

Llanfair Primary School

February 2025 Newsletter



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Dates for the Diary

Wed 5th February	Cadair Idris (Mr Lewis) class assembly
Tuesday 11th February	PTA Valentine Disco
Friday 21st February	INSET DAY
W/C 24th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	St David's Day Eisteddfod
Wed 19th—Fri 21st March	Dolygaer (Years 5 and 6)
Week commencing Monday 31st March	Parent evening consultations
Wednesday 9th April	Year 1,2,3 trip to Cosmeston lake
Friday 11th April	Year 6 cycling proficiency
Friday 11th April	End of Spring term
Monday 28th April	Pupils return to school

* anything amended/ extra that has been added to the original dates for the diary which was sent at the start of term



We place a high emphasis on Attendance at Llanfair. We aim for an attendance target in excess of 96% for every pupil. I appreciate that there have been bouts of illness particularly during this term however, it is important that children attend school on a regular basis for their wellbeing and academic progress if they are fit and healthy.

Uniform

Please remember that as part of our uniform policy necklaces, rings and jewellery are not permitted. This is for the safety and protection of your children. Due to health and safety requirements looped earrings are not permitted in school. Please could you make sure that only stud earrings are worn please.

We have recently noticed an increasing number of pupils wearing smartwatches to school that include telephone and camera functionalities. While we understand the convenience these devices provide, the camera function raises safeguarding concerns, particularly if pictures of other children are being taken.

In the first instance, we kindly request that parents check the settings of their child's smartwatch to disable the camera functionality. Additionally, as part of our no-phone policy, pupils are not permitted to use smartwatches for communication during the school day.

If a pupil is found making phone calls or taking pictures from their smartwatch, the device will be confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the school day. The pupil will also be informed that they may no longer wear the watch to school.

We appreciate your understanding and support in maintaining a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils.

A reminder that a school jumper/ cardigan with a house coloured T Shirt is part of our PE uniform.

We are noticing an increasing number of pupils wearing their own clothing on PE days.

Inset Days

The last remaining Inset day of the academic year will be taken on **Friday 23rd May 2025**. The school will be closed to all pupils on this date.

Inset days:

Friday 21st February

Friday 23rd May

Monday 21st July

Year 6 Enterprise

The year 6 pupils are running an enterprise business again this year to raise funds for their end of year summer leaving party.

The school has provided a small initial investment to get them up and running. Over the next couple of months, they are going to sell different products and organise different events to try and raise as much as they can. The first fundraiser that they have decided to carry out is to sell Valentines gift bags to the children during the week commencing 11th February.

The cost of a Valentines gift bag is £2.50 The gift bags include: a pencil, rubber, keyring, heart stickers, petals and a surprise gift. These will be presented in a heart cellophane bag.

All the proceeds will go to the Year 6 pupils. Please support their endeavours where you can.



Birthdays

As much as we love to celebrate your children's birthday in school we are unfortunately unable to give out sweets or cake due to a number of our pupils who have allergies and intolerances. The children always get a mention if they have celebrated a birthday in our celebrations assembly on a Friday and a big fuss will be made if they are in nursery.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 recently took part in a competitive football tournament, facing some tough opposition. Both teams represented the school with pride, demonstrating great sportsmanship and teamwork. It was a fantastic day, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts!





St David's Day



As a school we plan to celebrate St David's day on **Friday March 7th**. On this day the children are invited and encouraged to wear Welsh costumes, Welsh Sports kits or just Welsh colours!

During half term we are asking the children to enter the competition for their year group listed below.

We would like all children to enter.

PLEASE NOTE- While we recognise that parents may need to assist in the making of some entries. We will be looking for the children's **OWN** work.

All entries must be received by Monday 3rd March 2025

Cribyn—nursery

Your challenge is to make one of our beautiful national emblems the daffodil or the leek.

Success criteria:

- It can be made from any material you wish
- You could use natural or recyclable materials (you could make a bunch of daffodils from seaweed and shells and take a photograph to use as your entry)
- You could even make an edible daffodil or leek!

Reception

Your challenge is to design bunting to represent Wales

Success criteria:

- The bunting should be no longer than 5 triangular sections
- It must be bright and colourful
- It must reflect what Wales means to you (e.g. beautiful beaches/countryside, wildlife, music, rugby)

It can be made from any material you wish

Year 1

Your challenge is to design a Welsh wreath

Success criteria:

- It must be bright and colourful
- It must reflect what Wales means to you (e.g. beautiful beaches/countryside, wildlife, music, rugby)
- It can be made from any material you wish

You could use natural or recyclable materials

Year 2

Your challenge is to design and make a 'Croeso' poster.

Success criteria:

- It must be bright and colourful
- The word Croeso (Welcome) must be clearly displayed
- It must reflect what Wales means to you (e.g. beautiful beaches/countryside, wildlife, music, rugby)
- It can be made from any material you wish
- You could use natural or recyclable materials



Year 3

Your challenge is to write an acrostic poem about WALES/CYMRU(it can be written in English or Welsh)

Success criteria:

- Wales or Cymru must be displayed clearly on the poem
- It must be bright and colourful
- It must reflect what Wales means to you (e.g. beautiful beaches/countryside, wildlife, music, rugby)
- You can decorate it using any material you wish

You could create a collage and use natural materials

Year 4

Your challenge is to create a 2D or 3D symbol for Wales.

Success Criteria:

- You can create your own unique symbol for Wales.
- You can make this out of any material you wish.
- It must represent Wales.

Year 5

Your challenge is to create something which identifies what being Welsh means to you!

Success Criteria:

- It must reflect what Wales means to you (rugby, beaches, football, mountains, St David etc)
- You can enter with artwork, poem or photo - whichever you feel works best.

Year 6

Wales is known as the land of song. Your challenge is to create your own rap or song about Wales. This can be in either English or Welsh.

Success criteria:

- It must reflect what Wales means to you (rugby, beaches, football, mountains, St David etc)
- You could change the words to songs you already know.
- Once you have written your song you could even send us a video of you performing it!

If you are writing your song in Welsh and need a word translated you could use '*Ap Geiriaduron*' which is a free Welsh dictionary App.

We are looking forward to seeing and judging the wonderful creations that the pupils will no doubt come up with and thank you for your continued support with this, and all the other activities we do at school.

Have fun and good luck!

World book day—Thursday 6th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**.

We would like the whole school community to join in with a task to celebrate the importance of reading.

The children can decorate any item however they like, as long as it relates to a book. They could choose a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt, poster - the options are endless.

Please can they bring these into school on World Book Day to showcase their work to the class. We would also like to ask the children to bring in their favourite book to share on World Book Day.

We will be celebrating reading throughout the day and having some fun lessons and activities. Children can also dress up as a book character if they wish. We ask that we do not wear masks or costumes that are not book characters.

Children do not have to dress up if they do not want to.

Here are some ideas for inspiration:



Website

Don't forget to visit our website, lanfairps.com, where you can find all important information and key dates.

Stay informed and up to date!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Jones and Mrs J Shewell