



Play, Learn & Grow Together

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February Newsletter 2025

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

The LPS Football Team Road to Wembley:

On Monday, 27th January 2025, our LPS Football Team took part in the U11s Regional Finals, with the opportunity to be the school representative for Swansea City AFC at the EFL Kids Cup. Our awesome Football Team beat off competition from schools from the Southwest of Wales, defeating Tenby Primary School 1-0 in the final.

The team will now travel to Creasey Park Community Football Centre, in Luton, on the 20th March to represent Swansea City in the South Divisional Finals, with the winning school receiving an opportunity to play at Wembley Stadium. Mr Higgins (The Football Team Coach) would like to congratulate all players of the fantastic LPS Football Team for this outstanding achievement. All players showed determination and excellent team spirit throughout the tournament.

I am so proud of the way the LPS Football Team have conducted themselves, demonstrating their desire to win and succeed. They have represented Llangyfelach immensely throughout the tournament so far, all team members should be thrilled of this amazing achievement. What an honour it now must feel to represent Swansea as they move to the next stage of this prestigious tournament.

I have organised a wonderful reward for the team, with some special surprises, to mark their great achievements, as they look forward to progressing through this exciting tournament and journey.

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Mr Burnell ☺



Valentine's Day Gifts:

With Valentine's Day fast approaching we would like to ask parents to refrain from sending in gifts and cards with the children during the school day. Previously, a large volume of gifts were brought into school leaving those without feeling left out and upset. It also resulted in some getting damaged before getting home. To avoid this situation happening again this year, please could gifts and cards be given outside of the school hours and not on the school premises. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

Nursery Parent Meetings:

We will be holding a Parent meeting for all Nursery PM parents to attend in our main hall on Thursday 13th March 2025. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the whole team, learn about our Early Years expectations, ask important questions and meet other parents from your child's cohort. I am sure you will find this experience invaluable.

For you to glean all the information required from this session, enjoy the refreshments on offer and comfortably mingle with staff and other parents, we kindly ask that parents attend without their children. You are more than welcome to arrange a visit and tour around the school at an alternative date, please speak with Lynda Phillips in the main office.

This meeting will provide you the opportunity to purchase uniforms, learn about the LPS School App and enable you to have the best start within our school community and smooth transition for your child. We look forward to meeting you on **Thursday 13th March at 1:15pm.**

Parent Consultations:

Our Parent Consultation meetings for this term will take place during the week beginning **Monday 17th February 2025.** Further details and arrangements will be shared with you this week, via the school app, in order for you to reserve bookings with your child's class teacher.

Regarding Year 5 Parent Consultations, as you may be aware, Mr Williams has yet to return to work due to illness and therefore we will postpone until his return, which we hope to be in the very near future. I trust you will all wish Mr Williams a speedy recovery and best wishes.

Many thanks for your continued support as always.

Individual Nursery Parent Consultations:

Our Early Years Department and SLT have reviewed how Nursery Parent Consultations are currently operating and have decided to streamline and improve this information sharing process.

Moving forward we will hold a Nursery Parent "Settling in Meeting" within the first term of their start at LPS. This meeting will discuss your child's early progress and the success of their transition from home to school, while offering you the opportunity to discuss needs and any questions or queries you may have.

Due to regular contact with parents in the Early Years department, we believe this initial meeting will be sufficient until they receive their written report in the summer term. However, it may be necessary to hold follow up meetings throughout the year for various reasons. If this is the case, the school will contact you to make arrangements that suit you and your family.

As we are moving forward with a new Parent Consultation approach for Nursery mid-way through the year, and therefore not holding a Spring Term meeting for Nursery Parents, you are more than welcome to contact Miss Gibbs to arrange a meeting if you feel it necessary.

Many thanks for your continued support as always.

Message from Criw Iaith: St David's Day & Welsh Week (Monday 3rd March):

This is a very busy term for the Criw Iaith (LPS Language Pupil Voice Group). We would like to share some event details with you and dates for your diary.

St David's Day & Welsh Week (Monday 3rd February):

We will be carrying out class competitions and the winners will be announced in the Eisteddfod on St David's Day. We are also holding a family craft competition to be carried out at home over half-term (more details below). All winners will receive house points for their House. The winning House will be awarded with the LPS shield on St David's Day. This year we are asking for families to work together to create **Welsh Pebble Art!** The Welsh Pebble Art should be a creative piece of artwork that represents Wales. For example, this could be a dragon, leek, daffodil, Welsh landmark or a landmark within Swansea or Llangyfelach. All Pebbles should be in school on Monday 3rd March, clearly marked with your child's name and class. All Pebbles will be on display after school on Monday 3rd March as part of our Welsh Evening.

Monday 3rd March - Welsh evening straight after school.

Please join us for fun at our Welsh evening! We will have all Welsh Pebble Art on display as well as Welsh Dancing from some of our Year 2 pupils and the choir will also be performing for us. The Criw have been busy developing ideas for their PVG stall. They will have cakes, bracelets, name the dragon and much more! The PTFA will also be organising a selection of Welsh craft and food stalls. They will also be providing refreshments for our community. We look forward to seeing you all for this wonderful event.

Monday March 3rd – School Eisteddfod.

We will be celebrating the winners of our Welsh Week competitions and our family Welsh Pebble Art competition as part of our LPS Eisteddfod. Please could the children come to school in their Welsh Costumes or in their football or rugby shirts. Children are also able to come in red, white or green if they wish. Please label any Welsh bonnets etc to ensure they don't get lost or mixed up! Many thanks.

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March

This year the Criw met to get their thinking caps on to discuss how we could celebrate World Book Day at LPS and promote reading throughout the school. See below on what they decided to do for our community.

Dress up as your favourite character

We would like to invite you all to come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book or nursery rhyme only. Please bring your chosen book to class to share with your friends and teachers.

PTFA half term competition!

We would also like to encourage you all to share a story or your favourite novel over half term in the most weird or wacky place possible! Maybe in the garden while on a trampoline or in your favourite theme park? Please email your photos in to Mrs Phillips by Monday March 3rd 2025. A winner from each class will be chosen and awarded two tokens to choose books from the PTFA book sale.

PTFA Booksale:

We are thrilled to announce that our last Book Fair was an incredible success! A huge thank you to everyone who purchased from us! Due to the overwhelming response, we are excited to hold another Book Fair on Thursday 6th March on World Book Day. Not only does this event foster a love for books, but it also promotes recycling and helps protect our environment. Every book sold raises much needed funds for the school which all children benefit from.

Break the Rules Day:

After the success of our past events, 'Break the Rules Day' returns on **Friday 21st February 2025**, 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.



PTFA Update:

We held another successful Book sale last week. Thanks to all who have donated books. We will continue to run this much-loved event throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone who supported Asda's Cashpot for Schools, a donation initiative operated by Asda last September to November, where they donated 0.5% of qualifying purchases to reward members. Our school raised £452.84!

Join us for a Movie Night!

Our PTFA are hosting a Movie Night next Monday 10th February to celebrate Valentine's Day and the children are invited! For just £6, enjoy a film experience (Disney's Elemental) including a delicious hot dog, popcorn, and a refreshing drink!

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Location: Llangyfelach Primary Hall

Tickets are limited, so be sure to secure yours soon! An offer has been set up in the School Shop on iPay.

Wraparound - Late Collections:

We've noticed that a number of children have been collected late after their session, particularly the 4:15pm slot.

To ensure clarity for everyone, here's a quick reminder of our collection times:

- Nursery Afternoon Session: 11:30am to 3:00pm
- First Club Session: 3:00pm to 4:15pm
- Second Extra Session: 4:15pm to 5:30pm

Please remember, if collections are made after the end of the session time, an hourly late fee of **£10** will be incurred once you move into the next time slot due to late collection within operating hours.

To avoid any unexpected charges, we kindly encourage you to book the second session in advance if you anticipate a later pickup.

After Service Penalty - After 5:30pm: a £30 Penalty is charged as the service is closed.

For detailed information on our pricing structure, please visit our

website: <https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/bookings-fees-vouchers-schemes/>

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

School Photography:

Our School photographers, Roz & Kirsty Photography, will be taking individual photos on Wednesday 12th March 2025. Please see our LPS App for further details.

Important Reminder for Our School Community!

We have received a few reports of cars parking across neighbours' drives on Pengors Road. We want to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of being considerate to our local residents. Many of them are elderly and require regular care and easy access to their properties. We kindly ask that you exercise consideration for our neighbours and their need for access. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and reflects the values of our school community.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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:

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| 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. |

INSET Days for 2024-25

The following INSET Day remains for this academic year: **Monday 21st July 2025**

Swansea Term & Holidays 2024-25:

| Term | Term begins | | Mid-term holiday begins | Mid-term holiday ends | | Terms ends | Total days |
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| Autumn 2024 | Monday 2 September 2024 | Friday 25 October 2024 | Monday 28 October 2024 | Friday 1 November 2024 | Monday 4 November 2024 | Friday 20 December 2024 | 75 |
| Spring 2025 | Monday 6 January 2025 | Friday 21 February 2025 | Monday 24 February 2025 | Friday 28 February 2025 | Monday 3 March 2025 | Friday 11 April 2025 | 65 |
| Summer 2025 | Monday 28 April 2025 | Friday 23 May 2025 | Monday 26 May 2025 | Friday 30 May 2025 | Monday 2 June 2025 | Monday 21 July 2025 | 55 |
| Total | | | | | | | 195 |

Swansea Term & Holidays 2025-26:

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



LPS School Improvement Plan 2024-25:

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 2024-25:

1. Further improve the consistency of effective AfL systems that enhance learner progress.
2. Develop Welsh language communication skills across the school.
3. Provide real life learning experiences that are enriched using outdoor spaces, locally and wider.
4. Improve wellbeing provision for all learners and staff.

To view our full School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this 2024-25 SIP Document please visit the webpage:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/sip-2024-25/>

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
Llangyfelach Primary School

The New 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 |
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| 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/ |