

# NANT CELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter Spring Term - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ... FORGIVENESS

### INSET Days

**Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of July** will be the final INSET day of the year.

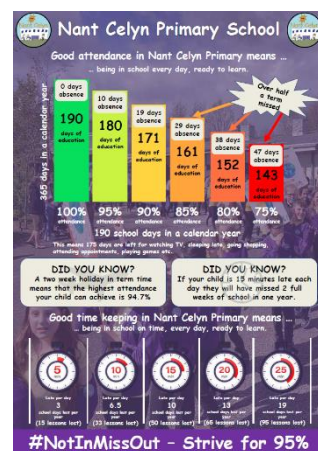
*This term is very short, so at the bottom of this newsletter we have tried to put all the dates of upcoming events into an easy to read timetable.*

*Please note there may be some extra events added or changes to planned events, but we will try to give you as much notice as possible, but this may not always be possible.*

### Lateness

We have seen an increase in the number of children coming into school late each day. School starts at 9:00 am (with the exception for those in HQ1 and HQ2 who start at 9:20 am). Children should be in class for 8:55am for registration at 9:00am so that learning can start straight away.

A message was sent home this week along with some additional information on lateness and what could happen if 10 sessions of lateness is recorded in a term.



### Class Updates from the Teachers

#### Nursery

The Nursery has been very busy with their green fingers! They have prepared and planted a vegetable bed and sown a variety of wild flower seeds, which they have been carefully looking after and observing for changes. In doing this, they applied some great maths skills, counting, measuring and sorting to name a few. They can now talk about parts of a plant and the different jobs that they do as well as explain how the lifecycle works.

There has been some lovely play in the nursery garden centre where the children have all planted their own sunflowers, they are super excited to see whose will grow the tallest!



## Year 1



We have had a fabulous couple of weeks in Blwyddyn 1 after Easter! We have been spending lots of time outside in our new flower shop. We have created a new role play area that teaches us the importance of recycling and we have completed another signing lesson with Miss Evans.



## Year 3

Year 3 have been getting stuck in with Sports Day practice. We are very eager to finally attend the KS2 Sports Day at Cwmbran Stadium and are enjoying having a go at our new races, such as skipping, hurdles and javelin.

We are now one week into our new topic 'There is no Planet B' and have already been extremely busy researching a number of world issues, such as deforestation and climate change. We were particularly intrigued by what Biodiversity means and why it is important to our world. We found out that we can help by growing more plants in our gardens and making ponds to encourage more wildlife to visit and would love to help make Nant Celyn a more biodiverse space.



## Year 5/6

Year 5/6 have had a busy start to the Summer Term. In Year 5 we have been learning all about the 17 sustainable global goals and the Windrush Generation. We have looked at what a perfect world would look like and how we can be ethical citizens in supporting this! This is all in preparation for our Big Eco Topic where we will be campaigning for a good cause!

We have started a new genre in English - Discussion text and we have had a great time discussing our opinions and giving reasons why. Did you know that the majority of us think we should live on a desert island!! We have also been enjoying working outside in the beautiful weather; reading, debating and completing number skills in a variety of ways. In Year 6 we have been getting started on our Leavers and Enterprise work! We can't wait to show you what we have been planning.



## HQ1

HQ1 have had a lovely few weeks. We enjoyed celebrating Neurodiversity week, making masks and creating videos for the rest of the school. Our videos are up on our Twitter account if you would like to see! We have also enjoyed exploring in our outdoor areas in the lovely weather.

We love water play, particularly when we can play with bubbles too. The last two weeks, we have enjoyed learning about our new topic of 'Space' and making our own fizzy stars! In the next two weeks, we are looking forward to our trip to the soft play and learning more about Space!





Over the last few weeks the DRB have been taking part in lots of exciting activities! We had a deaf drama workshop with Steph from Taking Flight. We invited our friends from Cogan, Coed-Glas and Llwynocrwn deaf bases to join us and had a fun-filled day. We played team building games with Steph, played the Boom-Whackers with Mrs Boak and got creative with an art activity with Miss Evans. We can't wait to meet up with our new friends again!

Last term we took part in a few celebrations. We looked at how we can support our neurodiverse friends during Neurodiversity Awareness Week and we celebrated Eid by sharing a story and making Eid gift bags to take home. This week is Deaf Awareness Week so we have been taking part in lots of lovely activities and sent fun and exciting challenges out to all the classes. We can't wait to share it all with our families during our celebration assembly next. We also celebrated **Neurodiversity Awareness Week** with discussions and activities focused on understanding and appreciating different ways of thinking. It was a meaningful week of creativity, inclusion, and fun!



**News in the Community**



A huge well done to one of our pupils in the ASD base for completing a 5K walk raising money for the National Autistic Society.

He managed to raise nearly £1000 for the charity.

We are super proud of him!



### Class Assemblies and Parent Open Sessions

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

**Nursery** - Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. Stay and Play Sessions. Timings for Nursery TBC

**Reception** - Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

**Year 1** - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June @ 1:30pm followed by Parent Open Session in Classes.

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

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

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

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

**Year 6** - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July @ 2:30pm Y6 Leavers Lunch Parent Session.

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

**HQ1** - Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July @ 2:00pm Parent Open Session in HQ1.

**HQ2** - Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July @ 2:15pm Parent Open Session in HQ2.

**DRB** - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 2:00pm Class Assembly and Parent Open Session



**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.

More dates/ events will be added on each newsletter.

Date	Event
<b>MAY</b>	
12.05.2025	National Test Week for Year 2 to Year 6
13.05.2025	DRB Class Assembly and Parent Session @ 1:30pm
13.05.2025	Enterprise Project for Year 6 @ Cwmbran High 9:30 to 11:00
<b>19.05.2025 - 23.05.2025</b>	<b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>
20.05.2025	Year 2 Class Assembly and Parent Session @1:30pm
21.05.2025	Heddlu Bach visit to Police Headquarters
22.05.2025	DRB Deaf Rugby Tournament at Rodney Parade and Newport Wetlands Visit
23.05.2025	HQ1 and Dosbarth Celyn trip to the Ark, Victory Church
<b>23.05.2025</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>WHITSUN HALF-TERM BREAK</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>02.06.2025</b>	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
<b>02.06.2025 - 06.06.2025</b>	<b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>
<b>09.06.2025</b>	<b>CLUBS RESTART</b>
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
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"> <li>• Reception – 9:30am to 10:30am</li> <li>• Year 1 - 10:30am to 11:30am</li> <li>• Year 2 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm</li> </ul>
30.06.2025	Year 6 Mini Olympics at Cwmbran high
30.06.2025	Year 6 Information Evening at Cwmbran High
<b>JULY</b>	
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.
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.
<b>07.07.2025 - 11.07.2025</b>	<b>LAST WEEK OF CLUBS</b>
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.
<b>18.07.2025</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
<b>September</b>	
<b>01.09.2025</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
<b>02.09.2025</b>	<b>First Day of School for New Academic Year 2025-26</b>

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.

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