



# Play, Learn & Grow Together

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## September Newsletter 2024

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

### New Academic Year Message:

Welcome back to the new academic year for 2024-25. I hope you have all had an opportunity to relax and enjoy the summer break with your children. It was fantastic to see the children returning this week for the new academic year, looking refreshed and ready for the new challenges and experiences ahead of them.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in Nursery and throughout the school. I believe you have made a great decision in choosing Llangyfelach Primary. Our pupils are so friendly, our staff are passionate, and our community spirit is strong. All the right ingredients for an excellent school.

Class teachers will be communicating their new school year information letters via their class pages this week so look out for important information regarding routines, homework and PE.

Please read the following information which highlights new developments, routines and procedures. Please contact us at any time if you have any queries.

Mr Burnell  
Headteacher

### Community Questionnaire Feedback 2024:

Many thanks for your views and feedback via the school community questionnaires. These provide vital insights to how the school is performing and meeting the needs of our community. Without your views, our self-evaluation process is not complete. The following information provides an insight to what our community feels we are doing well and where they would like to see improvements made. However, we would like to encourage more families to take part in our surveys, as we only received 52 responses to our Parent/Carer Questionnaire.

What is most satisfying to hear is that all pupils enjoy coming to school, feel safe at LPS and when online. Nearly all pupils feel cared for and valued. They feel they are taught to be healthy and that they are supported in their learning. Children also feel they can ask if they don't understand something. Nearly all have a very positive attitude towards learning and as a result, they behave very well and participate in lessons with confidence, enthusiasm and



enjoyment. All this information is such a pleasure to hear and reflective of everyone's hard work throughout the LPS Community.

### **Pupil Questionnaire Insights:**

- 98.5% of children like the school.
- 95% of children feel they are doing well in school.
- 100% of children feel safe in school.
- 98.5% feel that the school deals with bullying and behaviour well.
- 99% feel teacher and adults help them to learn and make progress.
- 99% feel school helps keep them safe online.

### **Parent Questionnaire Insights:**

- 94% of parents believe their child likes the school.
- 92% of parents feel their children are settled well into their classes and school.
- In contrast, 12.8% of parents disagree that their child feels safe in the school.
- 72 % of parents believe that pupils behave well in school.
- 57.4% of parents believe that the school deals well with bullying, harassment and discrimination, however 23% said they didn't know.
- 19% of parents disagree that the school deals well with bullying, harassment and discrimination.

### **Triangulation of Community Perspectives:**

Responses from our Parent Questionnaires reflect a similar outcome, where nearly all responses were very positive about their children's progress and enjoyment of school.

Nearly all parents feel that teaching and learning experiences are good or better at LPS and the school is run very well. Nearly all parents feel that the school treats their children fairly, with respect and provide many opportunities to develop their responsibility. Nearly all parents feel that LPS provides plenty of opportunities to get regular exercise at school, however there were a few concerns that the school does not provide enough team games and competitions.

Another area that some parents feel needs improving is how we deal with bullying and behaviour issues. Please rest assured that our Positive Behaviour Policy is very comprehensive and robust, with any instances dealt with swiftly. As you can tell by the pupil questionnaires, your children feel very positive regarding this issue.

**There is one urgent matter arisen from this process that needs remedying immediately. I requested further information regarding the matter before the summer break, as it could not wait until September. There were a small number of parents who responded to the questionnaire by stating that they feel their child is not safe at this school. Unfortunately, nobody came forward with clarity of the matter prior to the summer break. The Governing Body and I are obviously concerned about this and would urge you to contact us immediately, so that we can resolve or alleviate any concerns which make you feel that your child is not safe in our care. This is exceptionally important to the Governing Body, the school, our staff and myself as Leader of LPS. Your child's safety is our top priority above all else.**

As previous years, there were a number of 'Don't know' responses to some of these questions (far less however), indicating that improved communication and/or clarification is required. Many parents feel they don't know if the school deals well with bullying, harassment, or discrimination. Please be reassured, that on these two points above, if your child was involved in any of these issues, you as a parent would be the first to be informed, as I would want to be as a parent myself.

Our school website informs the whole school community of policy, procedures, events, documentation, support and advice. The website is designed to be a window into the school for anyone who requires further information, in whatever capacity.

But more importantly, you can contact, meet and discuss any matters with any member of staff at LPS...pupils, parents, governors, staff and Estyn all say the same thing...staff at LPS are very approachable, committed, caring and knowledgeable about the school's direction.

The community questionnaires provided some very vital ideas for further improvements. Below is a summary of the 3 main themes that came through all sections of the community and have formed either whole school improvement targets or Area of Learning Action Plan targets for this academic year:

**1. Further develop sport activities and competitions:**

- a. Our Cluster League was in full swing this academic year, focusing on Football, Rugby, Netball, Cricket, Athletics and Cross-Country.
- b. All schools within the cluster think this an excellent idea and that it will only enhance our transition procedures.
- c. Additionally, LPS has joined LA wide competitions for various years groups for the coming year ahead.
- d. Furthermore, LPS has joined the Urdd Sports Competitions in various sports for various year groups...watch out for more information coming your way soon.

**2. Reduce fundraising events:**

- a. LPS and the PTFA are very aware of the difficult fiscal times we are currently experiencing. Therefore, we will be extremely sensitive to the amount of said events this year and in the future.
- b. However, these events do raise essential monies that aid the development of the school, providing much needed resources.
- c. More importantly, by the very nature of these events, they nurture such great community cohesion and provide lovely experiences for all.
- d. Please do not feel strongarmed or forced into taking part in any of these activities or events, they have always been, and always will be, voluntary and optional. It is purely down to the discretion of each family.

**3. Communication regarding learner progress and parental concerns:**

- a. At LPS we are always looking at new ways to communicate information regarding all provision across the school.
- b. We offer 3 parent meetings per academic year, 2 mid-term reports and an end of year reports. Additionally, with our open-door policy you can request to meet any member of team at any point throughout the year.
- c. Learners with Additional Learning Needs receive enhanced parental communication streams throughout the whole academic year.
- d. With regard to any parental concerns, I respond to emails within 24 hours of receipt (aiming for the same day where possible) where further meetings, discussions and support avenues are discussed.
- e. We aim to resolve concerns and complaints immediately, in the interests of all concerned and to learn lessons from complaints made to us.
- f. LPS has set up a stakeholder wellbeing group, made up of representatives from parents, children, staff, governors, teaching assistants, senior leaders and members of the community. This focus group tackles all matters related to improving wellbeing and communication for all. Therefore, it would be a positive step for this team to focus on this area.

**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/>

### INSET Days for 2024-25

The following INSET Days have been set for the next academic year:

1. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 (**Wraparound Booking Available**)
2. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 (**Wraparound Booking Available**)
3. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 (**Wraparound Booking Available**)
4. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (**Wraparound Booking Available**)
5. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (**Wraparound Booking Available**)
6. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### Swansea Term & Holidays 2024-25:

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

### PTFA:

As we start another new academic year, our PTFA will be meeting to plan for some exciting events for the children to enjoy. We are always looking to recruit new members, details of the next meeting will be issued shortly.

### 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. It was fantastic to see the children returning this week for the new academic year, looking refreshed and ready for new challenges and experiences ahead of them.

I look forward to working with you all, once again this year, in maintaining excellence at LPS.

All best to all,

**Lee Burnell**  
**Headteacher**  
**Llangyfelach Primary School**

**On the next two pages you will find information regarding our learning projects, policies, procedures and various other important information and links.**



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