

Llanfair Primary School

March 2025 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	St David's Day Eisteddfod
Wed 19th—Fri 21st March	Dolygaer (Years 5 and 6)
Saturday 22nd March	PTA Ball
Week commencing Monday 31st March	Parent evening consultations
Thursday 3rd April	Pen Y Fan Class assembly @ 9.15am
Friday 4th April	Month of the military child—Wear Purple to school
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

World Book Day and St Davids's Day Eisteddfod

A reminder that children can dress up as a book character if they wish. We ask that we do not wear masks or costumes that are not book characters. World book day will be celebrated in school on **Thursday 6th March**.

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

****Home competitions can be found at the end of the newsletter.****

Support Our School – Donation Account Now Open

Following feedback from the Autumn term parent survey, some parents have expressed a desire to make a donation to the school—a thoughtful and generous gesture that is truly appreciated but never expected.

As previously shared, our school budget continues to face challenges and we are doing our very best to provide the high-quality education your children deserve with limited staffing, funds, and resources. To support this, the school has set up a donation account for those who would like to contribute. All funds donated will go directly to the school to enhance learning experiences.

Every contribution, whether through PTA-organised events or direct donations, will go straight to supporting the children.

If you would like to make a donation, please find the details below.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity and support!

If you are making a donation please could you email the school to keep us informed and type 'donation' in the payment subject box.

Barclays Bank

Llanfair Primary School

Account number: 10063975

Sort code: 20-12-25





Parent consultations will take place the week commencing Monday 31st March . Further information will be provided including how to book in the next couple of weeks.

During this parents meeting you will have the chance to look through your children's books.

Parent forum

Our next parent forum will be held on **Thursday 20th March at 4.30pm.**

If you would like to raise anything for discussion at the next meeting please inform the class representatives or contact them via the WhatsApp class groups.

Please could you also inform the school if you are part of the parent forum and are unable to attend on this **date.**



PTA Ball 2025 – A Night to Remember!

We are now just weeks away from one of the highlights of the PTA's fundraising efforts this year— the much-anticipated PTA Ball! This promises to be an unforgettable event.



On behalf of the PTA and the school, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the individuals and businesses who have generously supported the Ball. From donating raffle prizes to hosting and providing free entertainment, your contributions have been truly invaluable. We are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our parents, local community, and businesses, whose support helps make this event such a success.

We look forward to seeing you there for a fantastic evening in support of our school.

Month of the Military Child

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, which highlights the important role Service children play in the Armed Forces community. It is a time to applaud Armed Forces families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

To celebrate and acknowledge the month we would like all pupils to wear something purple on **Friday 4th April.**

Why purple?

Purple was chosen because it symbolizes all branches of the military, a combination of Army Green, Air Force Blue, Coast Guard Blue, Marine Red and Navy Blue.

SSCE Cymru would like to encourage education settings to carry out activities during this month to celebrate and raise awareness of the unique experiences this group of children and young people have and become a more Armed Forces-friendly environment.

Pen Y Fan class assembly

Mrs Trigg/Mrs Kumar and the pupils of Pen Y Fan will be leading a class assembly on **Thursday 3rd April** at 9.15am. Parents/ guardians are welcome to join us for this assembly. Following the assembly, there will be a chance to stay and take part in some activities with your children in the classroom. We hope that you are able to join us for this event.



Easter activities 2024

To celebrate Easter we will be having an action packed Easter fun day on **Thursday 10th April**.

Pupils can come to school dressed in Easter themed fancy dress or colours that represent Easter for example: green, yellow etc.

Bonnet parade

The pupils in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 will be taking part in an Easter bonnet parade in the morning. It would be great if all of the pupils took part. Winners will receive a small prize.

Whole School

Pupils will need to bring **2 boiled eggs** to school.

Egg rolling competition: One of the eggs will be used for the egg rolling competition (please make sure these are hard boiled)

Egg decorating competition. Children can bring in a decorated egg from home to enter the competition.

There will be prizes for both competitions.

On this day children will also take part in an Easter egg hunt at school.



Year 6 Enterprise

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you all - our Year 6 Valentine enterprise project has been a tremendous success! I am delighted to announce that they have raised over £257 through hard work and dedication. This achievement is a testament to their creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit. Well done, Year 6!



The Year 6 pupils are busy planning their next fundraising event which will be held towards the end of this term. Further information will be provided.

Red Nose Day



The school will be celebrating Red Nose Day on **Monday 24th March**. The official Comic Relief day is Friday 21st March however, Year 5 and 6 pupils have requested that we move our celebration as they will be in Dolygaer. The school council are busy organising the day and will communicate further information.

The school will set up a link after half term so that you are able to donate which will go straight to the charity.

School Uniform Reminder

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. Over the past few weeks, we have noticed a slight lapse in adherence to our uniform policy, particularly when it comes to PE uniform. It is crucial that all students come to school dressed appropriately, as wearing the correct uniform not only promotes a sense of belonging and pride in our school, but it also helps maintain a focused and disciplined learning environment.

Wearing the correct PE uniform is especially important as it ensures the safety and comfort of our students during physical activities. It allows them to participate fully and enjoy their PE lessons to the fullest. Therefore, I kindly request all parents to ensure that their child comes to school in the appropriate PE kit, including suitable footwear, on designated PE days.

At Llanfair Primary School, we believe that maintaining a high standard of uniform is a collective responsibility. By working together, we can instil in our students the importance of presenting themselves in a smart and respectful manner. I would like to thank all the parents who consistently support us in upholding our uniform policy and encourage those who may have inadvertently overlooked it to rectify the situation promptly.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to help and support you.

Please could you make sure that all pupils are wearing full school uniform each day to school unless told otherwise.

School uniform should consist of:

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt/Cardigan
- White or Royal Blue Polo Shirt
- Grey Trousers/Shorts/Skirt/Pinafore Dress/ Blue and white checked or striped dress

PE kit

- Plain black Shorts/tracksuit bottoms, trainers or plimsols and House T-shirt for PE. House t-shirts are available for purchase via Parent pay. Pupils will not be allowed to wear football kits or their own dress choices. We also allow pupils to wear a T Shirt representative of their house colour with small logos/brands as the pupils have two PE days per week.
- **Please could all pupils wear a school jumper on top of PE kit.**

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled/marked with the child's name.

Jewellery

Items of jewellery such as rings, bracelets, necklaces etc. must not be worn during school time. Girls and boys with pierced ears should only wear the smallest stud ear-rings possible and these should be removed during PE and Games lessons. Pupils can wear a watch to school but may be asked to remove this for physical education lessons. Any pupils who are wearing jewellery will be asked to take it off and it will be kept safe by the class teacher until the end of the school day. This is to ensure the health and safety of all of our children.

Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Website

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

Stay informed and up to date!

Thank you for your continued cooperation and for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Together, we can make a positive difference in their lives.

Mr R Jones and Mrs J Shewell



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



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:

