



# Ysgol y Llan

*Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School*  
*Cylchlythyr – Newsletter*



## Mis Chwefror 2026

### February 2026

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Ffydd, Ffrindiau a Hwyl.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We blinked... and suddenly it's March! The second half of the Spring Term is well underway and Easter is only four weeks away. It may be a shorter half term, but it certainly is not a quieter one — our calendar is full and school life is moving at full speed. **We have made some changes to our event list! There is so much going on, please ensure you read and update your calendars.** It has been a busy first week back and the energy around school has been fantastic as we look ahead to what we have planned.

#### **Diwrnod Dewi Sant**

I hope you all had a wonderful Saint David's Day on Sunday 1st March. On Monday 2nd March, we celebrated our School Eisteddfod. Pupils dressed in red, white and green or traditional Welsh dress and proudly celebrated our heritage. The children sang, performed poetry and showcased artwork completed over recent weeks. It is always a special time where we celebrate being Cymraeg, our traditions and culture.

#### **World Book Day – Friday 6th March**

Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. World Book Day is something we always look forward to as we share our love of reading across the school. Children will be working in their houses and completing a range of activities throughout the day.

#### **Messy Church Update – Cancelled**

Messy Church scheduled for Friday 6th March has now been cancelled and will be reorganised for another time. We have a number of Church and community activities coming up soon and posters are attached with further information.

#### **Easter Service**

There will be a short Easter service at Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am and families are very welcome to join us.

#### **Urdd & Cymraeg**

We look forward to supporting pupils taking part in the Holywell Cluster Eisteddfod this coming Saturday. Pupils will be competing in recitation competitions at Ysgol Gwynedd in Flint. Pob lwc to everyone involved.

#### **Library Van**

We still have a significant number of outstanding library books. Children will not be able to borrow another book until their current book has been returned. The Library Van will visit on Thursday 5th March and Thursday 26th March.

#### **Mother's Day Celebration**

Our Mother's Day Celebration will take place in school on **Friday 13th March from 3:00pm–4:00pm**. We will be asking for donations of cakes and biscuits on the day. Any money raised will be donated to a local refuge charity.

### **All Age Easter Service**

The All Age Easter Service will take place at Whitford Church on Sunday 15th March and all are welcome to attend. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

In addition, there will be a short Easter service held at Church on Tuesday 24th March at 9:15am. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening will take place during the week commencing 16th March. Time slots will be confirmed directly by class teachers next week via Seesaw

### **Kick It Sports**

Kick It Sports will be running from 3:15pm–4:30pm on **Friday 20th March, Friday 27th March, Friday 17th April and Friday 24th April**. A registration link will be shared once we receive it from Kick It Sports.

### **Easter Holiday Club**

A separate letter as been shared via SchoolComms regarding our Easter Holiday Club. We will be running four sessions over the Easter break on the Wednesday and Thursday of each week, from 8:00am–5:15pm. All sessions must be **paid for in full at the time of booking**. Please note that, as staffing will be arranged based on confirmed numbers, we will be unable to offer refunds for cancelled sessions. The deadline for booking is **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**, in order for us to arrange staffing and ensure appropriate ratios are in place. Bookings can be made via the **School Gateway / SchoolComms system**. Please click on the link provided to register your interest:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pktW48Heke>

### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

We are delighted to share that we have been successful in coming second place in the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. As a result, the school will receive £1000 towards the development of our outdoor classroom. Thank you to everyone who supported us. A special thanks to our Governing Body and Mrs Kulkowski for leading the way with this grant.

### **Attendance & Holidays**

Improving attendance remains a national priority and continues to be a key focus for our school. Regular attendance has a direct impact on pupils' progress, wellbeing and friendships. Our current whole-school attendance from September to the end of February stands at 94.6%, and I would like to thank you for continuing to work with us to maintain and improve this.

**Please remember that all absences must be reported to the school office!** The office email is monitored during the school day to ensure safeguarding procedures are followed. Any holidays or extended absences must be discussed with me in advance.

Mr Williams  
Pennaeth / Headteacher



# Presenoldeb /Attendance



## A message from Mr Williams

Whilst attendance remains one of our school additional priorities for 2026, can I thank all of you who continue to arrive on time at **8:55am** each morning. Punctuality is so important and it helps our day run smoothly. A number of you requested holidays last term. As stated, holidays in term time will be recorded as unauthorised. As headteacher, it is my job to monitor attendance. Frequent absences will have a negative affect on your child's overall attendance and development. Again, if attendance percentages are frequently low, then I will need to discuss this with you and/ or the Attendance Officers at Flintshire.

If you do decide to go ahead with your arrangements please complete the form below for the Headteacher at least four weeks before your intended holiday. Once you have completed the form, please send a message to the school office or to [whhead@hwbcymru](mailto:whhead@hwbcymru) to alert us that your request is waiting for approval.

Current whole school attendance	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
This week	98.7%	90.9%	98.5%
February	96.4%	92.2%	96%
Whole School attendance for September-February	<b>94.6%</b>		
<b>Our school target is 95%</b>			

Ysgol y Llan - Application Form for Pupil Term Time Leave of Absence (2025 - 2026)



*Leave of Absence Form*

<https://forms.office.com/e/TCya4Rb4xL>

# Dyddiadau pwysig

## Important dates

### Week 2

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Library Van
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - World Book Day – Pupils to dress up as their favourite characters from a book.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Urdd Eisteddfod at Ysgol y Gwynedd

### Week 3

- W/C Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Welsh Activity Day at Ysgol y Llan ( Trelawnyd and Mornant to join Ysgol y Llan – Dosbarth 3).
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Governors meeting
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Family Celebration event at school 3-4pm (time change)

### Week 4

- W/B Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Parents' Evening - Classes will have different times – TBC
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Conwy Castle visit for Dosbarth 2 a 3
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Kick it Sports 3:15-4:30pm
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Urdd Eisteddfod Theatr y Stiwt, Rhosllanerchrugog

### Week 5

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 2-6 visit to St Asaph Cathedral.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Church Service 9:15am R-Y6
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Cricket in school – Class 2 and 3.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Easter Bingo - 5-6:30pm PTA
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Library Van visit.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Kick it Sports 3:15-4:30pm
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - School breaks up for Easter
  
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Training Day
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils back in school

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# Opportunity - Clerk to the Governors

## **Clerk to the Governors – Vacancy Information – Paid role.**

Our school governors are looking to appoint a **Clerk to the Governing Body**. This is an important behind-the-scenes role that helps the governors work effectively and make sure the school meets all legal and procedural requirements.

You do not need to be a teacher or have worked in a school before. Organisation, reliability and good communication skills are the most important qualities. Training and guidance can be provided. **Please contact the school office if you are interested in this role and have any questions.**

## **What does a Clerk to the Governors do?**

The Clerk supports the governors by:

- Organising meetings (usually 6 full meetings per year, plus some committee meetings)
- Preparing and sending out agendas and paperwork before meetings
- Attending meetings and taking clear, accurate minutes
- Keeping records of decisions and actions
- Making sure the Governing Body follows the correct procedures and legal requirements
- Keeping information confidential and well organised
- Supporting new governors with paperwork and records

## **Skills that would be helpful**

- Good organisation and time management
  - Confident writing skills (for minute taking)
  - Ability to use email and basic computer programs
  - Reliability and attention to detail
  - Ability to be impartial and professional
- Knowledge of school governance is helpful but **not essential**.

## **Time commitment**

Most work can be done from home. The role involves:

- Attending evening meetings (Normally 6pm-8pm)
- Preparing paperwork beforehand
- Writing up minutes afterwards

## **Why this role matters**

The Clerk plays a key part in helping governors support the school, staff and pupils. It is a valuable way to contribute to the school community and local education.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the school office for further details.

# Newyddion Ysgol / School News

*Dosbarth 3 had a fantastic time at Nant BH, taking part in a range of exciting activities including the high wall, gorge walking, a night walk and a visit to Aber Falls. Despite the very wet weather, everyone had a wonderful time! A big thank you to Miss Warden, Miss Grace and Mr Thomas for accompanying the children — they were an absolute pleasure to take.*

*Our whole school celebrated Saint David's Day by singing, performing recitations, playing instruments and judging artwork.*



# Newyddion Ysgol / School News



# Newyddion Eglwys / Church News

“HIGH TEA FOR THE WOMEN WE LOVE”  
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 1-3 PM  
£5 PER PERSON  
ST BEUNO'S AND ST MARYS CHURCH



A GENTLE, JOYFUL AFTERNOON HONOURING MOTHERS,  
GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTIES, SISTERS, DAUGHTERS,  
MENTORS, TEACHERS, AND SPIRITUAL MOTHERS —  
CELEBRATING THE WOMEN WHO SHAPE OUR LIVES IN  
FAITH AND LOVE.

# Newyddion Eglwys / Church News

St Mary's & Beuno's Church, Whitford



A gentle, welcoming service for people of all ages,  
giving thanks for love, care & those who nurture us.  
Whether Mother's Day is joyful, hard, or quiet for you  
all welcome

## **MOTHER'S DAY ALL AGE SERVICE**

For more information:  
Contact Andrea – 07415399465

**15<sup>th</sup> March 11am**

# Newyddion Eglwys / Church News

## Easter for all ages Family friendly services

**St Paul's Church,  
Gorsedd**  
**Crafting the Easter  
Week Journey**  
**An Interactive Family  
Service**  
**3rd April 11 am**  
**followed by a light  
lunch**

**St Mary & St Beuno's,  
Whitford**  
**All-Age Easter Service**  
**11 am & Egg Rolling and  
fun afterwards**  
**Sunday the 5th April**

