

YSGOL RHOSTYLLLEN

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



WELCOME/CROESO

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, that was definitely a short but busy half term! I hope you've noticed the exciting changes we've made in the outdoor area for our infants. We've added a variety of engaging equipment designed to keep our little ones entertained during break and lunchtimes, all while enhancing their learning experiences.

The junior staff have been busy too, purchasing and setting up equipment in our outdoor classroom for the children's educational activities. We're now planning to give the junior section of the school a boost with additional equipment for their playtime, ensuring everyone gets the chance to enjoy the great outdoors!

It's great to see more outdoor activities taking place, and there's plenty happening that I'm eager to share with you! Speaking of exciting developments, the school has another big project in mind to further improve our outdoor spaces, but I can't reveal too much just yet as it isn't 100% confirmed —stay tuned!

As we look ahead, please mark your calendars with the important dates coming up next month, including Sports Day, class assemblies, Meet the Teacher sessions, and transitions. Your continued support for our school is truly amazing, and we can't thank you enough!

Diolch,
Mr H Rowlands

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Year 6 Cardiff - May 21st - May 23rd
- Year 5 - Class Assembly - May 23rd
- Year 4 - Class Assembly - June 6th
- Sports Day - Foundation Phase - June 10th 9am-12pm
- Sports Day - KS2 - June 11th 9am-12pm
- Year 3 - Class Assembly - June 13th
- Year 2- Class Assembly - June 20th
- Meet the Teacher - June 23rd - Nursery, Reception, Year 2, 3, 4 & 6.
- Meet the Teacher - June 24th - Year 1, 3, 5
- Transition Day 26th June - Whole School
- Year 1 Class Assembly - June 27th
- Reception Class Assembly - July 4th
- Children Pupil Reports - July 11th
- Year 6 Night Out - July 14th
- Leavers Concert - July 17th 1:30pm
- July 18th - End of School Term

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Extra-Curricular Clubs **will continue after half term for the first four weeks only.** A new round of clubs for different year groups. The club for Year 1 & 2 will be confirmed soon

Rounders /Cricket - Wednesdays - Year 5 & 6 - 3.00pm-4.00pm

Sports Club TBC - Tuesdays - Year 3 & 4 - 3.00pm-4.00pm

Active Sports - Wednesdays - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15pm-4.15pm

URDD

We send our best wishes to Charlotte in Year 2 and Tiana in Year 4 who will be proudly representing the school in the Urdd Eisteddfod in Port Talbot, South Wales. A huge thank you to Mrs Birchall who will be attending too and for giving up all her time throughout for the Urdd Eisteddfod since September.

TRANSITION

Our transition plans for Nursery through to Year 5! This year, for a change, we'll be hosting our transition day all in one day on **Thursday, 26th June**, instead of stretching it over a week. The children will have the chance to spend the day with their new teachers for the next academic year, getting stuck into a range of fun activities!

Don't forget to check out the 'Dates for Your Diary' section for our 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity—a great way to get to know your child's next teacher! A warm welcome to our new Nursery families; your transition packs have been sent out.

And a quick note for our Year 6 students: your transition will be organised by your next high school—exciting times ahead!

Here's a peek at our brilliant teaching team for the academic year 2025-26:

- **Nursery** - Mrs Brownhill, Mrs Jones, Mrs Roberts
- **Reception** - Mrs Bartley, Mrs Peers
- **Year 1** - Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Smallwood
- **Year 2** - Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Birchall
- **Year 3** - Mrs Williams
- **Year 4** - Miss Maddock
- **Year 5** - Mrs Davies
- **Year 6** - Mr Guy

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ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance for the whole school since September is **94.2%**

If your child can't attend school for illness or any other reason, please contact the school on the first day

PTFA

We would like to thank our local community businesses again with their fantastic contributions. **The Black Lion Inn** (Hole in the Wall); **The Old Black Horse** (Middle Pub); who both did Easter raffles on the PTFA's behalf and raised nearly £500 between them.

We would also like to thank Esclusham Community Council for the £150 grant we received from them.

SCHOOL NEWS

Father Dylan has been into school to hold assemblies with the children. Year 1 have been learning about Christianity in Religion Value and Ethics and visited the local church to learn about the features of a church. They did a treasure hunt too.

Year 2 had a great time visiting Chester Zoo as part of their topic. One child told me 'It was the best day ever'

Year 6 have been to Cardiff this week and visited many places and carried out many activities. I'm looking forward to hearing how much fun they had.

Year 4 are currently having swimming lessons as part of their Physical Education lessons.

Clywedog School headteacher, Mr Ellis visited the school for year 4 & 5 parents to show and tell what the school offers and how they are continuously improving.

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THANK YOU

I just wanted to thank you for all the kind donations given to the school in the past month to help with our outdoor areas. Without your help we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have so far.

If you do have any of the following equipment to donate we would be grateful:

- Wooden seats,
- Benches,
- Wooden spoons (large and small),
- Pans/lids,
- Gardening equipment,
- Gardening gloves,
- Plastic bowls,
- Wellies
- Waterproofs
- Plumbing materials e.g plastic u bends and pipes
- Wooden off cut planks
- Guttering
- Baskets
- Ribbons
- Tarpaulin
- Grates (e.g., for outdoor play)
- Any other materials that might be useful for outdoor creative play

SCHOOL RETURN

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school for their last half term of the academic year on Monday June 2nd

TEACHER INSET (TRAINING) DAY DATES 25-26

Monday 1st September - 2025
Tuesday 2nd September - 2025
Friday 24th October - 2025
Monday 5th January - 2026
Monday 13th April - 2026