



Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 23rd May 2025

THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...

FORGIVENESS

Nant Celyn Primary School Honoured with Four Prestigious Community Awards

Nant Celyn Primary School is proud to announce that it has received four prestigious awards in recognition of its outstanding commitment to community engagement. The school has achieved the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Foundation of Community Engagement Awards—culminating in the highest accolade: The Heart of the Community Award.

Miss Jones, Community Lead and Miss Goodland, Family Liaison Officer for the school met with Sue Davies the Director of The Foundation of the Community Engagement award to showcase the work they have done and were absolutely delighted when Sue awarded them The Heart of the Community Award.



This rare and commendable achievement recognises the school's dedication to fostering meaningful partnerships, encouraging pupil involvement, and making a lasting impact within the local community. By progressing through all three levels of the Community Engagement Foundation Awards and being awarded the top honour, Nant Celyn has firmly established itself as a beacon of community spirit and inclusion.

Ms. Smith expressed immense pride in the school's accomplishments:

"To receive these four awards in one day is truly incredible. It's a reflection of the hard work, compassion, and collaboration between Hannah and Tina, our staff, pupils, families, and community partners. We are proud to be recognised as the Heart of the Community - because that's exactly what we strive to be."

The awards celebrate schools that go above and beyond in embedding community values into every aspect of school life. From intergenerational projects to local outreach initiatives, Nant Celyn continues to lead the way in enriching both education and local life. Working with local businesses to launch a thriving parent, baby, and toddler group, receiving support from local craft clubs, the school is continually strengthening its ties with the wider community. Nant Celyn is also proud to host the Torfaen Dance Festival annually—an event that brings together over 18 schools from across the borough, giving more than 500 children the chance to perform on stage to sell-out audiences. These initiatives are just a few examples of how the school is creating lasting opportunities and joyful experiences for children and families throughout the area.

Goodbye and Good luck

Today we say goodbye to some of our long-standing members of staff as they move on either to pastures new or are looking forward to putting their feet up for retirement.

Year 2 will be saying goodbye to Mr Williams, who is leaving us to follow his passion for working with children with complex additional learning needs nearer to his home. We wish him all the best in his new position. The wonderful Miss Orme is sadly leaving us too; she has a fabulous new job using her vast experience supporting children and families with their additional learning needs. We also say goodbye this half term to Mrs Reynolds and Mrs May who are retiring. We wish them both long, happy and healthy retirements.

Summer Food and Fun Camps with Torfaen Play

Please find the link for the Summer Food and Fun Camps that are being run with Torfaen Play over the Summer holidays. If you wish your child(ren) are 5-11 and would like them to attend between Monday, 28th July to Thursday, 21st August please click on the link here <https://shorturl.at/ZE0Vp>

INSET Days

Monday, the 21st of July will be the final INSET day of the year.

EXTRA DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS BELOW IN RED.

Heddlu Bach Update with the Police Commissioner



Heddlu Bach were lucky enough to represent the school this week with a meeting with the chief constable and commissioner of Gwent police!

They had a tour of the new station, met a police dog, tried on some uniform, went in a car and even got to go in the control room. They then asked some very important questions to the constable and commissioner about how they are planning to keep Cwmbran safe as well as fun questions about the police!

The police even posted an article about their visit: <https://shorturl.at/dHIJN>



Community Grant News

Nant Celyn News

www.nantcelynprimary.co.uk

@nantcelynschool

The school has been very fortunate to have been awarded a National Lottery Grant of £20,000 to help develop a Community Pantry, to support our families and community of Nant Celyn. Work has already started with planning for the Community Pantry in the school grounds. Huge congratulations to Miss Jones for her successful grant bid and further developing our community links.

Community Pantry/Cafe Initiative

National Lottery Grant

The image shows a National Lottery Grant award letter from the Crownfa Gymnedol Community Fund. The letter is addressed to Miss Jones at Nant Celyn Primary School. It states that a grant of £20,000.00 has been awarded to the school. The grant is intended to support the development of a community pantry in the school grounds. The letter also includes details about the grant's terms and conditions, such as the requirement to use the grant for the specified purpose and the need to provide a final report. A large graphic overlay features a trophy with 'WINNER!' written on it, and the text '20K GREAT' in large, colorful letters.

School Admission Dates

School Admissions 2026

Will your child be starting Nursery, Reception or Secondary school in 2026?

In Torfaen, there are a number of Welsh Medium, English Medium and Voluntary Aided (VA) Faith based Schools your child could attend.

Applications for school/nursery can be made online via our website. In submitting an online application, you will receive an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email on the decision date, rather than waiting for a letter in the post!

There is a deadline for making your application. If you miss this deadline, or change your preference after the closing date, it may increase the possibility of not achieving a place at the school of your choice.

September 2026 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	9 June 25	18 July 25, 5pm	15 September 25
Reception	13 November 25	15 January 26, 5pm	16 April 26
Secondary	19 September 25	31 October 25, 5pm	2 March 26

Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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Sporting Achievements

The netball team have had a busy few weeks with matches. They did amazingly against Coed Eva and Our Ladies of the Angel! The progress they have made since the start of the year really showed.

Da Iawn Pawb!



Class Updates from the Teachers

Reception

Reception have been doing some super learning! We are totally immersed in all things litter!

We have been learning about the harmful effects of litter on our environment and what we can do to help. Lots of our children have been very ethical as they thought of excellent ways to keep litter out of animal habitats and have made leaflets to share this information with everyone.

We have also been learning about 'Keep Wales Tidy' and all the wonderful things we can get stuck in with. We can't wait for you to see all our hard work at the Eco March.



Year 2

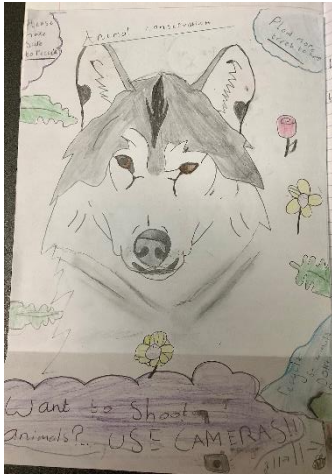


Year 2 had a fantastic week filled with excitement and pride as they performed for their parents in a wonderful class assembly. The children confidently took to the stage, sharing songs, stories, and facts they've learned, delighting everyone with their enthusiasm and teamwork. Afterwards, families were invited into the classrooms to see a showcase of the children's hard work—from colourful artwork to carefully written pieces. We've also started our Summer topic, "No Planet B," where we're learning all about helping wildlife and saving the bees. It's been a joyful celebration of learning, and we are so proud of all that Year 2 have achieved!





Year 4 have had a busy first part of the Summer Term! We have thrown ourselves into our new topic 'There is no Planet B', focusing on animal conservation and the loss of animal habitats around the world. We have researched animal conservation charities, designed posters to raise awareness and looked at how animals are adapted to their environment. We are very much looking forward to our trip to the Bristol Zoo Project. Please ensure you have sent in the reply slip and completed payment via Civica before Wednesday 4th June. Diolch!



Dosbarth Celyn

This half term we've been learning about animals. We've learnt about our favourite animals as well as caterpillars and butterflies. We used our expressive art skills to choose the materials we needed to create our artwork.



To create caterpillars and butterflies we used our printing skills.

We also used our art skills during our Forest School session. We collected dandelions and used them to draw beautiful pictures.



HQ2

Sweet & Sour Sensory Fun!



This term, HQ2 has been diving into the exciting world of sweet and sour. As part of our sensory exploration and independence skills, learners have been making their own toast, yogurts and porridge by experimenting with a variety of sweet and sour toppings—from zesty lemon to golden honey! It's been a great way to encourage life skills, choice-making, and trying new flavours.

Storytelling Superstar

A big shout out to one of our older learners who took centre stage to read a story to the whole class! With his brilliant character voices and confident storytelling, he had the entire room laughing and giggling. It's been wonderful to see his reading and oracy skills shine!



Boomwhacker Beats

Music sessions have been full of rhythm and energy as learners used boomwhackers to play along to some of their favourite top hits. These colourful instruments helped us explore beat, tempo, and teamwork—all while having loads of fun!



Green Fingers in HQ2

We've also been busy in our garden area, planting herbs and flowers and learning all about how things grow. From digging and watering to smelling the fresh herbs, the children have loved getting hands-on with nature. Our garden is now blooming beautifully thanks to their care and curiosity!



Class Assemblies and Parent Open Sessions

Please find below the dates for the remaining Year Group Class Assemblies and Parent Open Sessions.

Nursery - Monday, 14th July and Tuesday, 15th July. Stay and Play Sessions. Timings for Nursery TBC

Reception - Wednesday, 1st July @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

Year 1 - Thursday 12th June @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

Year 2 - Tuesday, 20th May @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

Year 3 - Tuesday, 24th June @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

Year 4 - Tuesday, 8th July @ 1:30pm Parent Open Session. Times for this will be shared by the class teacher via ClassDojo

Year 5 - Tuesday, 9th July @ 1:30pm Parent Open Session. Times for this will be shared by the class teacher via ClassDojo

Year 6 - Friday, 18th July @ 2:30pm Y6 Leavers Lunch Parent Session.

Dosbarth Celyn - Tuesday, 8th July @ 2:00pm Parent Open Session in the School Hall.

HQ1 - Tuesday, 15th July @ 2:00pm Parent Open Session in HQ1.

HQ2 - Wednesday, 16th July @ 2:15pm Parent Open Session in HQ2.

DRB - Tuesday 13th May @ 2:00pm Class Assembly and Parent Open Session

WE ASK THAT YOU NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK OR TAXI BAYS (UNLESS IN THE DISABLED BAYS) WHEN ATTENDING CONCERTS FOR THE SAFETY OF PUPILS

MANY THANKS



**DO YOU NEED
FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS?**

If you've started your period and you don't have any period products:

TALK TO
Miss Goodland, Mrs Davis-Thomas,
Miss Taylor Miss Jones or just ask
in the Office.

TO GET YOURS
Don't feel embarrassed!
Just ask if you could have a
pack for "HOLLY".



Period Dignity Products

The school has recently purchased additional period products for children in school and also our families.

We know how expensive these products can be and don't want children missing school as they are embarrassed.

School has a selection of reusable and single use products that children and

If children or any family members need any products please come into the main office and ask if you could have a pack for "HOLLY".



Dates for your Diary

Please see below some of the upcoming dates for this term.

NEW DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CALENDAR IN RED.

Date	Event
MAY	
23.05.2025	LAST DAY OF TERM
WHITSUN HALF-TERM BREAK	
JUNE	
02.06.2025	BACK TO SCHOOL
02.06.2025 - 06.06.2025	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Week Beginning 09.06.2025	CLUBS RESTART NB - No Clubs on Thursday 12 th of June due to Twilight Meeting for all Staff.
09.06.2025	Torfaen Dance Festival Rehearsal Day for Dance Club
09.06.2025	DRB to Cwmbran Library
11.06.2025	Year 5 trip to Rest Bay
11.06.2025	HQ2 trip to Barry Island with the Rotary Club
11.06.2025	Torfaen Dance Festival @ Congress Theatre for Dancers.
12.06.2025	Year 1 Class Assembly and Parent Session @ 1:30pm
13.06.2025	Enterprise Project for Year 6 @ Cwmbran High 9:30 to 11:00
13.06.2025	Year 4 trip to Bristol Zoo Project
20.06.2025	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day - 9:45am to 11:30am at Cwmbran Stadium. Children to come to school as normal and will walk down to Cwmbran Stadium. Children will then return to school for lunch.
20.06.2025	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day - 12:15pm to 2:30am at Cwmbran Stadium. Children to come to school as normal and will walk down to Cwmbran Stadium.
24.06.2025	Year 3 Class Assembly and Parent Session @ 1:30pm
27.06.2025	Foundation Phase Sports Day. This will be held on the ATP in school. Timings below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception - 9:30am to 10:30am • Year 1 - 10:30am to 11:30am • Year 2 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
30.06.2025	Year 6 Mini Olympics at Cwmbran high
30.06.2025	Year 6 Information Evening at Cwmbran High
JULY	
01.07.2025	Reception Class Assembly and Parent Session @ 1:30pm
02.07.2025	Year 6 Transition Day @ Cwmbran High and Croesyceiliog School All children moving to Cwmbran High School or Croesyceiliog attend a transition day where they will spend the day at their new school. Please remember that you will need to make your own arrangements for your child to get to and from their new school.
02.07.2025	Whole School Transition Day Nursery to Year 6
04.07.2025	The BIG Eco March Parents are invited into school from 2:45pm where they will be able to see the work that the children throughout the school through the Eco March.
07.07.2025 - 11.07.2025	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

08.07.2025	Dosbarth Celyn Parent Session @ 2:00pm
09.07.2025	RockSteady Performance - This performance is for all of the children whose families signed their children up to RockSteady Sessions. The performance will be in the School Hall.
10.07.2025	Year 6 Prom - 4:30pm to 6:30pm
14.07.2025 and 15.07.2025	Nursery Stay and Play Sessions Further information on this with the exact date and time for your child will be shared via ClassDojo.
15.07.2025	HQ1 Parent Open Session @ 2:00pm
16.07.2025	HQ2 Parent Open Session @ 2:15pm
16.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Performance @ 4:30pm
18.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Lunch and Parent Session @ 2:30pm Parents are invited to come in at 2.30 on the last day to enjoy some refreshments, take photos and make some end-of-school memories with the children.
18.07.2025	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
September	
01.09.2025	TRAINING DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
02.09.2025	First Day of School for New Academic Year 2025-26

Please note dates and times may change, but we will endeavour to give as much advance notice of this.

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

FREE/ Reduced Priced Places for Children to Eat Out this May Half-Term

Have a look below at some of the places that children can eat for FREE or at a reduced cost with an adult meal.

REMEMBER, if you need any help please use the list below of the Foodbanks that are available in the Cwmbran area.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free, weekdays, Mon 26th - Fri 30th May

BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, Mon 26th - Fri 30th May

BURGER KING

From 26th May - 1st June 2025,

Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

COCONUT TREE

Kids Eat Free from Sun 25th May to Sun 1st June.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Friday 23rd to Friday 30th of May. Sign Up Required

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays