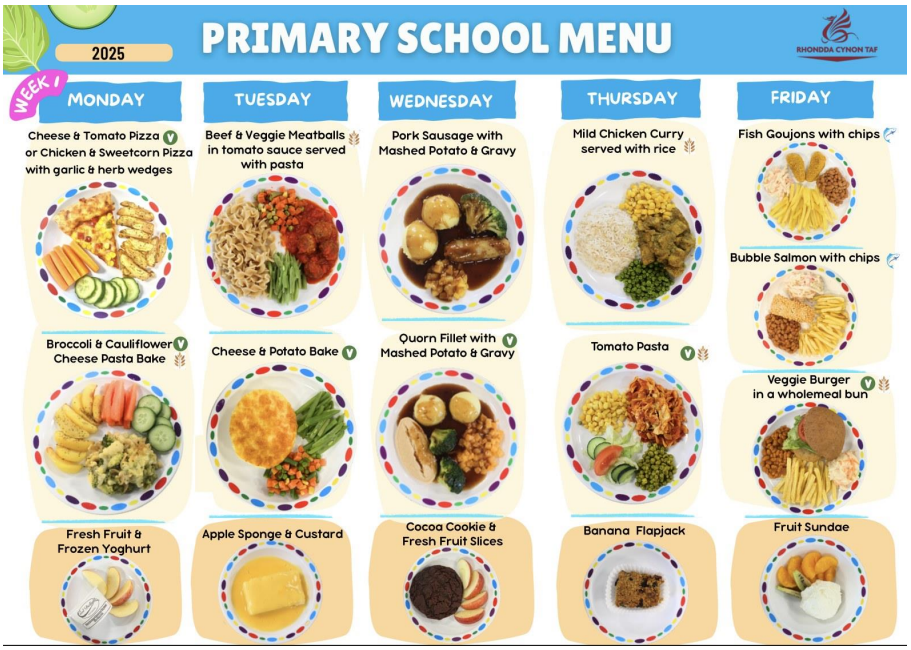
They must be submitted two weeks before a holiday is requested and if they have been submitted in advance of this we will not process until two weeks before you are due to attend due to us needing to review the attendance prior to authorisation. Fixed penalty notices are being issued if you take over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

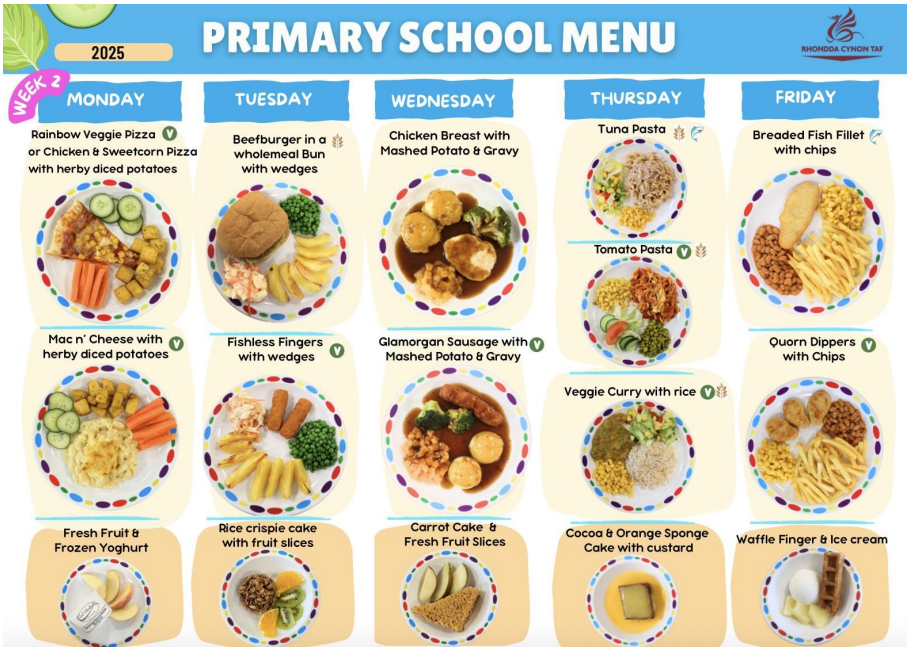
If you have any questions regarding the process I am happy to explain things or check holidays and attendance levels for you.

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

Thurs 16th October - Shwmae Day (activities in school)

Fri 17th October - Show Racism the Red Card - wear red today

Thurs 23rd October - Spooky Disco

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

Tuesday 9th December - Foundation Phase Christmas Concerts (1pm - 3pm)

Wednesday 10th December - Foundation Phase Christmas Concerts (1pm-3pm)

Thursday 11th December - KS2 Christmas Carols Concert

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