



'FOEL'

Fun, Outstanding, Enriched Learners
Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 2nd October 2026
Dydd Gwener Hydref 2, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Firstly, another big thank you from me for your support during the recent ESTYN Inspection. Your contributions were so important and shared how special our school really is.

Thank you to Sean Conway who came and spoke to the children about growing up in Africa. His experiences fascinated the children and entertained our inspection team too. First hand learning has such an impact as those of you who came to see the drum case on Wednesday found out. Mila worked wonders with all age groups and I hope you enjoyed watching them.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to read at the end of the day. We will begin this and other reading challenges after half term. I have only had 2 volunteers to work on our curriculum review team. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the learning of our school. We are meeting at 2pm on Monday 19th October if anyone else would like to join us.

Please send back replies for the 'Open the book' Harvest Service in the church. Wendy and her team really support the school so it would be nice if we had more children to contribute to their service.

Harry is also excited to be coming next week to hold his ball games sessions, please remember to sign up on Gateway.

We have also shared posters of our upcoming Open Days please share far and wide on social media if you know of anyone who could join our school family.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs O'Neill



Topic

The whole school topic for this term is, '**Around The World.**' – **Focus on Africa.**

Foundation Learners

Nursery will be reading the stories, 'Handas Surprise and Handas Hen and their learning will be based around these stories.

Reception to Year 2 will be reading Mrs Panyas Pancakes and African folk tales. They will be writing diaries, postcards and recipes.

In Maths they will be learning about number, addition and subtraction. They will be solving word problems, creating graphs and learning about units of measure in their topic.

Spellings will go out on Thursday with reading books and are to be returned on Monday for the test.

PE will be on Friday and Forest School on Thursdays.

Children should bring their own snack and this should be based on the healthy school guidance from Welsh Government and include fruit, veg, yogurt, bread stick etc. Please ensure children bring their water bottles each day and have a coat.

Year 3-6

Year 3 and 4 will be reading the book, Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke

Year 5 and 6 will be reading the book, Too small Tola also by Atinuke.

Both books are based around Nigeria. They will be completing a book study and diaries, newspapers and traditional folk tales.

They will continue to have basic skills sessions daily. Spellings will go home on Monday and their test will be every Friday. **Spellings are posted on sew saw.** We do expect their reading records to be completed by their parents at least once per week.

In Maths we will be looking at number, addition and subtraction, measure and shape. In topic they will be learning area and perimeter, climate data and time zones.

They will be learning about Islam. Year 3 and 4 will have violin on Tuesdays.

Homework will alternate between Maths and English and will go home on Monday to be returned the following Monday.



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Social media

Following guidance from the LA and a subsequent governors meeting, the school has decided not to share 'close up' photos on our social media from now on, to strengthen the digital security of our learners. Pictures will only be included on See Saw and we will adapt the website over time.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday 9th September at 3:30pm, please join us if you can, we have lots of planning for the year ahead.

Governors

We need a parent governor and we are also in desperate need of a clerk to the governing body. Please contact myself or Mrs Watts for more information.

Please check out the Governors page on our website.

Forest School

Whole school will have Outdoor Learning on Thursday. During their Outdoor Learning session it is important that all children have a change of footwear with them. **Please ensure you send your child in appropriate clothing. This means NO Shorts** as we often kneel by the fire and in the bushes. Remember Forest School can be messy – wear old clothes!

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before the side gate is closed. Please visit our website where you will find current guidance under **Parents and Carers, Sickness and Attendance**.

Attendance is compulsory from Reception.



Attendance data for up to 01/10/26:

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	98.04%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	93.36%
Overall	95.07%

As a school we strive to ensure our attendance is monitored and your support with this is appreciated. Attendance is a national priority and having met with our designated Education Welfare Officer whose role it is to monitor our attendance and take action if your child's attendance is below 90%.

Please can you ensure that you either phone 01352 740197 or email the office on yfmail@hwbcymru.net to inform us if your child/ren are not attending school by 9:00am, a reason needs to be provided and when they are likely to return to school. We provide this information to Welsh Government and County Council. If you do not ring in we have to report it as unauthorised.

Criw Cymraeg

Our phrases for the fortnight are:

Ga i – Can I

Ga i fynd I toiled?

Ga i diod os gwelwch un dda?

Ga i diod?



Dates for the Diary

14/09/26	Piano Lessons through Theatr Clwyd restart and will be every Monday
16/09/26	Open the Book Assembly
22/09/26	Year 3@4 First Experiences Violin – This will run weekly to the 1 st December
28/09/26	Curriculum consultation questionnaire sent home
30/09/26	African Drumming Workshop – Showcase for parents in the school hall at 2:45pm
05/10/26	final day for completed questionnaires to be returned to school
07/10/26	Village sports games sessions run by Harry Neild (Year 2 upwards) 3:20pm to 5:20pm
08/10/26	Please complete attendance letter – Harvest festival in the church. Open the Book – Children to sing and perform.
12/10/26	Year 5 Transition to the Alun – Bus provided by the Alun
12/10/26	Please could Harvest donations be sent in. Cereal boxes please for our mega domino run.
13/10/26	Open morning for new and prospective parents
13/10/26	Parents Evening – Appointments only
14/10/26	Village Sports games session run by Harry Neild (Yr 2 Upwards)
14/10/26	PTA meeting in school at 3:20pm
15/10/26	Open Evening for new and prospective parents 3pm to 4:30pm
20/10/26	Harvest Festival 1:30pm in the church. Coffee to be served afterwards
22/10/26	Halloween Disco
13/11/26	School nurses – Flu Vaccination
08/12/26	Dress Rehearsal Christmas Concert
09/12/26	Christmas Concert 6pm



2026/2027 Term Dates

Autumn Term:

- **Start:** 1 September 2026
- **Half Term:** 26 October 2026 - 30 October 2026
- **Finish:** 18 December 2026

Spring Term:

- **Start:** 4 January 2027
- **Half Term:** 8 February 2027 - 12 February 2027
- **Finish:** 19 March 2027

Summer Term:

- **Start:** 5 April 2027
- **Half Term:** 31 May 2027 - 4 June 2027
- **Finish:** 20 July 2027

Staff Training Days

- Friday 18th December 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027