



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.

January Newsletter 2026

Welcome back to a new school term and, on behalf of the whole school, I wish you a Happy New Year. I trust you all had a lovely restful Christmas with your family and friends. It was lovely to welcome back all the children today during the picturesque snowy morning after their festive holiday.

We are extremely delighted with the progress the school has made last year and as we look forward to the New Year with all the developments that are planned, I am certain this year is going to be equally successful. Please read the following information which highlights current news, routines, developments and procedures. Please contact us at any time if you have any queries.

Forest School @ LPS

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions, and in all weathers and seasons. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Starting this term we are looking forward to working closely with Llangyfelach Scout Hut, using their site to start Forest School sessions for all pupils from Y1-6.

Clothing

To ensure that the children are sufficiently protected from the weather and the outdoor environment, we require children to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Clothing will get dirty so old clothes are required. Forest School sessions will take place in **all weathers** unless the safety of the participants is in question, due to high winds or icy ground.

The general rule is to wear lots of layers which keep in the heat and can be removed if needed. All children should come to school dressed appropriately for their Forest School session wearing suitable clothing:

- Long sleeved t-shirt, even in warm weather to help protect against bites, stings and scratches.
- Trousers will be worn to reduce the risk of bites, stings and scratches.



- Waterproof over trousers or dungarees and a waterproof jacket (really important when wet to prevent under clothing getting wet/damp).
- Long socks, wellies, walking boots or old trainers
- During the summer, a sunhat and sunscreen
- During the colder months, extra layers such as a fleece, leggings, tights, hats and gloves etc are required.

Toileting

We will ask the children to use the toilet before leaving the setting, however toilets are available on site along with hand washing facilities.

Forest Schools Timetable:

Sessions will start on Tuesday 13th January, from Week 2 of the timetable below with our Y5 class. Sessions will continue through to the summer term on a fortnightly basis. Sessions will run after lunch, led by a Forest School Leader, and we will return to school before the end of the school day. Children are to come to school dressed in their Forest School clothing on their allocated days - see below.

LPS Forest School Timetable			
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Year 1	Year 3	Year 2
Week 2	Year 5	Year 4	Year 6

For further details on our Forest School policy and progression model, follow this link: <https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-forest-school/>

PTFA Updates:

Exciting Raffle Alert!

We're thrilled to announce an amazing opportunity to win a signed Swansea City AFC shirt with genuine certificate of authenticity.

To enter the raffle, simply purchase your ticket on iPay, £1 an entry.

Don't miss out on this fantastic chance for all Swansea City fans out there!

The raffle closes on Thursday 22nd January at 11am and the lucky winner will be announced later that day!

Used Book Sale

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Used Book Sale on Tuesday 20th January. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore new stories and expand their imaginations, all while supporting our school community. Books can be purchased for just £1 each through the School Shop in your iPay account.

Parent Consultations:

Our Parent Consultation meetings for this term will take place during the week beginning **Monday 23rd 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:

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.

2025-26 INSET Days:

1. ~~Monday 1st September~~
2. ~~Monday 3rd November~~
3. ~~Tuesday 4th November~~
4. ~~Monday 5th January~~
5. Monday 13th April
6. Monday 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.

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	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/