Play, Learn & Grow Together

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October Newsletter 2026

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

Nursery Wraparound Service Expansion & Support Offer:

We are delighted to inform you that we have found a solution for our very much in-demand Wraparound Childcare Service. This means that, from **12th October 2026**, there will be no cap on numbers, and you should find it much easier to make your bookings.

This arrangement will remain in place until **Easter**, when we may need to reintroduce a cap on numbers temporarily.

However, we are pleased to confirm that we have a full, long-term solution planned for **September 2027**, which will remove limits on places altogether.

We will also continue to offer our lunchtime service until 12:55pm.
Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work to expand this popular provision for our families. We are pleased to be able to increase capacity in response to demand and look forward to providing greater flexibility for our Nursery families.

Halloween Disco

Our Halloween Disco will take place after school on **Monday 19th October**.
All children are welcome to attend. However, we would ask parents of children in the Early Years classes to carefully consider whether they wish their child to attend.

Last year, a number of younger children found the event a little overwhelming due to the large number of children in the hall, the noise levels, and some of the costumes, which caused a few children to become upset. If your child does attend, please be mindful of costume choices and ensure they are appropriate for a primary school event.

We want the disco to be an enjoyable and positive experience for all our children, and we really appreciate your support in helping us to make it a fun and welcoming event for everyone. Further information with regards to timings and cost will follow shortly.

Shwmae Day:

To celebrate Shwmae day on October 14th 2026, we would love to see the children wear Welsh colours or something that symbolises Wales. Nia from the Urdd will be joining us to celebrate Shwmae Day. Classes will take part in a range of activities, with some learners taking part in a twmpath! We hope all will enjoy this great event!

Parent Consultations:

Our Parent Consultation meetings for this term will take place during the week beginning **Monday 12th October 2026 (moved from original date of 19/10/26)**. Further details and arrangements will be shared with you separately, below, and via email and our app. Please ensure that you reserve bookings with your child's class teacher via the online booking system. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Parent Consultation Booking System:

As you will be aware, our Parents Consultation booking provider has recently upgraded their booking system which required parents to create an account. However, we have been made aware that a high percentage of our parents have not received an invitation email to set this up. We have contacted our provider for support, but to date have not received a response from them. We have therefore decided to move our booking system to **MCAS (MyChildAtSchool)**. Some of you with children in local comprehensive schools may already be familiar with this system.

All contacts with parental responsibility will soon receive an email inviting them to set up an account. **Please read the guidance notes very carefully before setting up your account and ensure you follow the steps in the correct order (guidance notes will be sent out in a separate email).**

Once accounts have been set up, we will send out further information on booking your Parents Consultation. We appreciate your patience and look forward to a smooth booking process.

Harvest Festival 15th October 2026:

Again, this year, we are thrilled to support Matthews House in Swansea, a wonderful charity that provides vital support and resources for those in need within our community. We invite everyone to come together as a school community to donate non-perishable food items and toiletries to help those less fortunate. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference and spread warmth and kindness throughout Swansea. Matthew's House has listed items that are especially helpful which include:

- Custard, rice pudding, jelly
- UHT milk & coconut milk
- Coffee, hot chocolate & sugar
- Cooking oil, ground pepper
- Tinned beans, pulses & veg
- Tinned meat & fish
- Tinned fruit
- Jarred sauces
- Squash
- Men's deodorant, men's socks
- Toothpaste, lip balm, mints & gum

Please send your donations to school between now and Thursday 15th October 2026. You can drop off at the main reception office. Let's show our community spirit and make this Harvest Festival one to remember! Together, we can create positive change and improve lives. Thank you for your generosity in advance!

Break the Rules Day:

After the success of our past events, 'Break the Rules Day' returns on **Friday 23rd October 2026,** and every final day before every half term break.



Children can pay 50p for every rule they would like to break out of the list in the image to the right of this page. Please bring your rule breaking monies to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. We hope everyone will have a great rule breaking day of fun!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Productions:

Our Christmas Productions are taking place from **Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th December**. Please could all costumes be in school by **Friday 5th December**, clearly marked with your child's name. Please see the table below for specific show times.

Reception – Y3 Concerts	**Tuesday 8th December @ 9:30am**	**Wednesday 9th December @ 9:30am**
Y4 – Y6 Concerts	**Tuesday 8th December @ 6pm**	**Wednesday 9th December @ 1:15pm**
Nursery Concert	**Thursday 10th December @ 9:30am**	

Christmas Concert Tickets:

From Monday 9th November tickets will be available on a first come first served basis @ £3 per ticket. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and ticket requirements.
Please post your orders in the mailbox outside the main office, as orders are not to be placed in children's bags or handed to staff.

2026-27 INSET Days:

To aid with your childcare arrangements we have provisionally booked the INSET days for the whole year which are as follows:

1. ~~Tuesday 1st September~~
2. ~~Wednesday 2nd September~~
3. ~~**Monday 2nd November (**NEW DATE**)**~~ **TBC**
4. Monday 4th January
5. Monday 19th July
6. Tuesday 20th 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.

Lost Property:

As we are early into a new academic year, we would like to work together to reduce the amount of lost property in school and help protect our environment by reducing unnecessary waste.

Every year, a significant amount of unclaimed clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, and other belongings are left behind. Many of these items are in good condition but cannot be returned to their owners because they are not clearly labelled.
To help us tackle this issue, we kindly ask parents and carers to:
Clearly label all school uniform, coats, PE kits, lunch boxes, and water bottles with your child's name.
Regularly check that labels remain visible throughout the year.
Encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings.
Reuse and pass on items where possible rather than replacing them unnecessarily. (we are happy to take them in school and resell at one of our events for a small price)

By ensuring items are labelled, we can return lost belongings quickly, save families money, and reduce the number of items ending up in landfill. If you would like to order Stikins name labels, please visit www.stikins.co.uk and quote our school fundraising number: [12205].

Every order helps raise funds for the school at no extra cost to families.

Thank you for supporting us in making our school a more sustainable and environmentally responsible community.

LPS School Improvement Plan 2026-27:

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. **Develop play-based learning principles, enabling younger pupils to explore, learn and develop holistically.**
2. **Refine pedagogical practices and principles that provide purposeful experiences for all learners.**
3. **Developing our indoor and outdoor environments to support learners' health and wellbeing.**

To view our full School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this 2026-27 SIP Document please visit the webpage:
https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=SIP+2026%2D27&pid=2529

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:

96 – 100% Attendance	**Best chance of success**	**Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.**
90 – 95% Attendance	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work
85 – 90% Attendance	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
80 – 85% Attendance	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.

Swansea Term Times & Holidays 2026-27:

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
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

Swansea Term Times & Holidays 2027-28:

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
Autumn 2027	Wednesday 1 September 2027	Monday 25 October 2027	Friday 29 October 2027	Friday 17 December 2027
Spring 2028	Tuesday 4 January 2028	Monday 21 February 2028	Friday 25 February 2028	Friday 7 April 2028
Summer 2028	Monday 24 April 2028	Monday 29 May 2028	Friday 2 June 2028	Thursday 20 July 2028

Finally:

I would like to thank you all for your 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
Llangyfelach Primary School

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 LPS Curriculum, Teaching Approaches, Assessment and Progression Models please visit our Curriculum, Teaching & Learning Policy on the following link:
https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning-policy/

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