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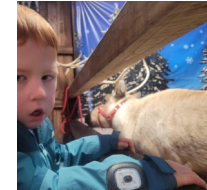
## School Newsletter 19th Dec 2025

Diary of Events	
Fri 19th Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 5th Jan	All pupils return to school
Tues 6th Jan	Toddler & Tunes Playgroup restarts 9:30–10.40 am
Mon 12th Jan	Spectrum workshop– Dosbarth Melyn & Gwyrdd
Thursday 15th Jan	3:30pm PTA meeting at the school– all welcome
Thursday 5th Feb	Valentine’s Day Disco– further details to follow
Fri 13th Feb	<b>INSET day</b>
Mon 15th Feb– Fri 20th Feb	Half term
Mon 22nd Feb	All pupils return to school
Mon 2nd Mar	St. David’s day Eisteddfod
Tues 10th Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wed 25th Mar	World Maths Day
Fri 27th March	Last day of term

### Christmas visit to Santa

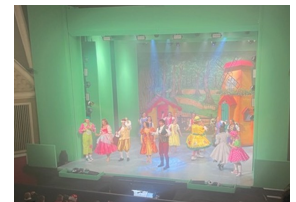


What an exciting day Dosbarth Porffor and Coch had on Tuesday 16th December. The children enjoyed a festive visit to Woodland Walk to visit Santa’s Grotto. The excitement for Dosbarth Coch began with a fun bus journey, filled with lots of chatter and singing! At Woodland Walk, the children explored Santa’s magical wonderland and fed Santa’s reindeer. Meeting Santa and his elves was the highlight of the day. Each child talked to Santa and shared their Christmas letter with him. Afterwards, they were able to pick a gift from Santa’s Toy Shop. It was an amazing morning for the children, full of festive fun and happy memories.



### Panto Visit

Our Reception to Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at the Coliseum in Aberdare where they watched the lively and hilarious performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. The show was packed with laughter, music and plenty of audience participation, creating a magical experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



The children’s behaviour throughout the trip was excellent. A big thank you to the Coliseum for such a brilliant show and for setting the tone for a joyful countdown to Christmas!

### INSET DAYS 2025-2026

Spring Term

Summer Term

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 20th July 2026 (+1 TBC)

### GOOD LUCK MRS HOWELLS ( and Mr Howells!)

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to inform you that **Mrs Howells** will be finishing at Christmas as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for the birth of her baby and look forward to welcoming her back in the future. In the meantime, we are delighted to introduce **Miss Sian Davies**, who will be joining our team in January. Miss Davies will be teaching in the class for three days a week and will be job-sharing with **Miss Tipple**. We are confident that together they will provide excellent support and continuity for the children. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you join us in wishing Mr and Mrs Howells every happiness during this exciting time. After Christmas, our deputy head, Mr Howells, will be covering the ALNCO role in Mrs Howells’ absence.

*I would like to thank you all for your generous support this term and I wish all our pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors a wonderful festive holiday and a prosperous New Year, Mrs Davies*





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### Toddler & Tunes Playgroup

A huge thank you to Mrs Howells and Mrs Dutfield for setting up and running the Toddler & Tunes playgroup. It has been a great success with a fantastic turnout! The atmosphere has been so welcoming—giving new parents the chance to meet others, enjoy a cuppa, and providing babies and toddlers with a lovely space to explore. We're delighted with how well it is going and have set up a separate Facebook page dedicated to this playgroup. We look forward to re-starting after the Christmas break.



### Christmas Concerts

Pupils and staff from Nursery to Year 3 worked incredibly hard to put on their wonderful Christmas performance, A Magical Christmas Jigsaw. The children showed perseverance as they learned lines, practised the songs, and perfected their actions and all that effort really paid off. Their enthusiasm and energy shone through each performance and the catchy songs had everyone hummin' along.

Year 4 and 5 shone on stage, delivering a humorous pantomime entitled, Cinderella Rockerfella. The performances were loud, clear and the expressive acting and dancing brought every character and scene to life. It was great to see their confidence grow. We are so proud of every single pupil.

A huge thank you for all your support in helping the children learn their lines, provide such fantastic costumes and contribute to the hamper raffle. We were able to raffle 8 hampers full of lovely treats. Congratulations to our winners!



### Our Amazing School Choir

We are so proud of our school choir for the incredible performances they've given this festive season! They sang beautifully at Tesco, where they raised an impressive £185.75 for school funds. Their performance at the Llantrisant Church Christmas Tree Festival was magical and really brought the Christmas spirit to life.

Last week, the choir also visited Gwaun Rupera Complex, singing for the elderly residents. Alongside their songs, we shared hampers and Christmas cards made by the children, which brought smiles all around.

A huge thank you to Miss Tipple and parent Miss Gynn for preparing the choir so well; their hard work and dedication truly shone through in every performance.

Thank you to all the children and staff involved—you've spread joy and festive cheer throughout our community!





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#### Dosbarth Melyn

This term, we have been transported back 2000 years whilst learning about the Ancient Romans. Dosbarth Melyn have learnt about who the Romans were, where they came from, and most importantly, why they invaded Wales and many other countries around Europe and Africa. They have found out what everyday life was like in every day Ancient Rome, learning about the types of houses people lived in, the food they ate, the clothing they wore, and how they were entertained! They have also explored what society was like in Ancient Rome and compared this to our society now. The children thoroughly enjoyed considering how Roman inventions and ideas have made a lasting impression and shaped our lives today; the invention of aqueducts and heating for bath houses and homes in particular!

Libby - "I enjoyed completing our rich task and writing a story about the volcano in Pompeii"

Oliver C - "I loved learning facts about the Romans, their Army and why they came to Wales"

Caleb and Zac - "We liked it when we learnt about the Roman's inventions"

Collecting Data for a 'Roman Census':



#### DOSBARTH COCH

This term in Nursery we have been learning about the changes from Autumn into Winter. The children explored falling leaves, talked about animals that hibernate, and enjoyed feeling the frost around the yard as the weather became colder. They used words such as "cold" and "icy" to describe what they noticed. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, developing their vocabulary and understanding of the world through hands on outdoor learning.

The children are growing in confidence, enjoying routines, and beginning to make independent choices during play. It has been lovely to see them feel happy, safe, and excited to come into Nursery each day.



#### DOSBRTH GWYRDD

This term, the children have really enjoyed learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, discovering how people lived and how life changed over time. They explored Celtic life, including chieftains, druids and Boudicca, and thought carefully about what makes a good leader. The children created their own shields, wrote letters explaining why they would make strong leaders, and had lots of fun acting and recording themselves as Celts. Our visit to St Fagan's was a real highlight and helped bring the learning to life. As Felicity said, "My favourite thing I found out about the Stone Age, is that they had round houses," and Auburne-Rai shared, "My favourite thing to do during this topic was when we acted and recorded ourselves as Celts."





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#### DOSBARTH GLAS

This past term, the pupils in Dosbarth Glas have thoroughly enjoyed the topic 'Rule Makers and Breakers'. Throughout the topic, the children were highly engaged in learning about how societies are governed and how rules shape the way people live. They particularly enjoyed exploring how Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt were ruled, and comparing these systems to how we are governed in 2025, sparking thoughtful discussion and curiosity about democracy, leadership and fairness. Malachy commented 'I've loved having the opportunity to be independent and practise different skills to complete my project tasks!'

The pupils developed a strong understanding of how power and decision-making have changed over time, and were keen to share their opinions when comparing ancient systems of rule with modern government. This learning was further enriched by a visit to the Senedd, where the children learnt first-hand about how Wales is governed today and how this has evolved over time. The trip helped bring their classroom learning to life and deepened their understanding of Welsh democracy.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the creative elements of the topic. They took part in a range of art and design activities, including creating clay beetles inspired by Ancient Egypt and experimenting with inks and dyes to design Egyptian cartouches. They also tasted ancient foods and gave honest opinions – Ava commented 'The food was delicious; I didn't realise how much I loved pomegranate!'. Overall, Rule Makers and Breakers has been an engaging and memorable topic that successfully combined history, citizenship, art and real-life experiences.



#### DOSBARTH OREN

This term, our Reception and Year 1 children have had an exciting and engaging journey exploring our topic, *People Who Help Us*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the important roles and responsibilities of the various people who support our communities.



We were very fortunate to have visits from the fire service, a dental nurse, and first aid volunteers from St John's Ambulance. Through these visits, the children gained first-hand insight into how these real-life superheroes help keep us safe and healthy. They explored equipment on a fire engine and learned why firefighters use specific tools for situations like car accidents and fires. In class, we have read a range of books such as *A Superhero Like You* and *The Jolly Christmas Postman*, and discussed how and when these roles help others. The children have also learned essential life skills, including:

**Dental hygiene:** understanding the importance of looking after their teeth and the potential impact of poor dental care.

**Emergency awareness:** knowing the number to call in an emergency and how to support someone who is injured by checking for a response, clearing airways, placing them in the recovery position, and even performing CPR in a safe, supervised setting.

Our role play area has been a particular highlight, allowing the children to act out many roles of people who help us, from vets to nurses to police officers.

#### DOSBARTH PORFFOR

The children in Dosbarth Porffor have just completed their topic 'Autumn', and we couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved! Throughout the term, the children have shown great enthusiasm for messy play, shown curiosity with the pumpkin patches and got creative with the foam making snowman soup. We are particularly proud of their excellent behaviour on our class trip to visit Santa. They were a pleasure to take.

