

Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School



Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter

September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new academic year.

New Starters

We extend a warm welcome to the pupils starting in our Reception class. Once again it is lovely to take new pupils into our wonderful school to start their formal education.

Staffing

As we start the autumn term, we welcome all our staff back to school and there are no planned changes to the staffing we shared with you in July.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking fantastic in their uniform and black shoes. Remember school jumpers/ cardigans to be worn on PE days with normal PE kit. Designs or lines cut into hair styles including braids are not part of the uniform policy. Please remember earrings should be studs and the only jewellery should be a watch. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

School Council (The Senedd)

The new School Council will be appointed in the next 2 weeks and will be reminding our children of the School Charter and closely linked school rules.

1. Be respectful
2. Be kind / Be happy / Be calm
3. Have ambition!
4. Be confident
5. Talk to someone

This year we will have a 'Senedd' group where we will have a range of sub committees look at different aspects of the school. We look forward to the new Senedd group supporting the school through 2025/26.

Welsh Government Food and Fitness Advice

Welsh Government have issued guidance for schools on nutritional standards that we are expected to comply with and on which we will be inspected by Estyn, the Welsh Inspectorate. We ask that you supply **one small healthy snack** for breaks, such as fruit, and that crisps and chocolate bars are not sent in for snacks. Llanvihangel has always endeavoured to not have nut and nut oils in school and this must continue as we have a number of children with allergies linked to nuts and nut based products. Please keep all snacks and lunches free from nuts. Sugary drinks are proven to be bad for children's health and teeth, please provide your child with water and not squash or any other drinks with sugar. There is a water fountain in school to refill bottles if necessary. In compliance with the guidance, we do not accept birthday cake to be shared with classes. We also encourage as many families to walk, ride or scoot to school. Where this is not possible please consider 'Park and Stride'



(park away from the school and walk the final distance to school). I hope you will understand and support our healthy lifestyle approach. Thank you for your support in these matters.

PE Days

- Monday Y3-4
- Tuesday Y5-6 (swimming 7 weeks)
- Thursday Reception/ Y1/ Y2

Reminder: Open Door Policy

Should you need to speak to the teachers we are always available through the school phone number 01873 890416 and whilst the teachers' first priority are the children throughout the day, they will aim to contact you as soon as possible.

Gwent Music Tuition

We will again be working with Gwent Music to deliver a range of instrument tuition to individuals and groups. Lessons are facilitated by professional musicians and can be booked via [Gwent Music](#). If you are in receipt of Universal Credit you may be eligible for a grant to support payment for these lessons.

Site Safety: Bikes, Scooters, Dogs

Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school footpaths. This includes younger children as it sets a precedent for our older children. Bikes and scooters may be left on the school site in the bike shelter area. Dogs may not be brought onto the school site; this also includes carrying puppies.

Curriculum Engagement Events

During the academic year, all classes will present a Curriculum Engagement Event. Parents and grandparents will be invited to join us. These engagement events will take place in school time and after school. More details will be provided closer to each event.

Year 5/6 Remembrance Assembly (Mrs Williamson) – November 11th 2:30pm.

Punctuality – drop off and collection

Please ensure all children are dropped off between 8:50 and 9:00. By 9:00 all children should be in class and ready to learn. At the end of the day (3:15) please can Y3-6 siblings be collected first from the main school doors and then collect Reception, Y1 and Y2 siblings. Y3/4 will be dismissed first and then Y5/6 and Reception/ Y1/Y2. Please can parents refrain from waiting on site before 3:10 at the end of the day. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. **Please share this information with anyone who collects your child.**

Parking and Road Safety

At the start of each academic year I always feel it useful to outline issues of traffic management around the school to ensure the safety of all site users.

Parking is always difficult around the school and the surrounding roads. In the past there have been several near misses. The Community hall has a fabulous car park that parents of the school are allowed to use at the start and end of the day.

- Please drive slowly around roads linking to the school site (*road safety concerns can be reported via [Gosafe](#)*)
- Please park sensibly and do not block drive ways of residents or park on corners which blocks visibility for other road users
- Always look out for children and adults crossing the road
- Please do not stand on the road for a chat with other parents
- Please do not gather in large groups on pavements making other pedestrians move into the road
- Please be courteous to all members of the Pandy community.

Please share all of the above with the person who collects your child.

A lot of rules I know, but all in the interest of pupils' safety. The best solution to alleviate traffic problem is for as many pupil / parents who are able, is to walk to and from school.



Training Days 2025-26

There are six training days to be taken this academic year when the school will be closed to pupils.

- 1/9/25
- 10/10/25
- 5/1/26
- 13/4/26
- 26/6/26
- 20/7/26

Federation Clubs – Held at Llanfoist Primary Starting w/c: 15th Sept 2024

Football	Monday	Yrs 4 - 6 3.20 – 4.15pm
Choir	Wednesday	Yrs 3-6 12:00-12:30pm
Netball	Thursday	Yrs 5 - 6 3:20-4:15pm

PTFA

The PTFA are an invaluable source of income for the school. More importantly they help create enriching experiences for our children of Llanvihangel Crucorney. If you have any time to offer towards PTFA tasks or helping with events even if it just an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. The PTFA has big ambitions going forward, but we need support from the whole school community to make it happen. Please contact the school office and your support will be greatly appreciated by all members of the school community. Thank you.

Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

We have some early dates to help you to plan your autumn term diary. (Some dates have to be confirmed and some could be subject to change.) Events for this term are:

September 8-10th: Y6 Longtown Residential Trip

September 9th: Swimming lessons start for Y5/6 (7 weeks)

September 22nd: Individual school photographs

October 7th - 9th: Parent Consultation Evenings

October 10th: School closed to pupils - training day

October 15th: Shwmae Day

October 24th: Harvest Festival held at Llanvihangel Church – All welcome!

October 27th - October 31st: Half Term

November 10th: Anti-bullying Week / Show Racism the Red Card

November 11th: Y6 (Mrs Williamson) Remembrance Assembly 2:30pm

December 12th: Christingle Service

December 18th: Christmas Concert 2:00pm

December 19th: Whole School Pantomime (in school) AM

December 19th: Christmas Party PM

December 19th: End of term.



Without doubt there will be many additions to these dates as the term progresses. We will keep you informed of any additions.

Finally...

Apologies for the length of this newsletter, but as you can see, we have a very busy term ahead!

I look forward to working with you and your children and I hope to see you at one of the many events we have arranged for the Autumn Term.

Thank you for your continuing support of Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary.

Kind regards



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Executive Headteacher

