



Play, Learn & Grow Together

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October Newsletter 2025

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

Harvest Festival 21st October 2025:

Again, this year, we are thrilled to support Matthews House in Swansea, a wonderful charity that provides vital support and resources for those in need within our community. We invite everyone to come together as a school community to donate non-perishable food items and toiletries to help those less fortunate. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference and spread warmth and kindness throughout Swansea. Matthew's House has listed items that are especially helpful which include:

- Custard, rice pudding, jelly
- UHT milk & coconut milk
- Coffee, hot chocolate & sugar
- Cooking oil, ground pepper
- Tinned beans, pulses & veg
- Tinned meat & fish
- Tinned fruit
- Jarred sauces
- Squash
- Men's deodorant, men's socks
- Toothpaste, lip balm, mints & gum

Please send your donations to school between now and 20th October. You can drop off at the main reception office. Let's show our community spirit and make this Harvest Festival one to remember! Together, we can create positive change and improve lives. Thank you for your generosity!

Parent Consultations:

Our Parent Consultation meetings for this term will take place during the week beginning **Monday 13th October 2025**. Further details and arrangements have already been shared with you via the School App and email. Please ensure that you reserve bookings with your child's class teacher via the online booking system. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Shwmae Day:

To celebrate Shwmae day on October 15th, we would love to see the children wear Welsh colours or something that symbolises Wales. We will be holding an extended Welsh assembly where the children will sing Welsh songs and play 'Beat the teacher' in order to test their speed when using Welsh patterns. We hope all enjoy!

🔔🔔 New Gate Closure Time 🔔🔔

We would like to remind all parents that the gate will be closed at 8:55am each morning. We started a flexible start to support families in their return from the pandemic 4 years ago. School starts at 8:45am so we will continue to open the gates at 8:40am however we are concerned that too many children are missing some vital activities at the start of the school day. By the time they come in at 9am and settle to class, the first 20 minutes of the day is lost.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Break the Rules Day:

After the success of our past events, 'Break the Rules Day' returns on **Friday 24th October 2025**, and every final day before every half term break.

Children can pay 50p for every rule they would like to break out of the list in the image to the right of this page. Please bring your rule breaking monies to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.

We hope everyone will have a great rule breaking day of fun!

Many thanks for your continued support.



Attendance

Please continue to help us by ensuring your child attends school and that you bring your child to school on time (before 8:55am). 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:

Attendance	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
96 – 100% Attendance		
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.

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.



PTFA Event: Spooktacular Halloween Disco Alert!

Mark your calendars, everyone! On Monday, 20th October, our PTFA is throwing a fancy dress Halloween Disco that you won't want to miss! We will be asking the children to join us from 3pm for an evening of frightful fun with a DJ spinning all your favourite tunes! And don't worry, we'll keep you fuelled up with refreshments for all!

Tickets are £6 on iPay which include Dan the DJ, a drink and a hot dog. There will also be stalls available to purchase novelties and sweets.

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.

PTFA: Used Book Sale:

We are thrilled to announce that this week's Book Fair was an incredible success! A huge thank you to everyone who purchased from us! Due to the overwhelming response, we are excited to hold these events on a regular basis! Not only does this event foster a love for books, but it also promotes recycling and helps protect our environment. Every book sold raises much needed funds for the school which all children benefit from. Stay tuned for the next date!



Nasal flu vaccination - Reception to Year 6

On Thursday 20th November the School Nursing Team will be at our school to offer the nasal flu vaccination to all Reception to Year 6 children. Please click on the link to provide your consent which will return directly to the Nursing team for verification:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=uChWuyjigkCoVkM8ntyPrmdrJZHaInNjnmUwR5N_NgtUMUxVWINIQIZXWFRBQkg5UVhPM0g5OUI2TC4u&route=shorturl

Please also take time to read the information provided in the following link:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/health-medical/>

Thank You.

Lost property - Uniform Labelling!

As we settle into the new academic year, our lost property box has filled up quite quickly! To help reunite these items with their rightful owners, we kindly ask that all uniform items are clearly labelled. If you need labels, worry not! You can easily purchase them from our recommended supplier, **Stikins**, by quoting our school reference **12205**. This small step can make a huge difference!

Additionally, we will have all the lost property displayed during our upcoming Parent Evenings in the school hall. If you spot something that might belong to your little one, please take it home!

Wraparound Message:

When sending in payment, please can we ask you to ensure it is sent in an envelope marked with your child's name, class, amount and the week the payment refers to.

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/>

2025-26 INSET Days:

1. Monday 1st September - COMPLETE
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.

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 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 LPS Curriculum, Teaching Approaches, Assessment and Progression Models please visit our Curriculum, Teaching & Learning Policy on the following link:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning-policy/>

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/