



# Play, Learn & Grow Together

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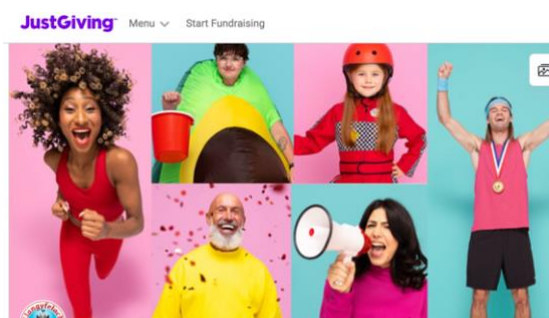
## March Newsletter 2026

Please read the following information, which highlights current information, routines, procedures and developments.

### Red Nose Day – The Great LPS Bake Off!

This year, Red Nose Day will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. To raise money for this fantastic charity, we will be asking our wonderful community to take part in yet another of our famous LPS Bake Off competitions. Our last one was very successful.

If you would like to take part in this competition, to raise funds for such a great cause, please bake your (nut and fish free) cakes by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. All entries be judged for winning places and later sold to the community to raise funds on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March after school from the top yard.



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Llangyfelach's fundraiser for Comic Relief

If, like Mr Williams, you can't cook for toffee... The Red Nose Day website has loads of recipes, games and cake labels you can download to help with your Bake Off entries.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/fundraise/resources/>

Good luck everyone in your quest to be the LPS Bake Off Champion 2026!

Alternatively, you can donate to this amazing event through our Just Giving Page via the following link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/llangyfelach-primary-school-12?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/llangyfelach-primary-school-12?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)

On Red Nose Day, children can come dressed in red, or for you adventurous people, as their favourite cake 😊.

Many thanks for your support on such an important event.



### **Easter Fun...Sponsored Bunny Hop, Hopper and Pogo-Ball Race:**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, we will be holding 3 Easter Sponsored events with some fabulous Easter eggs for the lucky winners and runners-up to take home.

- **Nursery – Year 1** Sponsored Bunny Hop
- **Year 2 – 4** Sponsored Bunny Hopper Race
- **Year 5 & 6** Sponsored Bunny Pogo-Ball Race

We hope the children enjoy taking part in these events. Sponsor forms for these events will be sent home shortly.

Additionally, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Rolling – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026, which will be opened to all classes. We hope all the children will enjoy these wonderful end of term activities. Children will be required to bring in 2 decorated hard boiled eggs in a container by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026. Good luck all and hope you have an eggcellent time.

### **Year 4 Pilates Session:**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to experience a free Pilates session at LPS with a professional Pilates instructor.

The session will be a gentle, inclusive Pilates based movement class, focusing on posture, co-ordination, strength, body awareness and relaxation. Activities are playful, non-competitive and fully adaptable, with children encouraged to work at their own pace. Children will need to wear their PE kit for this session.

We know the children will really enjoy this session.

### **Urgent Health & Safety Message:**

There are a number of parents parking in the bus bay outside of our school and on the Zig-Zag lines. Please refrain from doing so, as this is resulting in our pupil transport buses having to park elsewhere and in unsafe zones. This bus bay is for authorised school transport only and not cars or even taxis that are not linked to the Local Authority transportation scheme.

We have requested our PCSO and a Civil Parking Enforcement Officers to randomly attend the site from this week to monitor the situation and ensure that Pengors Road is safe and that our school can be safely accessed by all.

### **Wraparound**

We would like to remind parents that we have a number of accounts with unpaid fees for Wraparound care. Please note that any future bookings will not be accepted until payment is received. If you are in financial difficulty, please contact the school to discuss. Wraparound cash/cheque payments are due at the time of making the booking. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

We kindly ask that if you do not require your booked wraparound slots, please inform us at your earliest convenience. This allows us to extend the opportunity to other families who may need it. Your cooperation is vital in ensuring that all children can benefit from this valuable service.

### **Residential Trips:**

As last year, we will continue to hold only one residential trip at LPS. All children will have the opportunity to experience a residential trip during their time at LPS, when they reach the Year 6 class.

We will communicate the date of the Year 6 Residential trip for 2026/27 very soon.

### School Trips:

As you are fully aware, the costs of school trips are becoming more expensive due to increased venue costs and bus hire. We state on our trip letters and communications that your payments are contributions only and that the school will therefore cover any shortfall. However, due to increased costs at school level we are not always able to cover costs. Therefore, if there are not enough contributions paid for school trips, this may result in the trip not going ahead, which would be unfortunate.

As it stands most classes go on a trip nearly every term. To help alleviate these costs for all, moving forward we are considering only having one trip per class, per year. Then in other terms have visitors to school for each class at a fraction of the price. This may well be the only way forward in the very near future as prices are set to rise even further again.

Many thanks for your support and understanding on this matter.

### Forest School @ LPS

As per recent communication and App messages, works are still ongoing at our Forest Schools site. We will update you with progress and completion times when we have further information. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

### Parent Consultations:

Our Parent Consultation meetings for this term will take place during the week beginning **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. Further details and arrangements will be shared with you via the school app closer to the time. Please ensure that you reserve bookings with your child's class teacher via the online booking system. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Punctuality & Late Door Monitoring:

As you may be aware all schools work closely in conjunction with the Education Welfare Service in order to monitor pupils' punctuality and attendance. Our Education Welfare Officer regularly undertakes a register check in order to monitor who regularly arrives late on school premises in the mornings. **Throughout this term our EWO will be present onsite sporadically to monitor the current situation and provide letters to parents who arrive late.** Arriving late not only disrupts the routine of the class but means that pupils also miss the all-important introduction to the first lesson of the day. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Attendance

Please continue to help us by ensuring your child attends school and that you bring your child to school on time (before 9am). Regular school attendance is vital and missing school can have a significant impact on achievement over a one-year period as illustrated in the table below:

<b>96 – 100% Attendance</b>	<b>Best chance of success</b>	<b>Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.</b>
<b>90 – 95% Attendance</b>	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work
<b>85 – 90% Attendance</b>	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child is at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you to catch up with work
<b>80 – 85% Attendance</b>	At least 5½ Weeks of learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning

**Below 80% Attendance**

At least 7½ weeks of learning missed

Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.

### 2025-26 INSET Days:

1. ~~Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September~~
2. ~~Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November~~
3. ~~Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November~~
4. ~~Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January~~
5. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April
6. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

These dates are subject to change; however, we will aim to notify you of any alterations at least 1 month prior to the rearranged date. Many thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

### Swansea Term & Holidays 2025-26:

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 September 2025	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	Monday 20 July 2026

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Autumn 2026	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Monday 26 October 2026	Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring 2027	Monday 4 January 2027	Monday 8 February 2027	Friday 12 February 2027	Friday 19 March 2027
Summer 2027	Monday 5 April 2027	Monday 31 May 2027	Friday 04 June 2027	Tuesday 20 July 2027

### LPS School Improvement Plan 2025-26:

Throughout periods of the previous academic year, the Pupil Voice Groups, AoLE Leaders, Linked Governors and SLT undertook our LPS Self-Review processes. To glean further information on our robust self-review systems that enable us to monitor & evaluate progress on whole school targets, please visit the following webpage:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-self-review-systems/>

The outcome from our LPS Self-Review systems formulated the following agreed set of Whole School Targets for 2025-26:

1. Enhance the quality of learner reflection and response to others.
2. Improving opportunities for learners to experience a more diverse and creative curriculum.
3. Provide real life learning experiences that are enriched using outdoor spaces, locally and wider.
4. Improve wellbeing provision for all within our community.

To view our full School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this 2025-26 SIP Document please visit the webpage: <https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/sip-2025-26/>

### Finally:

I would like to thank you all for your incomparable support and commitment toward making LPS the best it can be for all. Our pupils are a credit to the school and to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have a query or concern. You can use the email address provided at the top of this letter; I endeavour to respond to all emails within the same day.

All best to all,  
**Lee Burnell**  
Headteacher

## The LPS Curriculum & Learning Projects

### Nursery:

1. Welcome to LPS
2. Once upon a time...
3. Minibeasts at LPS
4. Barnaby Bear at Swansea Bay
5. LPS Flower Show

### Reception:

1. Play, Learn, Hatch and Grow
2. LPS Spring Festival
3. Rockpool Raiders
4. LPS Flower Show

### Year 1:

1. LPS Happy Healthy Helpers
2. Amazing Astronauts
3. LPS and Brynteg Farm
4. The LPS Summer Festival

### Year 2:

1. LPS and The Penllergare Trust
2. The Roman Invasion
3. Swansea Bay
4. LPS Scented Stall (Lush)

### Year 3:

1. Fantasia
2. Sweyns-ey
3. Swansea Market
4. LPS Market

### Year 4:

1. The River Ilston Disaster
2. Wales, Wars and Weddings
3. LPS Fitness Fanatics
4. LPS Healthy Snack Bar

### Year 5:

1. Copperopolis
2. Abertawe Egyptology
3. Cymru Constellations
4. LPS Farmers Market

### Year 6:

1. Wales at War
2. The Origin of the Species
3. Creative Cymru
4. LPS Art Gallery

For more information regarding our new LPS Curriculum, Training Systems, Assessment and Progression Models please visit the following link:  
<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning/>

Key Information Links @LPS	
Information Focus	Information Link
LPS Vision & Values	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/vision-and-values/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/vision-and-values/</a>
Self-Evaluation Report	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-self-evaluation-report/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-self-evaluation-report/</a>
School Improvement Plan	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-school-improvement-plan/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-school-improvement-plan/</a>
Welsh Government Grant Plans	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/welsh-government-grant-expenditure-plans/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/welsh-government-grant-expenditure-plans/</a>
LPS Prospectus	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/prospectus-1/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/prospectus-1/</a>
LPS Annual Report	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/governing-body/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/governing-body/</a>
Staffing Roles & Responsibilities	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/meet-the-staff/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/meet-the-staff/</a>
LPS Safeguarding	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-safeguarding/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-safeguarding/</a>
LPS Teaching & Learning	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning/</a>
Curriculum Developments	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/areas-of-learning">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/areas-of-learning</a>
Learning Experiences & Visits	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/class-pages/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/class-pages/</a>
LPS Transition Plans	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/transition-1/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/transition-1/</a>
LPS Policy	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-policies/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-policies/</a>
LPS Calendar	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/</a>
LPS Wraparound Service	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/lps-wraparound">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/lps-wraparound</a>
LPS PTFA	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/ptfa-1/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/ptfa-1/</a>
LPS News & Events	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/news-and-events">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/news-and-events</a>
LPS Attendance	<a href="https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance/">https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance/</a>