



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.

December Newsletter 2025

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

Outstanding Community Work from Mr Neil Simon and the Sky Team:

Many thanks to the wonderful support the school received from Mr Neil Simon, one of our parents, and the Sky Community Project Work Team. They provided so much support for the school on their Community Project Day such as: Painting our new and developing Sensory Rooms, supporting Mr Wilson-Flower in dismantling the old Climbing Trail, decorating the school for Christmas and many other useful and extremely helpful jobs that supported the school, staff and children.

Many thanks Sky Team, we are very grateful for your fantastic support and welcome back anytime, just go easy on the biscuits next time 🍪



New Main Entrance Signage Donated by Mr Joshua Lowes & JD3:

Many thanks to Mr Joshua Lowes, one of our parents, for designing, making and donating this wonderfully bright LPS Sign located in our waiting area in the main entrance.

We are thrilled that Mr Lowes and his company JD3 have provided this for the school and lighting up the seating area for waiting parents, children and visitors.

Many thanks for your wonderful gesture and support JD3!



Christmas Tree Donation by Rooted Tree & Landscapes Ltd:

Many thanks once again to Craig for donating another beautiful Christmas Tree for the school community. We are so thrilled that you go out of your way every year to spread the Christmas spirit. The children were thrilled to help decorate the LPS Christmas Tree. Many thanks Craig 👍.



Craig and his team are currently promoting their new line of firewood, well needed during these winter months:

<https://www.rootedtreeandlandscapes.co.uk>

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.

Starting this week, and throughout December, 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.

Changes to Breakfast Club Registration:

Several parents have raised issue with regards to parents being onsite, and mainly in the hall, during registration of their children to our Breakfast Club. SLT have met and agreed that this is something that could be improved due to a plethora of safeguarding issues that this may bring. Therefore, from 2nd December 2025, registration will be from the doorway to the top yard as opposed to the doorway to the main hall. Many thanks for your cooperation.

LPS Christmas 2025:

We are delighted to announce that we have a few exciting Christmas events lined up for our amazing school choir, the LPS Singing Squad!

The LPS Choir have been invited to sing at the turning on of the Llangyfelach Christmas Lights on Friday 5th December. This will be taking place at 5:30pm, near Llangyfelach Church.

The Choir have also been invited to sing at the Caroller's Cabin on Oxford Street in the City Centre. This will take place on Friday 12th December at 11am.

All are welcome to come along and join us at these wonderful festive events.

Christmas Concert Tickets:

There are still tickets available for all concerts @ £3 per ticket. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and ticket 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.**

Christmas Productions:

Our Christmas Productions are taking place from **Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th December**. Please could all costumes be in school by **Friday 5th December**, clearly marked with your child's name. Please see the table below for specific show times.

Reception – Y3 Concerts	Tuesday 9th December @ 9:30am	Wednesday 10th December @ 9:30am
Y4 – Y6 Concerts	Tuesday 9th December @ 6pm	Wednesday 10th December @ 1:30pm
Nursery Concerts	Thursday 11th December @ 9:15am	Thursday 11th December @ 10:30am

Also... the LPS Concert parent competition returns...who can wear the craziest Christmas costume or jumper. We cannot wait to see your contributions, as previous years have been festively awesome 😊

LPS Christmas Concert USB Films:

Our amazing festive concerts will be filmed and available towards the end of term. As in previous years, there will be three options: Nursery Concert, Reception - Y3 Concert and Y4 – Y6 Concert. These will be sold at £3 each. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and requirements.

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Hamper Raffle Announcement!

The PTFA would like to give a huge thank you to all the generous families who contributed items to our festive hampers this year! During the school fayre this week, we had a fantastic turnout and sold many tickets, but the excitement isn't over yet! We are thrilled to announce that you can still purchase tickets through your iPay account for just 50p each. This is a wonderful opportunity to win one of our amazing hampers while supporting our school community.

The draw will take place for tickets sold at the fayre on the 10th December, and on the **16th December** for iPay purchases. We wish you all good luck!

LPS Panto Day – Aladdin – Monday 15th December:

We are delighted to announce that we have booked a touring pantomime, performing Aladdin, to come to LPS for our Christmas week celebrations. The LPS hall will be transformed into a fabulous Christmas Pantomime Extravaganza on Monday 15th December.

No buses needed for the fun-packed, high quality, well-constructed, bright and colourful sing-a-long show. It promises to be visually stunning, with amazing costumes, talented actors and lots of audience participation. The perfect Christmas treat for Nursery to Year 6 and of course our hardworking staff too. To help with the cost of this performance, all we ask is a contribution of £3 per child. More details will follow on this as we get closer to the time. We hope the children will have a wonderful time at the LPS Panto.

Community Christmas Carol Walk – Thursday 18th December:

Our LPS Christmas Carol Walk will start at 9:15am on Thursday 18th December. 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 Christmas Carol Walk will come to an end as we reach Llangyfelach Church at around 10am, where we will



sing for members of their community. Please give us a wave as we pass by as we wish a Merry Christmas to you all!

Christmas Party Day - Thursday 18th December LPS Craziest Costume Day - Friday 19th December:

All pupils will be able to attend our big Christmas party event on Thursday December 18th and can wear non-school uniform if they so wish. We will have party games and a disco. We would be extremely grateful if each pupil could bring one food item in to contribute to the party. Your child's class teacher will be sending letters out closer to this time to help organise this event! An early lunch will be provided for those who still wish to receive school dinners.

Our Nursery class will also be having their party on Thursday 18th December and we ask if a plate of party food can be brought in for your child with their favourite party treats to enjoy. Please ensure the plate is covered and has your child's name on it.

On Friday December 19th they could also take part in our new LPS Craziest Christmas Costume Competition. The children and staff will be invited to take to the catwalk to showcase their Craziest Christmas outfits! There will be a winning prize for each class.

Other Christmas Events and Dates

As a reward for all the pupils' hard work this term, we are having a fun filled Christmas period at LPS. The following activities will be taking place:

- November 10th = LPS Christmas Concert Tickets go on sale
- December 1st = PTFA Christmas Fayre
- December 3rd = Christmas Photo Day
- December 9th = Christmas Concert Week (see dates above)
- December 15th = LPS Panto Day – Aladdin
- December 15th = Christmas Jumper Week
- December 16th = Christmas Movie Day
- December 17th = Christmas Dinner Day
- December 18th = Community Christmas Carol Walk
- December 18th = Christmas Party Afternoon
- December 19th = Craziest Christmas Costume Day (Class Winner Prizes)
- **December 19th = Last Day of Term**

Other events will take place throughout the festive period such as various raffles and many other activities.

Severe Allergy Information:

Due to severe allergy within the school, please can we respectfully remind parents that the following foods are not permitted on site:

- ALL nuts
- Foods containing nuts
- ALL fish

We have also been in discussion with our Catering Department and we have been informed that a new Swansea menu is due to come into effect within the next few weeks. However, in the interim, our Friday option from this week will now be the following:

- Chicken Curry will replace the fish option
- Cheese Wrap - this is the Vegetarian and Halal option

We thank you for your continued support

Streamlined Homework Approach:

Through our self-review processes, the Senior Leadership Team identified that there has been very little take-up of our very expensive online homework systems by families across the school, and in some cohorts, none at all. Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds are very expensive platforms, therefore if they are not being utilised, we could use these monies elsewhere. However, MyMaths still proves to be popular across the school.

Therefore, we have decided to look at our homework systems, as a whole, in order to refine and streamline our approach. Starting next week, the following homework system will be in operation moving forward:

- 1. Reading: Number 1 in our Homework approach...Read, Read and Read more!** If extra homework is required...please allow and enable your child to read more. We have such a huge reading resource at LPS, if you want more books, we will supply. Our home reading scheme and approach has not changed, learners are able to change their books when they are ready, not on a specific day. Therefore, children progress naturally and not are delayed.
- 2. Spelling (Year 2 to Year 6):** Specific lists for each group within each class will be shared by the class teacher every Friday through the class webpage, as usual. Additionally, there will be a bank of High Frequency Words (HFW) posted on each class page for all children to learn. Randomly, 2 words will be selected from said HFW lists every week to add to their spelling test. This is designed to ensure all learners develop their ability to spell most common words more accurately as they move through the school.
- 3. Times Tables (Year 3 to Year 6):** Specific Tables for each group within each class will be shared by the class teacher every Friday through the class webpage. Children will receive a test every Friday to ensure that their understanding of multiplication facts are progressing as they move through the school. Additionally, Year 2 will be learning their Times Tables, progressively throughout the year some children may adopt a similar approach to Year 3-6 learners.
- 4. MyMaths:** This service will continue to run throughout the school as usual. Log in details will be communicated to you by class teachers soon.
- 5. Early Years Homework (Nursery to Year 1):** Recognition and expression of Letters, Blends and High Frequency Words will be the main weekly theme for each EY Class throughout the year. We will publish focused ideas to reinforce number work that has taken place in class that week. All of which will be published and accessed on each class webpage. Reading books will be given progressively to meet the needs of individual learners when they are confident with their letter sounds and beginning to blend.

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 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

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/