Play, Learn & Grow Together

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November Newsletter 2026

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

Severe Allergy Information:

Due to severe allergy within the school, please can we respectfully remind parents that the following foods are not permitted on site:

- **ALL nuts & foods containing nuts,**
- **ALL fish & foods containing traces of fish,**
- **Additionally, and in particular, our Reception Class, we have an allergy to apples.**

All these cases are serious and could/will significantly harm certain children at our school. Therefore, we would expect all parents to respect this and act in a safe manner when providing snacks and packed lunches for their own children, in order to protect others in their class and school.

We thank you for your continued support and appreciate your understanding.

Remembrance:

To celebrate Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November, we are proud to host a special fundraiser in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Join us in commemorating Remembrance Day by purchasing a selection of poppies, festival bands, snap bands, reflectors, and stickers.

Our Year 5 and 6 Triple H pupils will attend each class today and tomorrow, to sell the commemorative items (priced between 50p and £1.50), with all proceeds going towards local charities that support veterans and their families.

We kindly ask that you bring the exact amount if you're planning to contribute as the collection boxes are sealed so we won't be able to provide any change.

Additionally, the Humanity Heroes and I will attend the Llangyfelach Parish Church Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November at 10:30am. We hope to see some of you there.

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Children in Need 2026

This year, we are celebrating Children in Need with 26 Acts of Kindness! Throughout the week, each class will take part in a range of fun challenges, all focused on spreading kindness, helping others and making a positive difference. These will include sharing 26 compliments, helping 26 people, writing 26 kind messages and enjoying an extra 26 minutes of physical activity.

We want to encourage our pupils to think about others and show how even the smallest acts of kindness can make someone's day! To support this wonderful cause, on Friday 13th November, pupils are invited to come to school dressed in yellow, spots or anything Pudsey-themed in return for a £1 donation to Children in Need.

All children are welcome to take part, if you would like to make donations to this worthy event, these can be made via our Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/llangyfelach-primary-school-13?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

26 challenges, 26 acts of kindness and together we can make a big difference!

All proceeds will go to this very worthwhile cause, which aims to change the lives of many children across the country. Many thanks for your support!

LPS Christmas 2026:

We are delighted to announce that we have a few exciting Christmas events lined up for our amazing school choir, the LPS Singing Squad!

The LPS Choir have been invited to sing at the turning on of the Llangyfelach Christmas Lights on **Friday 4th December**. This will be taking place at 5:30pm, near Llangyfelach Church.

The Choir have also been invited to sing at the Caroller's Cabin on Oxford Street in the City Centre. This will take place on **Friday 27th November at 10:00am**.

All are welcome to come along and join us at these wonderful festive events.

Christmas Card Project:

Your children have been busy this week creating fabulous artwork which can be turned into a range of professionally printed products with the 'School Christmas Card Project'. You can order gifts such as personalised mugs, cards, key rings and gift labels. Once the artwork has been sent off, personalised proof cards will be sent back to us which will be sent home, and you will be able to place orders direct via their website.

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. Tickets will be sent home at a later date.

LPS Festive Christmas Fayre – Monday 30th November:

Get ready to embrace the holiday spirit at our Christmas Fayre on Monday 30th November, starting at 3pm. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon filled with festive fun! From yummy treats to unique gifts, there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. Want to be part of the festivities? We are inviting local artisans, crafters, and businesses to book a stall at our Fayre! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and be part of our community celebration.
Interested in having a stall? Please send a message to PhillipsL101@hwbcymru.net.
We look forward to seeing you all there!

LPS Panto Day – Thursday 10th 2026

We are delighted to announce that we have booked a touring pantomime, performing **The Great Christmas Glitch**, to come to LPS for our Christmas week celebrations. The LPS hall will be transformed into a fabulous Christmas Pantomime Extravaganza on Thursday 10th December at 1:30pm.
No buses needed for the fun-packed, high quality, well-constructed, bright and colourful sing-a-long show. It promises to be visually stunning, with amazing costumes, talented actors and lots of audience participation. The perfect Christmas treat for Nursery to Year 6 and of course our hardworking staff too. To help with the cost of this performance, all we ask is a contribution of £3 per child. This is payable as a new fund on your iPay account. Alternatively, payment can be made by sending cash in a labelled envelope.

Christmas Photo Day

Tuesday 1st December is our Christmas Photo Day. Please can your child come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. They will have their photograph taken in front of a festive Christmas backdrop. The photographs will be mounted in a decorative frame and will be available to purchase for £2.00 each via iPay. We look forward to seeing all the children looking festive.

Christmas Productions:

Our Christmas Productions are taking place from **Tuesday 8th to Thursday 10th December**. Please could all costumes be in school by **Friday 4th December**, clearly marked with your child's name. Please see the table below for specific show times.

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

LPS Christmas Concert USB Films:

Our amazing festive concerts will be filmed and available towards the end of term. As in previous years, there will be three options: Nursery Concert, Reception - Y3 Concert and Y4 – Y6 Concert. These will be sold at £3 each. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and 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.

Community Christmas Carol Walk – Tuesday 15th December:

Our LPS Christmas Carol Walk will start at 9:15am on Tuesday 15th December. We will look forward to setting off from school in our finest Christmas outfits to spread festive cheer around our wonderful community. All members of LPS will join together to sing some of their favourite Christmas songs on a route around the village. Please give us a wave as we pass by as we wish a Merry Christmas to you all!

Christmas Party & Crazy Costume Day – Thursday 17th December:

All pupils will be able to attend our big Christmas party event and can wear non-school uniform if they so wish. They could also take part in our new LPS Craziest Christmas Costume Competition. There will be a winning prize for each class. We will have party games and a disco. We would be extremely grateful if each pupil could bring one food item in to contribute to the party. Your child's class teacher will be sending letters out closer to this time to help organise this event! An early lunch will be provided for those who still wish to receive school dinners.

Other Christmas Events and Dates

As a reward for all the pupils' hard work this term, we are having a fun filled Christmas period at LPS. The following activities will be taking place:

- November 9th = LPS Christmas Concert Tickets go on sale
- November 30th = PTFA Christmas Fayre
- December 1st = Christmas Photo Day
- December 7th = Christmas Concert Week (see dates above)
- December 10th = LPS Panto Day
- December 14th = Christmas Jumper Week
- December 15th = Christmas Dinner Day
- December 15th = Community Christmas Carol Walk
- December 16th = Christmas Movie Day
- December 17th = Christmas Party Afternoon
- December 17th = Craziest Christmas Costume Day (Class Winner Prizes)
- **December 18th = Last Day of Term**

Other events will take place throughout the festive period such as various raffles and many other activities.

Sports Club Information:

Please can we remind parents that once a consent form has been submitted, children are expected to attend Sports Club every week unless we are informed otherwise by a parent. This is especially important if children are walking home from school by themselves.

Brickies & Builders to the Rescue:

We are looking for some support to help our caretaker build a 17ft x 10ft breeze block planter to improve our school allotment and outdoor learning area for the children. If you know of a bricklayer, builder, or have experience with this type of work and would be willing to donate some of your time, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Please contact the school office if you can help or would like more information.

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 4th January
4. Monday 19th July
5. Tuesday 20th July
6. **TBC**

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 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

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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

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.

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/