



Play, Learn & Grow Together

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SIP 1	SIP 2	SIP 3	SIP 4
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End of Term Message from Mr Burnell

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas concerts again this year. I think you would all agree that they were fantastic! My favourites to date for sure. I would personally like to thank you all for your support, the children looked and sounded amazing. That is down to each and every one of you throughout this great community. Well done all.

On behalf of everyone at LPS, I would like to thank our families and community for their unrivalled support. I would like to thank our outstanding team for their resilience and passion to support our wonderful community, our learners are very lucky to have such caring, professional and innovative staff.



Our Amazing LPS Choir Performing @Town Centre

I would like to thank our Governing Body for their support and challenge, which raises the standards of service and provision for all. A massive thank you to Lynda Phillips and the PTFA whose contribution is always fantastic in raising funds and connecting our community through their engaging events. Without their fundraising efforts we would not be able to offer our pupils the resources and environment they all deserve. Many thanks for your support as always!

I wish you all, a healthy, peaceful and well-deserved festive holiday and I look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Best wishes to all,
Mr Burnell.



LPS Christmas Concert USB Films:

Our amazing festive concerts are now available to purchase from the main office at £3 for each concert USB. 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 – Thursday 18th December:

Don't forget about our LPS Christmas Carol Walk which will start at 9:30am on Thursday 18th December, weather permitting. 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. Our Community Carol Walk will come to an end as we re-enter Pengors Road. Please give us a wave as we pass by and wish a Merry Christmas to you all!

Other Christmas Events and Dates

December 17th = Christmas Dinner Day

December 18th = Community Christmas Carol Walk (Finish @ Llangyfelach Church)

December 18th = Christmas Party

December 19th = Craziest Christmas Costume Day (Class Winner Prizes)

December 19th = Last Day of Term

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/>

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

2025-26 INSET Days:

1. ~~Monday 1st September~~
2. ~~Monday 3rd November~~
3. ~~Tuesday 4th November~~
4. Monday 5th January
5. Monday 27th 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.

LPS Learning this Term:

Nursery Class:

We have loved our first term settling into Morning Nursery and enjoyed our topic Welcome to LPS! We have been very creative this term and made our own class display to celebrate how special we are and we have enjoyed learning all about our community. We met our class characters Tedi Twt and Doli Glwt and helped them settle into LPS. We celebrated Tedi Twt's birthday by having a party in class.

We are looking forward to all the exciting Christmas activities taking place at LPS and are hoping for a special visit from our very own class Elf!



Reception Class:



We have loved our first term in Reception, learning all about dinosaurs and how we have changed over time. Our topic is 'Play, Learn, Hatch and Grow'. During this term, we have been focusing on how we might look after our school and community for us and our future, as well as learning about dinosaur eggs. We have loved building our own dinosaur nests and learning about what materials we needed to keep the eggs safe, as well as participating in our Welly Wednesday Sessions.

We loved bringing our own baby photos into school and writing about how we have changed since we were babies. We have enjoyed creating watercolour paintings inspired by 'The Land Before Time' and experimenting with different colours to create different moods. We are looking forward to completing more activities next half-term.

Merry Christmas from the LPS Reception.

Year 1 Class:

Year 1 have had a fantastic term exploring our topic Happy Healthy Helpers! The children have been learning all about the people who help us in our community and enjoyed an exciting trip to Morrision Fire Station, where they met real-life heroes in action!

In class, Year 1 have been learning about their emotions and how to keep their bodies and minds healthy through exercise, good food and kindness.

It has been wonderful first term full of learning and smiles!

We are looking forward to the holidays and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



Year 2 Class:



In Year 2, we have been exploring the history of Penllegare Woods. We've delved into the story of the Dillwyn family and discovered some incredible facts about the many remarkable contributions they have made that have shaped our lives. We had a wonderful time at Penllegare Woods, where we created some woodland art and discovered the observatory that John Dillwyn built for his daughter. It's the very spot where John and Theresa took one of the earliest photographs of the moon. It's incredible to think such an amazing event happened so close to home!

We still have so much more to discover about the woods, and we're excited to learn about the creatures and food chains within the woodland.

Year 3 Class:

What a fabulous term we have had in Year 3, learning all about the rainforests! We've found out lots of information about the locations of the rainforests, the endangered animals that live there, and the dangerous impact that deforestation is having upon our world. We had an amazing visit to Plantasia where we held rainforest animals and we explored the zoo! We are very excited to learn about the Vikings in the new year!

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from Year 3!



Year 4 Class:



Our topic that we have been focusing on over the last half term is called The River Ilston Disaster and it is a Humanities based topic looking at the River Ilston itself as well as volcanoes, floods, earthquakes, global warming and lots of other interesting aspects.

We have researched many aspects so far such as the features of a river, plastic pollution and the problem of rising sea levels in Wales. The children have shown passion when discussing and writing about the impact plastic pollution has on

Wales and the wider world. Also, we took our learning out of the classroom and headed to the River Ilston, where we identified the different points of the river, measured the speed, and looked for different species that lived in and around the river.

We are really looking forward to the next term where we have some exciting things planned.

Year 5 Class:

Our topic this term is called Copperopolis, and it is based around The Industrial Revolution in Wales and in particular, Swansea. To start off the topic, we went on a fantastic boat trip on the 'Copper Jack'. We travelled up the River Tawe as the ships would have done in the 1800's and we were able to see what was left of the copper industry. We also visited Swansea Museum, where we were able to take part in a workshop to help understand the industrial heritage of Swansea. We were able to explore the museum and hold some artefacts from the Copper Works at Landore.



We have researched many different aspects so far; we have looked at how Swansea played such a big part in the World's copper industry and have also researched the working and living conditions for people during this time. These were very cruel and unfair, especially for children as they were sent out to work from as young as 5 years old. We have just finished comparing the lives of the rich and poor people in Victorian Swansea.

Year 6 Class:

Our first topic of this year is called 'Wales at War', focusing on the events of World War II and its impact on Wales, Britain and around the world.

We have enjoyed participating in numerous cross-curricular activities based around WWII, including: solving numeracy-based problems to find bearings for the RAF, plotting bearings to help the RAF coordinate attacks; critiquing and producing our own WWII art based on the works of Will Evans; learning about the Judaism faith; creating WWII propaganda posters, as well as participating in swimming sessions at Penyrheol Leisure Centre.

We have also been fortunate enough to go on residential to Borfa House, where everyone enjoyed participating in (very wet) adventurous activities at Gower! We look forward to continuing to develop our knowledge on Swansea during the war, including a trip to Swansea Museum. We are looking forward to participating in Christmas activities.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

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.

Merry Christmas to all and a peaceful New Year,

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/