



# Play, Learn & Grow Together

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

## February Newsletter 2026

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

### Governing Body Annual Report to Parents 2026

We invite all members of our community to read our Governing Body Annual Report to Parents 2026 to learn more about our school improvement and new developments. Many thanks for your continued support as always. You can access the report in the link below: <https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/governing-body/>

### Message from Criw Iaith: St Davids Day, World Book Day & X Factor:

Criw Iaith have been very busy this term! We've been developing our playground games and having a fantastic time getting all children involved. It's been wonderful to see everyone enjoying fun, active play and even better to hear children confidently using Welsh during playtimes!

Additionally, we are currently busy planning our **Eisteddfod** and we're bursting with excitement! We're in the process of coming up with lots of fresh and creative ideas to celebrate the incredible talents we have here at LPS. We look forward to seeing you all dressed in your Welsh Costumes, football tops or rugby shirts on **March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**. More details to follow – look out for further app notifications.

We're also really looking forward to **World Book Day** which we will celebrate on Thursday **March 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**, when we'll get the chance to dress up as our favourite characters, dive into our favourite stories and enjoy sharing them together.

Finally, there's even more to look forward to with Dydd Miwsig Cymru! We're busy planning exciting ideas to celebrate not only our Welsh culture, but also the fantastic talent of local musicians. Our classes will also be going head-to-head in the cluster **X Factor Competition!** Our winning class from LPS will then go on to compete against the winners from the cluster at Pontardulais Primary on **February 13<sup>th</sup> 2026** – more details will be sent to the winning class shortly. Pob lwc to you all!

### PTFA Book Sale:

Thank you to everyone who supported our February book sale, and also the raffle for the SCFC shirt which was won by Pippa from Year 5 pictured here <https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/ptfa/>



### 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 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.

### LPS Supports Tiny Tickers:

We want to show support to Tiny Tickers Charity during National Heart Week next week. This is in support and celebration of one of our learners at LPS. Tiny Tickers provide specialist training for medical professionals in the early detection of Congenital Heart Disease (CHD). They also offer ongoing support to families, providing guidance, reassurance and comfort through some of the most frightening and uncertain times imaginable.

By wearing red and creating colourful hearts, our school community is helping to say thank you for supporting one of our pupils at LPS, the whole family, and for all the children and families Tiny Tickers continue to support. As most of the children will already be wearing red for the Valentines Disco on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, we thought this would tie in nicely to show our support for this amazing charity. If you'd like to support Tiny Tickers with a donation please following the link below and many thanks for your support:

🏠 <https://www.tinytickers.org/get-involved/donate/donate-online/>

### Valentines Disco:

Mark your calendars! On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, we are asking all children to come to school wearing red in support of Valentine's Day! We are excited to announce separate discos for each year group, ensuring everyone gets to join in on the fun! Here's the schedule:

- Morning and Afternoon Nursery: Disco during their nursery session, with a few treats and party games!
- Reception to Year 2: Get ready to dance with DJ Dan during the afternoon session! Enjoy a drink and snack for just £4!
- Year 3 to 6: Join us after school from 3pm to 4:15pm for a fantastic disco with DJ Dan, including a hot dog, snack, and drink for £6!

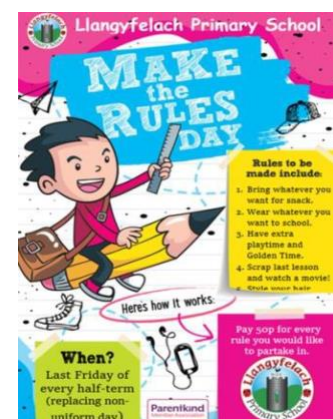
All offers can be found on your iPay account. Join in and have some LOVEly fun!

### Break the Rules Day:

After the success of our past events, 'Break the Rules Day' returns on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 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.



### **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.

### **Book Sales**

We are reaching out for your support in building our book stock for older children! While we have plenty of books for our younger children, we are currently in need of donations for our Year 4-6 pupils.

Do you have any older children's books suitable for this age group that you are willing to donate? Books by authors such as Tom Gates, David Walliams, Roald Dahl or Football books etc? If so, we would be very grateful to receive them at the school office. Your contributions will help us organise future book sales and enrich our children's reading experience. Thank you for your generosity!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### Parent Consultations:

Our Parent Consultation meetings for this term will take place during the week beginning **Monday 23<sup>rd</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
<b>Below 80% Attendance</b>	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  
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
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>