



YSGOL Y FOEL

FAMILY NEWS • 5-MINUTE READ

Friday 23rd October 2026
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FOEL: Fun, Outstanding, Enriched Learners • Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr



THIS FORTNIGHT AT A GLANCE

1 ACT

Consent to Flu Vaccinations online. Download the School Gateway app via play store or Apple Store. Back to School Monday 2nd November. Don't forget to log onto School Gateway to give consent for Sew saw. If you need help setting up gateway: [School Gateway - Ysgol y Foel, Cilcain, Mold](#)

2 PACK

Water bottle and coat every day. Thursday Outdoor Learning: old clothes, long trousers and a change of footwear. Friday PE: Please can children come in their PE kits.

3 JOIN IN

Volunteer to read, or ask about becoming a parent governor or governing body clerk. Help with transport to sporting events.



WELCOME & CELEBRATIONS

What a wonderful end to the half term! It was lovely to see so many of you at church on Tuesday for our Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone who donated cereal boxes; these will be sent to the local foodbank to support those in our community. Our Curriculum Working Party met on Monday, and we will share feedback and updates with you in due course. The children also had spooktacular **fun** at our Halloween party, enjoying lots of treats, tricks and spooky celebrations! We rounded off the term with our exciting Africa Day today. The children have enjoyed exploring African stories and tales, dancing, painting masks and maps, and taking part in lots of other creative activities. It was a fantastic way to end a busy and enjoyable term! We hope you all have a lovely, restful half term.

Looking ahead: School opens Monday 2nd November



NEED-TO-KNOW

Reading Passport

After half term, we will be launching our exciting new **Reading Challenge!** As part of the **Bronze Challenge**, your homework over half term is to take a photo of yourself reading a book in the **most unusual place you can think of!** 📖 😊 Get creative, have fun, and see if you can find a really unusual spot to enjoy your favourite book! 📷 **Don't forget to upload your photo to Seesaw.**

Attendance

If your child is absent, contact the office by **9am** with the reason and likely return date. Arrivals after the side gate closes will receive a late mark.

We can't wait to see all your amazing and imaginative reading photos! Happy reading! 📖❤️. We have a parent challenge to.

Outdoor Learning

Whole-school Outdoor Learning is on Thursdays. **No shorts:** children may kneel near the fire and in bushes. Please use old, weather-appropriate clothes. **Please could you ensure they have a change of shoes.**

Reading records

For Years 3-6, parents should complete reading records **at least once each week**. Spellings are posted on Seesaw.



WHAT CHILDREN ARE LEARNING: AFRICA

Foundation learners

Nursery: Handa's Surprise and Handa's Hen.

Reception-Year 2: Mrs Panya's Pancakes and African folk tales, with diaries, postcards and recipes. Maths includes number, addition, subtraction, word problems, graphs and measure.

Spellings and reading books: Thursday to Monday.

Years 3-6

Years 3-4: Anna Hibiscus. Years 5-6: Too Small Tola. Both are based in Nigeria.

Learning includes book study, diaries, newspapers, folk tales, number, calculation, measure, shape, area, perimeter, climate data, time zones and Islam.

Homework: Monday to Monday. Spelling test: Friday.



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON	TUE	Wed	THU	FRI
Piano Lessons Through Theatr Clwyd Homework + Y3-6 spellings Homework returns the following Monday. Don't touch Tell Show	Violin Years 3 and 4.		Outdoor Learning Whole school. Foundation spellings/reading books issued. Year 5&6 Hockey at Mold Alun. Letter sent home 23/10/23	PE PE for all. Foundation spelling books returned Monday; Y3-6 spelling test Friday.

SAVE THE DATE

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING
2 nd November	Don't Touch Tell Show
5 th November	Year 5 & 6 Hockey – Mold Alun
7 th November	Rhydymwyn Bonfire at 6pm

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING
10 th November	Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball – Coleg Cambria
13 th November	School Nurses – Flu Vaccination
19 th November	Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics – Coleg Cambria
26 th November	Year 5 & 6 Football – Ysgol Y Waun

ABSENCE? THREE QUICK STEPS

1 CONTACT BY 9AM Tell the school if your child is absent, why they are absent and when they are likely to return.	2 PHONE OR EMAIL Phone 01352 740197 or email yfmail@hwbcymru.net .	3 TELL US WHY If the school is not informed, the absence must be reported as unauthorised. Attendance is compulsory from Reception.
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Attendance to 14th October 2026

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TRY THESE WELSH PHRASES AT HOME

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→ LOOKING AHEAD

November 13 November: school flu vaccinations.	December 8 December: Christmas concert dress rehearsal. 9 December: Christmas concert, 6pm. 10 December: Theatr Clwyd panto, Reception-Year 6.
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TERM DATES 2026/27

AUTUMN

Half term: 26-30 October 2026
Finish: 18 December 2026

SPRING

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

SUMMER

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

Staff training days: 18 December 2026; 4 January 2027; 19 and 20 July 2027.