



# 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.

## November Newsletter 2025

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

### Remembrance:

To celebrate Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we are proud to host a special fundraiser in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Join us in commemorating Remembrance Day by purchasing a selection of poppies, festival bands, snap bands, reflectors, and stickers. Our Year 5 and 6 Triple H pupils will attend each class tomorrow and Monday to sell the commemorative items (priced between 50p and £1.50), with all proceeds going towards local charities that support veterans and their families. We kindly ask that you bring the exact amount if you're planning to contribute as the collection boxes are sealed so we won't be able to provide any change.

### Children in Need – The LPS Fitness Challenge Event on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 2025:

As part of Children in Need Week 2025, us Fitness Fanatics have decided to get the pupils and staff of LPS moving their body every day. We have come up with daily fitness challenges for all classes to get involved in each day. We hope to have fun, get fit but most importantly raise money!

Please can all the children wear their PE kit every day from Mon 10<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> November. However, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> we'd love to see you dressed in your Pudsey ears or Children in Need attire - but don't forget your trainers!

All children are welcome to take part, if you would like to make donations to this worthy event, these can be made via our Just Giving page:

[www.justgiving.com/page/llangyfelach-primary-school-11](http://www.justgiving.com/page/llangyfelach-primary-school-11)

All proceeds will go to this very worthwhile cause, which aims to change the lives of many children across the country. Many thanks for your support!

### 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 & Tomato Pasta will replace the fish option - this is also Dairy and Gluten Free
- Cheese Wrap - this is the Vegetarian and Halal option

We thank you for your continued support

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

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

### Christmas Card Project:

Your children have been busy creating fabulous artwork which can be turned into a range of professionally printed products. You can order gifts such as personalised candles, mugs, cards, gift labels and more via the order forms sent out with the children this week.

### Christmas Concert Tickets:

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November tickets will be available on a first come first served basis @ £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 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Please could all costumes be in school by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, clearly marked with your child's name. Please see the table below for specific show times.

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

### 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.

**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.**

### **LPS Panto Day – Aladdin – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **LPS Festive Christmas Fayre – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December:**

Get ready to embrace the holiday spirit at our Christmas Fayre on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 3pm. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon filled with festive fun! From yummy treats to unique gifts, there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. Want to be part of the festivities? We are inviting local artisans, crafters, and businesses to book a stall at our Fayre! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and be part of our community celebration.

Interested in having a stall? Please send a message to [PhillipsL101@hwbcymru.net](mailto:PhillipsL101@hwbcymru.net). We look forward to seeing you all there ☺

### **Community Christmas Carol Walk – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:**

Our LPS Christmas Carol Walk will start at 9:15am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 & Crazy Costume Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:**

All pupils will be able to attend our big Christmas party event and can wear non-school uniform if they so wish. They could also take part in our new LPS Craziest Christmas Costume Competition. There will be a winning prize for each class. 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.

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

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



## 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.

## Punctuality:

As you may be aware all schools work closely in conjunction with the Education Welfare Service in order to monitor pupil's 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. 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.

## 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 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 27<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.

### 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

## Swansea Term & Holidays 2026-27:

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
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	<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>
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