Tonysguboriau Newsletter 6th March

Message from Mrs Harries

What a wonderfully busy and celebratory fortnight it has been. I am so proud of the events our staff and wider school community have organised for our pupils. Everything we do aims not only to enrich the Curriculum for Wales but to offer experiences that go above and beyond.

Our *Dance Into Spring* disco was incredibly well supported. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Ingram (Beth and Joel) for their brilliant DJ-ing and for arranging a surprise visit from Peter Rabbit, which the pupils absolutely loved. Diolch o galon.

Other highlights these past two weeks have included our School Choir singing in Sainsbury's and entertaining the shoppers, the Criw Cymraeg representing us so well at the Llantrisant St David's Day Parade, a wonderful World Book Day full of creativity and our Masked Readers, and—culminating today—our colourful Rainbow Day in support of the Easter raffle.

Please take a moment to look through our Eisteddfod photographs. It remains one of my favourite days in the school calendar. It is clear to see how proud our pupils are of who they are, their Cynefin and their heritage – and they celebrate it in real style.

Reminders

- **Mother's Day Gifts** – see PTA post.
- **Ser yr Eisteddfod** – Wednesday 20th March.

Update from Mr Blears

Shwmae,

We're now well past half-way in this school year. We have been up to so much over the past couple weeks it's hard to believe we have achieved so much within such a small amount of time.

A quick thank you from myself from all the parents that attended the Guild Hall for the parade and a celebration if the Welsh culture. Thank you as well for all the parents that offered and helped me with the pram, I'm sure you had flashbacks to when your children were little.

We have many exciting and action packed weeks coming up, I have the delight of completing pupil progress meetings across the school, next week. It gives me the opportunity to touch base with every year group and discuss the achievements across all the classes.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Mr. Blears

Easter Colour Hamper Day




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A big thank you from the PTA for all the donations from today. We hope raise a lot of money to support many charities.

PTA Events

As we approach Mother's Day, the PTA is excited to announce the return of the Mother's Day gift shop. The PTA have carefully selected and wrapped beautiful little gifts for all of the wonderful mothers and mother figures in our school community. The children will be able to choose a gift for their mother or other special person in their life, from the gift shop, which will run during school hours w/c 9th March 2026.

We understand that the cost of living is increasingly difficult for many families, and we want to be sensitive to the financial pressures some may be facing. This year the PTA has decided to try something a little different. To ensure **every** child has the opportunity to choose a gift for their mother or mother figure, we are seeking voluntary contributions towards the cost of the gifts. We suggest a minimum donation of £2.50, this will cover the cost of one gift per child, but any donation will be greatly appreciated.

As a registered charity, the PTA relies on the generosity of our school community to fund events and initiatives like this. While we would love to offer these gifts without any cost, the reality is that we simply cannot run events like these for free. The donations we receive help cover the costs of the gifts, as well as other PTA activities that benefit our children and school. If you are in a position to donate, we kindly ask that you do so. This will enable us to give **every** child the opportunity to select a gift regardless of whether they are able to donate.

We know from previous years that many children will want to choose more than one gift, e.g. for stepmothers, grandmothers, aunties, teachers etc. Therefore, we will be offering each child the opportunity to purchase additional gifts. These will be £2.50 per gift. To help us manage the purchases, we ask that all donations and additional payments be paid in advance.

All donations and additional gift payments are to be made online. Please complete the online form and pay via the sum up app by **Monday 2nd March 2026**.**Forms will close at midday.**

https://forms.gle/gFYVAbqxNwBmtjJQA

If you have any concerns or would prefer to contribute in another way, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to work together as a community, and we want to make this Mother's Day celebration special for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We truly appreciate the efforts each of you makes to contribute to our school's success and sense of community.

Warm Regards.

Tonysguboriau PTA

Good To Be Green



The new term has started and a new Good To Be Green challenge has satrted. Children will receive:

- A bronze certificate for 30 stars
- A silver certificate for 40 stars
- A gold certificate and a special Easter treat for 45

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

How to use JIT stars

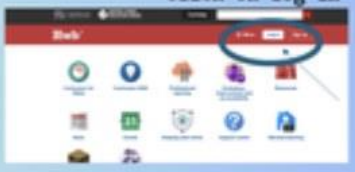
1 Google

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







Ivy wanted to let everyone know that on Sunday 1st of March, she competed in a dance competition and came first in 2 dances. Her family are very proud of her and she definitely is a super star. Da iawn!



Last week, Rowan has achieved his wave one swimming badge and moved into the wave two group. He's super confident in the water, always tries his best and has so much fun! He likes to spend a lot of the time swimming under water but his teacher, Trina, manages to fish him out to do some on the surface too!

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.

Sport RCT Half Term Camps





Eisteddfod Ysgol Tonysguboriau 2026



On Friday 27th February, we held our annual Eisteddfod, and it was safe to say we all had an amazing day celebrating Welsh culture. Every child had the opportunity to perform in front of the school, showcasing brilliant Welsh songs, country dancing, instrument playing, and

poetry recitals. The Eisteddfod was a fantastic platform for the children to show off their talent, and da iawn to the winning house – the points were very close!

A big thank you to parents who supported with home tasks. The staff were blown away by the effort, and the children were excited and proud to share their work. I have prepared a video highlighting many of the home-school writing and art tasks across the school.

https://youtu.be/KLCO3yumprI?feature=shared

The day would not have been possible without the support and dedication of all the staff, and of course our amazing judges, Mr Hurford, Mr Madge, Mrs Colcombe, and Cllr Sarah Davies. In the afternoon, Emma Watts, Deputy Mayor for Rhondda Cynon Taf, joined us to witness the incredible talent and helped to hand out trophies and prizes.

Overall, it was a magical day filled with Welsh culture and pride. A special congratulations to our Bard winner, Shivaughn from Year 6, who wrote a beautiful piece about her cynefin (see below), weaving together her Caribbean and Welsh heritage. It was truly outstanding! What a proud day for everyone.

Cynefin by Shivaughn, Year 6

She carries the sunshine in her laughter, born where the Caribbean breeze braids songs through the coconut trees, where steelpan rhythm sparkles like the morning in Gulf City. In this special place, her happiness blooms in colour - the scent of doubles on a busy corner, Carnival feathers brushing her cheeks, and waves hum secrets into her soul. But Wales woven itself into her too. Here she finds a gentler magic - hills rolling like green lullabies, and rain tapping poems on her window. She smiles at the kindness of her neighbours, and the way the sky glows pink over the sunset horizon. Two places, oceans apart. She learnt to shine, and she learnt to breathe.

And in the space between them, she has become a girl of two worlds, rooted in warmth, growing in green, carrying both homes like twin lanterns in her heart.


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Y3/4 Solo: Y Postman




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Reception Country Dancing


Royal Mail
Y3/4 Solo: Y Postman






Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus
Happy St David's Day!









St David's Day Parade!

On Sunday 1st March, the Criw Cymraeg and a few other pupils had a wonderful morning in Old Llantrisant, proudly dressed in their St David's Day attire. We were invited to create a banner to parade through the village and enjoyed a fantastic celebration of Welsh culture.

A special congratulations to Shivaughn, winner of the bard poetry competition, who had the exciting opportunity to read her poem aloud to the audience in the Guildhall. Everyone joined in with singing, dancing, and even learned how to play the spoons!

It was a very special morning, celebrating our Welsh language and culture while strengthening connections with our local community.

Take a look at the pictures below. Diolch to everyone who gave up their time to make this memorable event possible!

We have been told that it will be an even bigger and better event next year so watch this space!

Mrs Gill and the Criw Cymraeg




















SWAN STREET





Welsh Coffee Morning at Llantrisant Guildhall



We are delighted to share that, beginning this Saturday 7th March from 10:30am–12:30pm, Llantrisant Guildhall will be hosting a Welsh coffee morning for members of our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and practise Welsh in a relaxed and friendly environment. Everyone is welcome, whether you already speak a little Welsh or are a complete beginner.

Why not come along, enjoy a cup of coffee and give it a go? It's a fantastic way to build confidence and support our beautiful Welsh language within the community.

Dosbarth Dwynwen



This week in Maths and Numeracy, we have been exploring number bonds within 10 and using them to solve number sentences. The children have also been learning to identify numbers that are more and less.

In Language, Literacy and Communication, we have been using bossy verbs and time connectives to give instructions to our friends about how to plant seeds.

In Topic, we have been learning about plants, including what they need to grow and how to care for them.

We also celebrated World Book Day by sharing our home learning "Potato Book Character" projects. The children enjoyed participating in story time and celebrating the day with hot chocolate.

In PE, we have been developing our ball skills. The children are learning how to roll, throw, catch and bounce balls.

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

Dosbarth Llewellyn



It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting fortnight in Year 1, with the Eisteddfod, World Book Day and lots of brilliant learning across the curriculum. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are very proud of them.

Languages, Literacy and Communication - The children have now finished their diary writing journey. They did a fantastic job writing a diary in role as Mr English (Mrs English's father-in-law) when he was at school. The children remembered the key events in order and used time connectives to sequence their ideas clearly.

This week, we have begun a new genre: information writing. For their cold write, the children wrote an information report all about school life today. We have now started exploring the features of information texts and will continue to build these skills over the coming sessions.

Maths & Numeracy - In Maths and Numeracy, we have been focusing on measurement. The children can now:

- Measure accurately using non-standard units such as blocks and cubes.
- Measure using standard units, including centimetres.
- Order objects by height and length.
- Use comparative vocabulary confidently, such as *longest, tallest and shortest*.

Their accuracy and use of mathematical language have really impressed us.

Topic - As part of our topic work, the children have been sketching old artefacts and adding careful labels to show what they have learned about how the artefacts were used in the past.

They have also continued their science work on materials and mixing. The children tested a range of materials to see whether they mixed with water or not, then observed the jars over the week. They used scientific vocabulary such as *mixed, not mixed, dissolved* and *separated* brilliantly.

Eisteddfod - We were incredibly proud of the children during our school Eisteddfod. They performed their class item, Mynd ar y Ceffyl, with great confidence. They also took part in country dancing alongside the Year 2 children, proudly wearing their house colours. Some children also performed solos, and all showed fantastic effort and enthusiasm.

World Book Day - World Book Day was a real highlight. The children enjoyed sharing lots of stories throughout the day and loved showing and talking about their wonderful potato characters. A special moment was their hot chocolate and story time with a masked reader, where the children voted for which masked reader they wanted to hear.

Upcoming Reminder – St Fagans Trip (Monday)

A reminder that our trip to St Fagans is on Monday.

Please ensure your child:

- Brings a packed lunch.
- Wears sensible shoes suitable for walking.
- Brings a warm coat, as we will be outdoors for much of the day.

We're very much looking forward to a fantastic day of learning.

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

Dosbarth Dewi Sant



Over the past couple of weeks, Year 2 has been very busy and the children have been working hard across all areas of learning. In maths, we have been focusing on 2D shapes and their properties, as well as learning about regular and irregular polygons.

In literacy, the children have just finished planning their senses poem called The Scented Garden. We have been focusing on adding lots of description by using adjectives and adverbs, and the children have also begun experimenting with rhyming, which can be quite a tricky skill. They are doing a fantastic job and I will share some of their finished poems on the website next week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the build up to the Eisteddfod and were very proud to open the show by performing their act, Lawr at Lan y Môr. They did a wonderful job. The home school tasks, writing and art competitions were also fantastic and Mr Hussey had a very difficult job judging them. A big well done to everyone who took part, especially those who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

This week the children also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and we saw some very creative and clever potato character designs.

In our topic work, the children have been growing their own runner beans. We also have an experiment underway where we are exploring what plants need to thrive, and the children have been making predictions about what they think will happen. We have been learning how plants grow and change over time and discussing how plants are living things that can move and respond to their environment.

We have also been carrying out an experiment to see how plants absorb water. The children have set up white roses in coloured water to see whether the roses will absorb the colour.

Over the next couple of weeks, we are hoping to open our outdoor area so that we can spend more time outside planting and caring for our very own scented garden. We are very lucky to have Courtney from Hidden Blooms coming in to support us with this.

A reminder that we have our school trip on Monday to Plantasia. Please ensure that children wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch. We are all really looking forward to it!

Diolch,

Mrs Gill

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



Dosbarth Y Ddraig Goch



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

Our Eisteddfod celebrations were truly fantastic. The children took part in lots of Welsh singing, dancing, music performances and competitions to earn points for their houses. Everyone in Year 3 did an amazing job with their artwork, writing, singing and home-school tasks. Earning many valuable house points that will certainly make a difference when we reach the end-of-year totals!

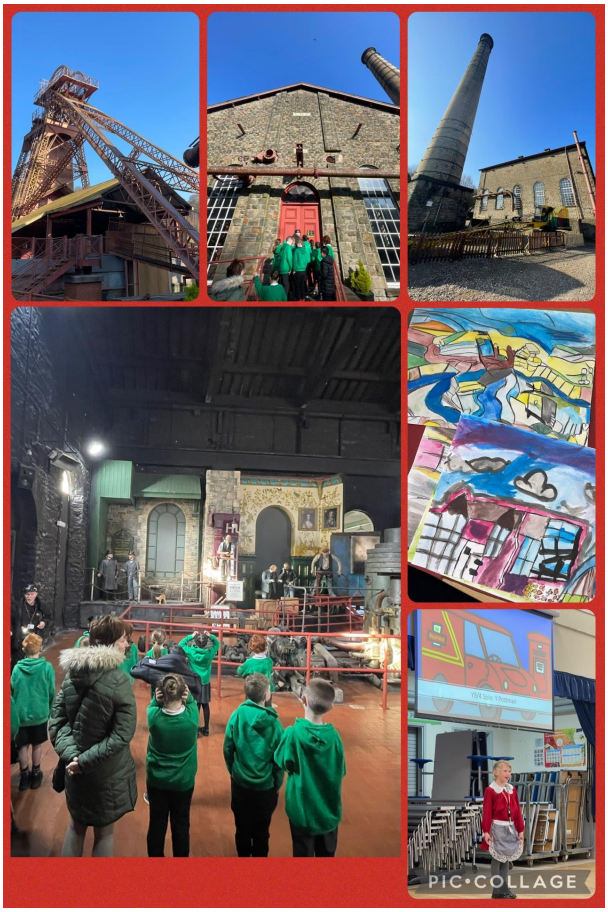
In topic, we have been learning all about volcanoes, how they form, why they erupt, and even why some people choose to live close to them. This week, we moved on to the final part of our topic, focusing on coal mining in South Wales. Our trip to the Rhondda Heritage Park was a real highlight. The children learnt about where coal comes from, how it is formed, and how miners used to extract it from the ground. It was an incredibly educational visit, and I would highly recommend families visit if you get the chance.

World Book Day was another great success! The "Design Your Own Potato" competition absolutely blew me away, the creativity and effort from everyone who entered was incredible.

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock. We have focused on o'clock, quarter past, quarter to, half past, and we are now moving on to reading the minutes in between.

Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm, hard work, and brilliant attitudes over these past two weeks. They should be very proud of themselves!

Swimming continues for the next three week and they need to continue bringing a pair of shorts and t-shirt to wear over their swimming costume.




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Dosbarth Caradog

We have had a fantastic and very busy couple of weeks in Year 4, filled with hands-on learning and creative celebrations.

In literacy, the children have begun exploring non-chronological reports. We have been looking closely at the purpose of different features. Pupils have been learning how these features help to organise information clearly for the reader. We have linked this work to our current potions and states of matter topic, analysing example reports and gathering ideas for their own writing.

In maths, the class has been investigating perimeter of rectangles and regular pentagons. They have enjoyed practical tasks, including outdoor investigations using trundle wheels to calculate the perimeter of the school yard. Pupils also worked in groups using cones to build shapes and solve perimeter challenges. Their teamwork and reasoning skills have been excellent.

In topic, we have started to learn about states of matter. The children have been learning to describe each state based on properties and particle arrangement. They have taken part in sorting tasks and visual demonstrations to help their understanding.

The Eisteddfod was a real highlight. Year 4 performed brilliantly, and their country dancing was a joy to watch. They showed confidence and enthusiasm. World Book Day brought lots of fun and excitement to the classroom. The children took part in an online quiz and we were blown away by the creativity shown in their potato book characters – they were amazing!

Swimming continues for the next three weeks and they need to continue bringing a pair of shorts and t-shirt to wear over their swimming costume.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another great fortnight of learning.

Miss Larkins

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Dosbarth Branwen

Literacy

The children have immersed themselves in a rich variety of poetic forms, from descriptive poems to structured didactic cinquains. They have been learning how poets use syllables, personification, and rhyming patterns to emphasise thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

It has been a joy to watch their creativity flourish as they shared their own imaginative pieces with the class. Their confidence in using poetic features is growing beautifully.

Next week, the children will be bringing all their learning together to create a final poem that focuses on onomatopoeia, alliteration, and detailed description. We can't wait to see what they produce.

Maths – Place Value, Addition and Problem Solving

In maths, the children have been applying their understanding of place value to solve a range of addition questions. This has led them into deeper problem-solving tasks, where they have been showcasing their reasoning skills and explaining their thinking clearly.

They have also been learning how to represent continuous data by creating their own line graphs. This has included plotting changes over time and interpreting what the data shows.

Their growing confidence in selecting the right graph for the right purpose has been wonderful to see.

Eisteddfod

The children had a truly wonderful day celebrating the Eisteddfod. Their enthusiasm, pride, and creativity shone through in everything they produced.

Mr Hussey had an incredibly tricky job judging the fantastic stories the children wrote in class. They spent a great deal of time crafting and developing their narratives, using a wide range of descriptive techniques to bring their ideas to life. We hope they will be able to share some of these imaginative stories with you at home soon.

The children also showcased their artistic talents through their Tudor-style portraits of kings and queens, and I was genuinely blown away by the detail and care shown in their home–school tasks. Their artwork demonstrated not only their growing skills but also their pride in Welsh heritage, especially through the thoughtful designs of their coat of arms, reflecting what Wales means to them.

These beautiful pieces will form part of our upcoming topic showcase, alongside other work the children have been developing this term. Their creativity and effort deserve to be celebrated.

Eisteddfod Banner

After their fantastic design sessions with Rhiannon Roberts, the children in Year 5 and the Wellbeing Club worked together to create a large banner for the Llantrisant Eisteddfod March. They did a brilliant job capturing what *cynefin* means to them, including images of foods they enjoy, places that are special to them, and Welsh stories they have explored such as Ifanc and Gelert. Using a white sheet and fabric paints, they produced a vibrant and meaningful banner, and I would say they may even have surpassed the work they created with Rhianydd.

Topic

In their topic work, the children have continued to study the lives of the Tudors. They have learnt about Tudor trade and created spreadsheets and graphs to present what they discovered. They then used these graphs to answer questions about which goods were the most and least profitable, showing a growing confidence in interpreting data.

They have also explored the Reformation and discussed the impact it had on everyday life, including the changes it brought to Wales. Alongside this, the children learnt about Tudor crimes and punishments, considering whether they felt these were fair or unfair and comparing them to laws and consequences today.

The class have investigated Tudor food and drink, thinking carefully about how diets differed for rich and poor people. They then applied this learning to modern life, discussing how food choices vary for themselves and for people in different localities.

The children also showcased their literacy skills by writing diary entries in role as Anne of Cleves, drawing on their understanding of Tudor life and their recent work on diary writing. It has certainly been a very busy and productive fortnight.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Powell

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

Dosbarth Gelert

Thank you to all of you who supported your pupils in creating their 'Home-School' tasks - the Evacuee memory boxes / suitcases are incredible and show the pupils creativity brilliantly. It was fantastic to see how many pupils interviewed members of the family and found photographs and item related to their own family history, helping to bring our topic alive and make it relevant to them.

Literacy

This fortnight we have started work on our new book - 'Taff in the WAAF' which focuses on report writing and the many roles of women during World War 2. The children will learn about different text features such as subheadings, using discourse markers, plan the text using the text map, using a clear topic sentence under each sub-heading, sustaining a formal register, including information from research, including image such as photographs and diagrams, developing compound sentence using *nor,* using the conjunctions *while* and *whilst,* including definitions, including relative clauses. *u*sing brackets to include extra information and using a question to engage the reader.

Numeracy

We have been focusing on problem solving looking at the use of mean, median, mode and range to understand data.

We have also been focusing on use of inverse operations, bar models and approximation to check our results.

These two aspects have formed part of our number and problem-solving work, where we have focused on trying different approaches and approaching problems from different points of view. To practice more of what we have been doing in school, please follow the links below:

Mean, Median, Mode and Range - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9rq7yc/articles/z3t4g7h#zd6m7yc

Solving maths problems - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z69k7ty

Topic

Over the past two weeks we have continued our work on Britain at War focusing on the role of Women in services such as the WAFF, the Wrens and the Land Army. Each of the pupils were given a different section to research and create a report on using information from the text and research from BBC sites and Britannica to find out specific information. They also solved fraction and percentage maths problems looking at the use of land by the Women's Land Army and how best to arrange the crops to get the most use of the land. We have explored the end of World War 2 and the lessons that can be learnt from it and have had very mature discussions about ongoing conflicts today, alliances and the 'right' thing to do. The children seem to have really enjoyed the topic and have learnt a lot from it. There will be a parent open afternoon for our Britain at War class museum on Wednesday 25th March. I will send details out nearer the time, however this will follow the same format and structure as out 'Beast Creator' class museum last year, with parents able to come whenever possible during the afternoon between 1:30 and 3:00 for their children to show their around as 'Tour guides' and explain different thing they have learnt from our topic.

Reminder: Class residential - Storey Arms - Any information you may need about timings, what to pack etc can be found on our school website at the following link: - https://www.tonysguboriauprimaryschool.com/school-trips/

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

Please note that Mr Lampka will not be on the crossing between March 3rd and 9th so please be careful when crossing the road.

Also, a gentle reminder to park safely and please not park on the zig zag lines when bringing your children to school. Thank you!

Holidays

Dear Parents,

To determine if your child can have an authorised holiday, we review the past year to check for any previously taken holidays. For example, if your child is planning a holiday starting on July 1st, 2026, we will look back to July 1st, 2025. Each student is allowed up to 10 days of authorised holiday per year if they have maintained a minimum attendance rate of 94%. Please note that absences due to illness will also affect the attendance rate. Please also note that you can complete a holiday form whenever you wish but it will not be processed until two weeks before the holiday as it is determined by attendance rates.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you ever have any queries regarding this please let me know.

Mrs Tanner

Dates for the diary Spring 2026



Monday 9th March - Trip Y1

Monday March 9th - Trip Y2

Mother's Day Shop - All Classes

Wednesday 11th March - 13th March - Year 6 Residential

Monday 16th March - Parent's Evening/Booking through MCAS

Thursday 19th March - Parent's Evening/Booking through MCAS

Friday 20th March - Ser Yr Eisteddfod

Tuesday 24th March - Y1 Audio Testing

Friday 27th March - End of Term

School starts back - Monday 13th April