



**January 2026**

**'As God's Family, we live, love and learn together happily, trying our best in all we do'**



Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our school.

Thank you that you love each and every one of us.

Help us to learn, play and share together  
and to work to make the wonderful world you have  
made  
more beautiful every day.

Amen

**Dear Families,**

2026 is already moving at a fast pace and we have enjoyed learning in all kinds of weather so far!

Every class has had some great learning experiences this term and we are looking forward to next week and our E-steddfod which is an online Eisteddfod where we will compete with schools across the country in singing and recitation of poetry.

Our sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion has started this month and we pray for all the candidates embarking on this important journey. Thank you to the team of catechists who are providing the sessions and to Father Innocent and Father Ebuka for guiding the families of children from our school and parish family.

We have lots of news to share with you and we are so grateful for all your support in all areas of school life.

Cofion cynnes, Mrs Phillips and all at BWD

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N E W S**

### MASS



We will share our confirmed school and class mass dates as soon as possible and we warmly welcome you to join us at Mass.

Please check parish websites for Mass times in your area.

All are welcome at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Llandudno and Most Holy Family, Llandudno Junction.

Please contact your parish priest if you would like your child to prepare for First Holy Communion—it's not too late!

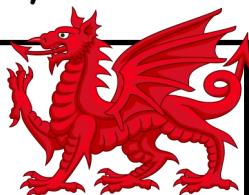
### Health and Safety and Security at school

We are sure that events in the news have made you aware of the need for good security at schools. We secured a grant to improve our site security and you will have seen changes to the gates and fences at several places on school grounds.

This is to ensure that our children and staff are safe during the school day and that visitors and contractors can access the school site safely and easily.

After the installation of our accessible toilet, we also have plans to make the main entrance more accessible. Please bear with us as we make these important and necessary improvements for the good of all our school community. We hope to have the new entry system up and running very soon.

**Wyt ti'n siarad Cymraeg?  
Faint ydy dy oed di?  
Dwi'n.....oed.**



## Languages

Later this term we will welcome our friends from Instituto Tarragona in Spain. We will gather with them as a school family and learn more about the cultures and languages within our community and theirs.

These are the languages that we are lucky enough to have spoken in our school families' homes.

B.S.L. Shona Polish Swahili French

Latvian Romanian Lithuanian Malayalam

Arabic Italian Cymraeg English

Chinese Tagalog German Czech

Vietnamese Yoruba Gaelic Thai Igbo

Our friends from Tarragona speak Spanish, Catalan and English and we are always so happy to greet them, celebrate Mass in church with them and learn languages together when they visit.

**S.S.C.E.—Armed Forces Day**—We are organising another experience day for our armed forces families and hoping to work towards developing our Armed Forces Friendly School bronze status further.



## Support for Learners

Our staff continue to access training throughout this term to help us better support our learners with additional needs. Sometimes we need to help learners with their academic needs, sometimes we support their medical needs and sometimes they may need pastoral care.

In every classroom there are resources to support children with their individual learning needs. This may consist of equipment, scaffolding, space or furniture to suit an individual and help them to make progress at their own pace and in their own way.

We are helped by many external agencies including our school nurse, education social workers, the child development centre, the school based counselling service, speech and language therapists, educational psychologist, Nurture in Conwy Outreach Service.

Our school nurse offers a drop in service and welcomes visits from families with any concerns. We also have a drop in service from Conwy North Family Centre.

If you have any concerns about your child's health, well-being or progress then please contact us so that we can help signpost you to the right help.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR CHILD'S ONE PAGE PROFILE THEN PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 16th MAY—10AM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE—11.30AM

## Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative

As you know, we have been successful in our projects for three years running and last year we received a top prize from the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative for our work within Humanities across the school.

Plans are already in place for this year's focus and every class will be exploring and investigating different themes and topics inspired by the enquiry questions.

Our recent projects have helped us to make very strong links with creative practitioners like Jake and Myfanwy and we have also welcomed authors, activists, dancers, singers, musicians and artists to enrich our learning in religious education, mathematics, numeracy and humanities.

We will be working with more creative practitioners this year and we can't wait to see the wonderful ideas, creations and learning that will come from these collaborations.



## Teaching Teams

### **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

**Miss Flynn (ALNCo), Mrs Bridges, Mrs Phillips (Headteacher), Mrs Doran, Miss Harris, Ms Strugalska, Mr Rivers.**

**Year 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**Mrs McManus (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Jones, Mrs Phillips (Headteacher)**

### Year 3&4 Art Project

Manon Pryor will be working with Year 3&4 on an art project on Wednesdays this term.

Watch this space for news about a sharing event for families.

### Year 3,4,5 and 6 visit

Year 3,4,5 and 6 are looking forward to visiting Conwy Archives on Friday 6th February to discover documents, maps and photographs that can help us learn more about Wales. Happy exploring!

### Lego League

Mrs Jones and the Lego League team from year 5&6 will be travelling to Denbigh High School on Thursday 12th February to compete in this year's competition. The team are very excited to possibly come home with yet another trophy.

## Catholic Life

Mrs Phillips and Mrs McManus will attend the Religious Education Leaders session at Loreto. This is a great opportunity to get together with leaders and education representatives from our Wrexham Diocese to learn more about how to ensure our Catholic curriculum and rich provision for all our school families can be developed for the good of all learners.

### Celebration of the Word

In our school we have prayer leaders in our older classes to help guide their friends in prayer. We have time in class and as a whole school during the week where we pray, reflect, sing, read from the Scriptures and have times of silence together.

### Messages from Pope Leo

Pope Leo called for 2026 to be a year of peace, and we also remember all that we did as pilgrims of hope in 2025 as we continue encourage all our to 'be the light and hope of the world'.

### Upcoming events

Thursdays at 4.15pm—First Holy Communion Sessions continue.

Tuesday 3rd February—Artist visit to Year 5&6

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th February—Last Kerbcraft sessions

Thursday 5th February—E-Steddfod and Dance Collective with Colin Daimond

Wednesday 11th February—Don't touch, tell!

Thursday 12th February—visit from Naomi Van der Byl and Mfikela Jean Samuel

— Dance Collective with Angharad

Friday 13th February—Staff training—school closed.

## Attendance and requests for leaves of absence

Since September, in line with the all schools in Wales and using the same policy as our cluster schools, we are no longer authorising any holidays during term time. Our target for attendance is 93% and current school attendance is 91.75%. We accept that illness cannot be helped but our attendance levels are always affected negatively by term time holidays.

If you require a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances for your child then please request a form from the school office. Our absence reporting process remains the same. Parents or carers should report the reason for the child's absence before 9.15am on the first day of absence.



## Primed for Success

We are pleased to be part of the 'Primed for Success' project in collaboration with our cluster of schools. All our teaching staff have been part of professional learning sessions for the project which was launched as part of Welsh Government's curriculum for Wales support programme.

Professor Yeap Ban Har has been leading on this initiative and we are already seeing positive impact in our classrooms as we develop our concrete, pictorial and abstract approach to learning in Mathematics and Numeracy.

#### How can you help our school?

Every term is busy and, as you know, just like all the other schools in our local area, we have been affected by budget cuts. We are continuing to feel the effects of these cuts. For our school, it means that, although we have enough teachers, teaching assistants, catering, cleaning and caretaking staff to maintain safe ratios and keep school ship-shape, we now have less staff to support with interventions, activities, trips and the little extras that we have been accustomed to.

There are some things that you can help us with—here are some suggestions below

- ◆ join our 'Friends of the School'. We already have 7 amazing volunteers who have signed up to help with one to one and group reading in Cymraeg and English, school trips and after school events. If you can spare as little as half an hour a week, you could help make a difference. Please contact us at school and we can arrange a DBS check.
- ◆ Donate your pre-worn wellies and waterproofs—we need these for outdoor learning and if we receive donations of these items we can save money from the school budget to use for other resources.
- ◆ Donate pre-loved sports equipment—currently we need tennis balls, sponge balls, footballs, hula hoops and beanbags.
- ◆ Donate stationery— unwanted pencils, felt tips and plain paper that you no longer need would be gratefully accepted.
- ◆ Join our Playclub committee.

## Nursery, Reception, Year 1 &2

Our Nursery, Reception Year 1 & 2 teaching team are delighted with the progress our learners are making.

We have developed the area outside their three classrooms and have made great use of our new outdoor kitchens.

Our learners work and play outside every day in all weathers—if you would like to volunteer to help with outdoor learning particularly on 'Well-being Wednesday' then please contact us at school.

We are encouraging increased use of Cymraeg with the children in their work and play and there are lots of great games and resources on Hwb for you to access at home.

## EESW

We share our site with members of the EESW Cymru team who offer STEM ( Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning experiences to schools all over Wales.

Their aim is to engage learner in order to show how talented the next wave of technicians and engineers are by bringing students and industry together for the benefit of all those involved and the future prosperity of the Welsh economy.

Activities include model Formula 1 car and Lego projects.

We look forward to taking part in the Lego League next month and we are grateful to EESW for their support in allowing us to enter the competition.

## Criw Cymraeg

As you know, our school met the standards to be awarded the Gwobr Efydd ( Bronze Award) for Welsh and we continue to work towards our Silver Award.

Our Criw Cymraeg consists of representatives from all our classes who are leading us towards meeting the standards for the Gwobr Arian (silver award).

Our main aim and our school development plan priority is to speak more and more Welsh every day, in our classrooms and in the corridors, on the yard, at lunchtime in the dining hall and during assemblies.

Our Criw Cymraeg has worked hard to encourage more Welsh being used at home too. Every week they choose 'Siaradwyr yr wythnos'. These are learners and staff who have been speaking Welsh throughout the week and inspiring others. How could you introduce more Welsh this week?

Try our Welsh phrases if you can!

Bore da.

Prynhawn da.

Sut wyt ti?

Beth ydy dy enw di? Ble wyt ti'n byw? Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw?

## **GOLDEN RULES**

Our Golden Rules are the school rules we live by every day.

*Be kind.  
Be gentle.  
Be honest.  
Work hard.  
Listen to others.  
Look after property.*

Take a moment to talk at home about what these Golden Rules mean to you and your family and how you can support your children to live them out every day in every way.

We also use the rule that Jesus taught us - '**Love one another**' and we always think about how we can show this love to our friends and family and also to the people in our community and the wider world.

### Parentpay, X and Seesaw

Please check your Parentpay emails as this is our main form of communication. We often share reminders, updates and celebrations on X too. Please follow us @blessed\_davies and use a recognisable photo so that we know to accept your request. Many families have signed up to Seesaw using the QR code sent home—if you need this message to be re-sent then please ask at the gate or call school.



## **HEADLICE**

We often have an issue with headlice at school. Please would you kindly check your child/ren's hair and treat accordingly.

Remember that in a busy classroom, heads do get together so it is **ESSENTIAL** that hair is checked **EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL DAY!**

**Please visit:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits> for more information.

**Other dates:**

On Friday 13th February school is closed for staff training.

Well-being and progress evenings are on Monday 16th March and Monday 23rd March.

Glan Llyn 'Isa for Year 5&6 learners is from Wednesday 22nd April—Friday 24th April.

*Please take a moment to read our recent Estyn report and check out our school website for other information about our school.*

*Applications for school places in all age groups are very welcome—please see Conwy County Council website or call school for more information and to arrange a visit.*

