

YSGOL RHOSTYLLLEN

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



WELCOME/CROESO

Dear Parents and Carers,

If I haven't had the chance to see you in person yet, a belated Happy New Year to you all!

We had our Year 6 Class Assembly this morning, and the children were absolutely fantastic. Their clear, confident voices and enthusiastic participation made us all incredibly proud. They spoke brilliantly about their recent work in class, especially their learning on deforestation and plastic pollution.

Diolch yn fawr, Blwyddyn 6 — you were amazing!

The children across the school have been as busy as ever, taking part in a wide range of activities including swimming sessions, music experiences, the girls' football tournament, our outdoor play project, extra curricular clubs, and NSPCC workshops.

I have included some important upcoming dates for your diary to ensure you are kept informed about the events happening over the coming weeks.

As always, if there is anything school can support you or your child with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,
Mr Rowlands

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Our Girls' Football Team once again made us immensely proud as they represented the school in the regional schools' football tournament held at Ysgol Grango.

The team won one match and drew another, but most importantly, they had a fantastic time—despite playing in the rain!

Da iawn, genod — you were brilliant!



ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be very important for your child's learning and progress. We completely understand that children become unwell at times, and of course their health must come first.

However, we kindly ask that you let the school know if your child is ill and unable to attend. This helps us keep our records accurate and ensures the absence is authorised. If we do not receive a message, the absence will unfortunately have to be recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Our overall attendance whole school attendance since September is 94.3%

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PTFA

The school and PTFA are joining forces for a Non-School Uniform Day on Friday, 13th February.

In exchange for children coming to school in their own clothes, we kindly ask for a donation of an Easter egg or another small Easter-themed item. These contributions will go towards supporting the PTFA Easter Bingo Night, which will be held on Wednesday, 11th March.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!

If you'd like to get involved and be part of the PTFA, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch via the PTFA Facebook Page.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Assemblies: 9.15am Start

Year 5 - Friday 6th February
Year 4 - Friday 13th February
Year 3 - Friday 27th February
Year 2 - Friday 6th March
Year 1 - Friday 13th March
Reception - Friday 20th March

Trips & Activities

Reception and Year1 Trip to Xplore
Monday 9th February

Year3 to Year 6 - Mabinogion - Welsh Folk tales workshop - Monday 9th February

Year 3 - Visit to Wrexham Library - Meet an author - Wednesday 11th February.

Parents' Evening: -

Year 4 **ONLY** - Monday 16th and 17th March.

Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 - Monday 23rd and 24th March.

Details to follow closer to the time.

Non-School Uniform / End of Half Term - February 13th

School Eisteddfod - 2nd March

Bingo Night - 11th March

REMINDERS

Breakfast Club - Can you please make sure you book your child in for Breakfast club if you are using this facility.

Lunch - Can I kindly ask that lunches are ordered on Parent Pay before 8am each morning. This would help us enormously in the morning, ensuring the children can start their lessons on time.

Healthy Snack - We offer healthy snacks, such as fruit, for a small charge of £1 a week. Alternatively, children are welcome to bring their own healthy snacks to help keep their energy levels up until lunchtime.

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Top Tips

For Reading with Your Child at Home



As we all know, there is a lot more to reading than just reading! Here are some tips to help during reading sessions with your child at home.

- What is happening? Talk about what is happening in the pictures before you read the text. What can you see?
- Discuss the meaning of words. Use a dictionary to get your child used to exploring words for themselves.
- Discuss alternative words. For example, 'big'. Ask your child to think of another word that means the same, e.g. 'huge' (use a thesaurus).
- Make predictions. What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?
- Start at the end of the book. What do you think has happened before this point? Why do you think that?
- Discuss feelings. How do you think the characters are feeling? What has made them feel this way?
- Where is the story set? Have you read another story with the same setting? For example, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson are both set in the woods.
- Discuss the problem in the story. What has happened? What went wrong?
- Discuss the resolution. How was the problem solved? Is there another way it could have been resolved?
- Fact or fiction? Is this book a story book or a non-fiction book? How do you know?
- What have you learnt? What do you know now that you didn't know before reading the book?

During Reading

Encourage children to use expression when reading, especially for the voices of different characters.

Discuss the punctuation on the page, for example, exclamation marks. Ask: what are these for? What should you do when you see an exclamation mark?

You do not always have to read the entire book every night. Focus on 2 pages and talk about the characters, setting, and plot in a lot of detail. You might want to take it in turns to read so your child can hear how you read.

Strong communication and partnership between school and home is so important, and with that in mind, I thought it would be helpful to share some simple tips for reading with your child at home. I hope you find them useful and supportive.

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NSPCC

Our school recently took part in the NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme with pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. The sessions help children understand what abuse is in an age-appropriate way and teach them how to speak out to a trusted adult or Childline if they ever feel worried.

OUTDOOR PLAY



We've recently welcomed the Play and Youth Support Team into school to run playtime and lunchtime sessions. From the photos, you can see just how much the children are enjoying the activities! This is exactly the type of play experience we hope to establish on a more permanent basis once we receive further guidance from the team.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A gentle reminder about school uniform:

We have noticed recently that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform on non-PE days. Please can we kindly remind families to ensure pupils come to school in full uniform unless it is their designated PE day where they would wear the agreed school PE kit.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards.

The school prospectus is on the website for the agreed school uniform.

<https://www.ysgolrhostyllen.co.uk/prospectus/>