

NANT CELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Autumn Term - Friday 21st November 2025
THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...
PEACE



INSET Days

19th December 2025 17th July 2026 20th July 2026

There will be one more INSET day announced shortly.



Saturday 22nd November 12-5.30pm



Santa & Train
Stage & Acts



Face Painting & Much More!

Plus Food Craft & Gift Market with TGSB markets & events
Bakeries - Hot Food - Handmade Gifts - Christmas Crafts

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ELF DAY

Let's get into the festive spirit by kicking off the festive season by celebrating Elf Day on Friday, 28th November!

Children can dress up in elf costumes or wear red and green clothing.

Trips

You would have seen by now information about Christmas Trips for the children come out via Civica Pay.

**We are awaiting confirmation for the DRB (Deaf Resource Base),
Dosbarth Celyn and HQ1's Christmas Trip.**

Once confirmed, we will get information out to parents, along with costs.

Class Updates from the Teachers

Dosbarth Oak - Miss Hall-Stark

Dosbarth Oak has been busy investigating our night time world. They have loved monitoring the night cam' and learning about the interesting creatures that are busy when we are asleep. They have sorted the nocturnal animals from those that we've seen in the day, explored the concept of symmetry and made night time creatures using 2d shapes. They've been developing a sense of chronology by sequencing their typical day from morning to night. They have mastered the recording function and captured themselves performing 'Incy Wincy Spider' with props and actions while working on their loud and clear presenting voices. There has been some wonderful creativity going on, the children have planned and made their own night time animal dances with accompanying music to match the speed of the animals. They have explored joining clay to make owls and created some excellent owl line drawings.



Dosbarth Beech - Miss Shephard

Dosbarth Rowan had some exciting visitors this term! As part of our topic 'Autumn Adventures and Celebrations' we have been looking at different autumn animals. Animal Interactive kindly visited us and shared some interesting information about these animals. Some children were very brave and held frogs, a tarrantula, rabbits, snails and even stroked Raven the black fox! Now we are autumn experts, we will be writing a fact file all about our favourite animal- foxes.



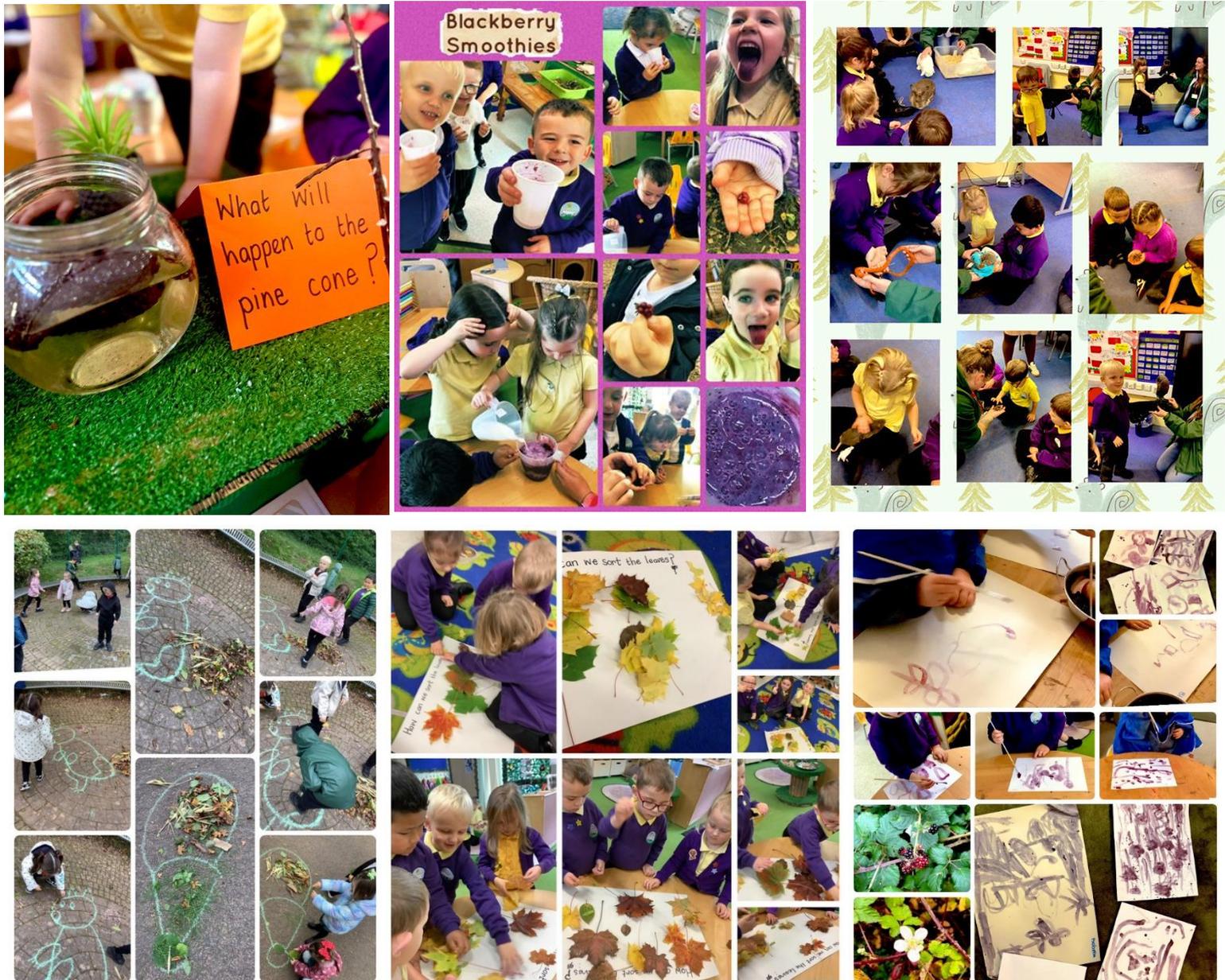
Dosbarth Rowan - Mrs Farr

Dosbarth Beech are thoroughly enjoying their learning journey through the theme of Autumn and Celebrations. We have dived deep into investigating Autumn and the changes it brings. We went on an Autumn scavenger hunt, discovering leaves, pine cones, blackberries and other autumn treasures. We used our blackberries to make smoothies. They were super tasty!

We have also immersed into many celebrations that happen this time of year such as Harvest, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We celebrated Diwali and enjoyed learning all about the story of Rama and Sita. This term we have also been very lucky to have met some woodland animals. We had a visit from Animal Interactive, inspired by our autumn stories of foxes, squirrels and hedgehogs. We met an owl, a fox, a frog, a snake, a fox, a hedgehog and even a tarantula.

Christmas is approaching and we are very busy practising and performing our dances and songs for our Nativity performance. We are excited to share it with you. We are also beginning our enterprise project, becoming designers and sellers by taking ownership of what we want to make and sell in the Christmas Fayre.

We would like to wish you all a Nadolig Llawn for the upcoming festivities!



Dosbarth Chestnut

This week, Dosbarth Chestnut has been busy exploring the fascinating topic of melting and its connection to climate change. As part of our science work, we carried out an experiment to observe how different materials melt and discussed how rising global temperatures are causing ice to melt in the polar regions. This sparked some brilliant conversations about the impact on animals, habitats, and our planet.

To make our learning even sweeter, we melted chocolate to create Pudsey-shaped chocolates in support of Children in Need. The pupils loved combining science with fun for such an important cause!

We've also started reading an exciting book called Hunter's Icy Adventure, which has inspired us to learn even more about climate change and how we can help protect our world. The story has made us determined to take action and deepen our understanding of this global issue.

Well done, Dosbarth Chestnut, for your curiosity and creativity these last few weeks!



Dosbarth Redwood - Miss Evans

Dosbarth Redwood have had a very busy few weeks! We began our new Art project by drawing self-portraits completely independently. Since then, we have followed step by step tutorials to help us improve key facial features such as the eyes, mouth and nose. We can't wait to show you our finished masterpieces!

On Tuesday afternoons, we thoroughly enjoy taking a trip to the forest. Last week, we created our very own poppies for Remembrance Day using twigs and ribbon. The children showed fantastic resilience and creativity. It definitely wasn't an easy task!

Finally, this week we have been true mathematicians!

We planned our class trip to Bristol Aquarium, working out which bus company offered the best price, how much each child's ticket would cost to enter, and how long the journey would take there and back. After all that calculating, we are definitely ready for a well-deserved rest!



Dosbarth Ash - Mr Ashford

This week Dosbarth Ash have completed their fantasy portal narrative and self-assessed their work. They have been working hard using column addition in maths and discussing the difference between facts and opinions in their topic work. They have also been creating 3-D shapes using stick and pea techniques. This week has also meant the first practises for their upcoming Christmas concert all about Christingles. Very Exciting!



Dosbarth Maple - Mrs Davies

Over the past 2 weeks we have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In English we have started researching mythical creatures and the country they came from in readiness to write our non-chronological reports. We have been describing them and finding out lots of interesting information so that we can make up our own mythical creatures! In maths we have been learning all about decimals - they were hard to begin with, and learning how to subtract. We wrote some beautiful poems for Remembrance Day and discussed the reason why we remember, creating beautiful poppies to share our thoughts and feelings. We went outside in the forest to use our Welsh sentence pattern 'oes' and found lots of interesting things around the school. In swimming a group of us passed our assessment - swimming in clothes!

We have started our rehearsals for our Christmas concert and we can't wait to share this with you!!



Dosbarth Elder - Mrs Davis-Thomas

Year 6 have been working really hard over the last fortnight. We created beautiful personification poems for Remembrance. We went outdoors and made poppies out of leaves and used inspiration from other artists to create our own wire poppies.

This week, we have been Eco warriors! We were running out of glue sticks and talked about how much plastic waste they generated. We made a pros and cons list and worked out how much our class would spend on glue sticks in a year if we kept running out at the same rate. Rather than order more we decided to make glue sponges! We worked out the cost of these and they were cheaper, lasted longer and didn't create as much rubbish! Christmas is fast approaching; we have started our Christmas Enterprise project and our Christmas concert rehearsals! It's going to be a busy few weeks!



Dosbarth Celyn - Mrs Martin

Last week was Anti-bullying Week, so we did lots of lovely things with our friends. One of our jobs was to design and make a friendship bracelets for a friend. We also played lots of fun games together.



During our Forest School session, we listened to *The Paper Dolls*, written by Julia Donaldson. All the dolls were different but still the best of friends, who always held hands. We made our own paper doll chain outside, using chalks. We made sure we all held hands too.



HQ1 - Mrs Martin

Lots of us went to watch fireworks with our friends and family so we made our own rockets using 2D and 3D shapes. Some of us turned the 2D shapes to match the rocket outline and some of us created our own rocket using lots of different 2D shapes. Then we used 3D shapes to build models of rockets.



The following week was Anti-bullying week so we did lots of lovely things with our friends. We used our creative skills to create a piece of collaborative artwork. We painted our friends' hands and printed a beautiful Friendship Tree. We've displayed it in the corridor for everyone to see.



It was also Children in Need, so we chose a spotty biscuit recipe to follow in our cookery session. We practised our cleaning skills by wiping the surfaces and counter tops down after covering them in flour! Our biscuits were delicious.



FREE RESOURCES FOR PUPILS

Attention parents and carers! All learners in Welsh state schools can still get free Microsoft 365 at home through a renewed Welsh Government agreement. Your child can use Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more to create, edit and collaborate from home, as well as many other applications such as Minecraft Education, Canva, Encyclopaedia Britannica and much, much more.



Children can access this by using their HWB login

Dates for your Diary

Please see below some of the upcoming dates for this term. To ensure that you always know what is going on and any date changes, please check the online school calendar by clicking here

[ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

DATES IN THE NEWSLETTER MAY CHANGE AND WILL NOT BE REFLECTED UNTIL THE NEW NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED.

Date	Event
November	
25.11.2025	Year 5 Trip to Cardiff Museum
25.11.2025	Community Laser Show
28.11.2025	Elf and Well-Being Day - children can wear red/ green/ elf outfits to school.
29.11.2025	PFSA Wreath Making Workshop
December	
03.12.2025	Christmas Market 3:30pm to 4:30pm - School Hall
08.12.2025	Dosbarth Yew, Dosbarth Redwood, Dosbarth Ash and Dosbarth Hazel Christmas Concert - 8 th December @ 10:00am and @1:45pm
09.12.2025	Dosbarth Chestnut, Dosbarth Willow and Dosbarth Cherry Christmas Concert - 9 th December @ 9:45am and @ 1:45pm
10.12.2025	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day Please complete the online form below by midday on Monday, 1 st December if you would like your child to have a school lunch. https://forms.gle/ruDV7JwrDvA23DYo9 There will be no pasta bar or jacket potato lunch option on this day. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.
11.12.2025	Santa Visit to Greenmeadow Community Farm Reception to Year 2 - Please book using Civica Pay.
11.12.2025	Dosbarth Oak Christmas Concert - 9:45am and 1:45pm
11.12.2025	Dosbarth Walnut, Dosbarth Maple, Dosbarth Elm and Dosbarth Elder Carol Concert @ 1:45pm
12.12.2025	Dosbarth Walnut, Dosbarth Maple, Dosbarth Elm and Dosbarth Elder Carol Concert @ 1:45pm
15.12.2025	Dosbarth Beech and Dosbarth Rowan Christmas Concert @ 9:45pm
16.12.2025	Dosbarth Beech and Dosbarth Rowan Christmas Concert @ 9:45pm
18.12.2025	Panto - Congress Theatre for Year 3 to Year 6 pupils (incl.HQ2) Please book using Civica Pay.
18.12.2025	End of Autumn Term for Pupils
19.12.2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
January 2026	
05.01.2026	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING TERM

Please note dates and times may change, but we will endeavour to give as much advance notice of this.
 Please see below dates for **Christmas Concerts**, **Class Assemblies** and **Open Afternoons** over the year.
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Christmas Concert Dates



- Dosbarth Oak Christmas Concert - 11th December @ 9:45am and 1:45pm
- Dosbarth Beech and Dosbarth Rowan Christmas Concert - 15th and 16th December @ 9:45pm
- Dosbarth Chestnut, Dosbarth Willow and Dosbarth Cherry Christmas Concert - 9th December @ 9:45am and @ 1:45pm
- Dosbarth Yew, Dosbarth Redwood, Dosbarth Ash and Dosbarth Hazel Christmas Concert - 8th December @ 10:00am and @1:45pm
- Dosbarth Walnut, Dosbarth Maple, Dosbarth Elm and Dosbarth Elder Carol Concert - 11th and 12th December @ 1:45pm

Class Assemblies and Open Afternoons Below

- Dosbarth Maple (Mrs Davies) and Dosbarth Walnut (Miss Riley) Class Assembly - 26th March @ 2:00pm
- Dosbarth Hazel (Mrs Yoxall) and Dosbarth Ash (Mr Ashford) Class Assembly - 23rd April @ 2:00pm
- Dosbarth Redwood (Miss Evans) and Dosbarth Yew (Miss Kappas) Class Assembly - 7th May @ 2:00pm
- Dosbarth Chestnut (Mrs Eden), Dosbarth Willow (Mrs Evans) and Dosbarth Cherry (Miss Jones) Class Assembly - 10th July @2:00pm
- Dosbarth Oak (Miss Hall-Stark) Class Assembly - 13th July @ 9:45am and @ 1:45pm

Foodbanks in Cwmbran and Torfaen

Please see below a list of the Foodbanks that are available to offer support in Cwmbran.

Victory Church (Cwmbran) is able to offer a range of support to families including money management, counselling, food-bank and youth/children's work as well as a range of recovery programmes for anyone struggling with addictions.

If you require support, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Family Liaison Officer who will be able to help you, or point you in the right direction.

Eastern Valley Food Bank Unit 5 Pavilion Industrial Estate Pontnewynydd Pontypool Tel: 01495 760608	Salvation Army Wesley Street Old Cwmbran NP44 3LX Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Victory Church Cwmbran Greenforge Way Cwmbran Tel: 01633 867401	Ebenezer Evangelical Church Pontnewydd Cwmbran Tuesdays 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Trac 2 Charity Shop and Outreach Offices Shop 2/Church Avenue Pontypool Tel: 01495 764078	CoStar Hwb Fairwater Close Tel: 01633 869227



Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers

Autumn 2025



A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are **nursery** or **primary** school age (**1-10 years old**) in Torfaen.

Talks are targeted towards **ALL parents** - to help you best support your child's development & emotional well-being.

Talks will take place online using **Microsoft Teams** and are delivered by **NHS Psychologists**.



with Dr Charlie Cowtan
(Clinical Psychologist)

Monday 10th November
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's
emotional wellbeing

Monday 17th November
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's
development

Monday 24th November
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child to
have a positive
relationship with
screens & devices

Monday 1st December
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child to
have a positive experience
of going to school
(and prevent 'school
avoidance')



If you would like to book on to these talks please
click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/6MQAq9AMnn>



Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
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University Health Board



Talks in Torfaen for
Parents & Caregivers
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Child & Family
Community
Psychology

We also run additional workshops that are jointly designed and delivered with our health colleagues in the Children's Centres.

These workshops need to be booked using separate QR codes.

**WEDNESDAY 3RD
DECEMBER**

**10:00 AM-12:00
NOON**



PREPARING FOR AND SUPPORTING THROUGH PUBERTY



We are really excited to bring to you a brand new workshop. We have been working on this for some time to following some direct requests from families. It is our pleasure to introduce our

'Preparing For & Supporting Through Puberty'

During this workshop we will share ideas and resources related to the following topics:

- *Puberty in the context of children with additional developmental needs*
- *Body Parts & Preparing for Body Changes*
- *Privacy & Consent*
- *Puberty*
- *Masturbation*
- *What this means for you as Parents/Carers*

To book onto this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kzDF8c9jbb>

**WEDNESDAY
19TH NOVEMBER
10:00 AM - 12:00
NOON**



SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION

A workshop delivered jointly with a Speech and Language Therapist.

The workshop aims to help you to:



- **Understand how communication develops in children and means of communication**
- **Explore why some children develop communication difficulties**
- **Explore the related challenges that can develop alongside communication difficulties**
- **Think about different means to support your children to communicate**

To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qpyjEJLPtN>



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