

NANT CELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Autumn Term - Friday 17th October 2025
THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...
TRUST

INSET Days

19th December 2025

17th July 2026

20th July 2026

There will be one more INSET day announced shortly.

Harvest Thanks

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families of Nant Celyn Primary School for your kind and generous donations this Harvest. Your contributions will be going to the Eastern Valley Food Bank, where they will help support individuals and families in our community who are in need.

Your kindness and generosity truly make a difference — thank you for helping us share the spirit of giving this Harvest season.



Shwmae / Su'mae Day

We had a fabulous day celebrating Diwrnod Shwmae on Wednesday, 15th October. We wore red, green and white to celebrate Wales and the Welsh language.. Our Criw Cymraeg hosted a coffee morning for our parents to teach them a range of new Welsh greetings and sayings. They played some interactive language games and enjoyed a cup of tea with a Bake Stone (Welsh Cake). A big thank you to all of our parents who could attend! Diolch yn Fawr Iawn!!



Class Updates from the Teachers

Dosbarth Oak



Nursery have been busy investigating how their world changes during the autumn months. They have been learning to appreciate the natural world by making careful observations, asking questions about autumn treasures and even spotting patterns in nature. They have recorded signs of autumn using ICT, worked on their counting skills and sorted autumn leaves by colour and shape. They are enjoying learning about harvest time and have explored a range of fruit and vegetables in their farm shop roleplay, made their own wholemeal bread and have thought about what they are thankful for.



They have experimented with a range of creative tools and techniques, explored weaving and sewing, made salt dough hedgehogs and mixed their own autumnal colours for leaf printing. They are working really hard to retell the story- 'It was a Cold, Dark Night' using full sentences.

Dosbarth Rowan



We have been working hard in Dosbarth Rowan this week. We loved celebrating Diwrnod Shwmae by making nature art in forest school and lots more creative jobs in the classroom. We have also been loving all things autumn and practicing our math skills by counting pumpkin seeds and making patterns. We also had an exciting visit from some owls! The pupils were very brave when meeting them. It has been amazing to see how well we have all settled into our class .



Dosbarth Chestnut

We've had a wonderfully busy and exciting few weeks in Dosbarth Chestnut, filled with learning, laughter, and some very special visitors!

Owl Encounter One of the highlights of our term so far was a magical visit from some incredible owls! The children were absolutely captivated as they learned all about these fascinating birds—their habitats, diets, and how they fly so silently. Everyone had the chance to see the owls up close, and some even got to stroke them! It was a truly memorable experience that sparked lots of curiosity and questions.

Gwent Music Workshop We also enjoyed a lively and engaging music session with Gwent Music. The children explored rhythm, beat, and melody through fun activities and instruments. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they clapped, sang, and played along. We're looking forward to more musical adventures in the future!

Exploring Vegetables and Seeds In our science and topic lessons, we've been investigating vegetables—looking closely at which ones have seeds and which don't. The children have loved examining different types of produce, making predictions, and cutting them open to discover what's inside. This hands-on learning has led to some brilliant discussions and discoveries!

We're so proud of how enthusiastic and curious the children have been. Keep an eye out for more updates as we dive deeper into our autumn term learning!



Dosbarth Redwood



Over the past fortnight, Dosbarth Redwood have been diving into our Autumn topic, The Undersea Cleaning Spree! We planned and carried out a litter pick around our Forest School and Nant Celyn outdoor areas, carefully tallying the rubbish we found. In ICT, we learnt how to write emails and used our new skills to contact Miss Smith - sharing what we discovered and suggesting outdoor recycling bins so we can take more responsibility for sorting waste ourselves!

This week, we've also been celebrating Black History Month by learning about inspirational Black heroes. We wrote thoughtful diary entries as Nelson Mandela, in both English and Welsh! Rydyn ni'n wych! (We are great!) We can't wait to share all our hard work with you on Seesaw!

Dosbarth Ash



We have had another busy week in Dosbarth Ash with half term only 1 week away! The children have competed to see who could build the tallest free-standing structure out of natural materials in forest school. We have tackled rounding in maths and started a new genre in English, which is a narrative about a magical portal to a new world!

We have also further explored our new topic Amazing Architecture, creating a fact file about Norma Sklerек who was the first African American woman to become a licensed architect in the states of New York and California.

Dosbarth Maple



Dosbarth Maple have been working really hard this week! We have been writing out our versions of The Welsh Dragon Story, using personification and similes - WOW! We really enjoyed going into the forest school area to find natural resources for our clay printing project. We found sticks, leaves and acorn shells to print into clay to make patterns and pictures. In science we have been looking at how a dragon has adapted to living in its habitat. We tested different materials to see which ones would make good scales, bodies and claws. We tested if they were waterproof, strong and if they could hold their shape under weight. We loved this experiment so much we wanted to make a model dragon out of recycled resources to see if we could create a dragon that was strong and waterproof.

This week we went on our trip to Caerphilly Castle! We loved exploring all the different areas of the castle and finding out lots of information about who lived there and who may have attacked the Castle in the past. We became photographers for the day and we are going to use our skills to create an iMovie all about Caerphilly Castle.

We really have been working hard!

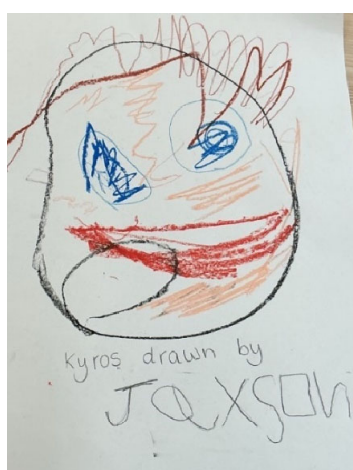
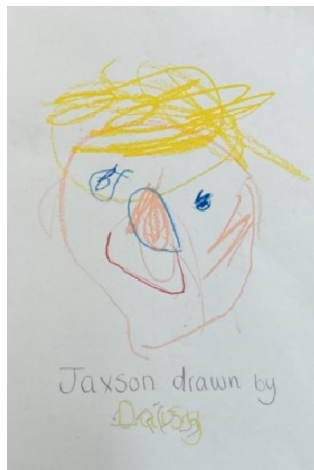
Dosbarth Elder

Dosbarth Elder have had a very exciting fortnight. We have started our topic and chosen the name 'Timelapse', looking at the impact that different periods of history have had on Wales today. We started with the Age of the Prince and wrote a diary entry from Llewelyn ap Gruffydd in Welsh! We were very lucky to have had a visit from Claire, a local artist who taught us all about pointillism and helped us create our own artwork. We celebrated Shwmae Day and are looking forward to our trip to Cardiff Castle next week!



Dosbarth Celyn

Last week we met some feathery friends. We listened to a lady talk about how she and her friend care for owls that have been hurt and need to be looked after. We sat very quietly so we didn't scare any of them and then we touched them, very gently.



Last week we talked about how we are all different. Some of us have blue eyes and some of us have brown eyes, some of us are tall and some of us are short. We looked very carefully at our friends and used our expressive art skills to draw them.



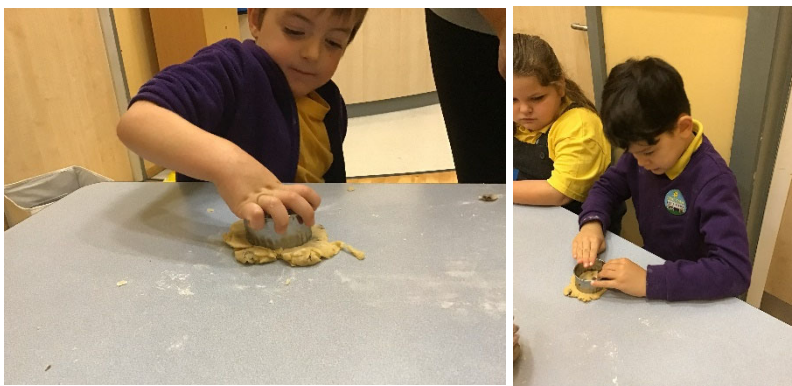
We celebrated Shwmae Day this week. Together we made a huge sign to go above our class door. We practised our sticking skills and talked about the Welsh colours we used. The best part of Shwmae Day was baking and eating Welsh Cakes!!





Last week's class story was It's Okay to be Different by Todd Parr. We loved the pictures in the book so we decided to paint our friend in the same way. We chose bright colours and looked very carefully at our friend's face. We think our paintings are fab and very funny.

During our last Forest School session, we searched the forest for beautiful treasures to put on our school nature table. We found sticks, leaves, a feather and a branch of a small tree. We took them to show Ms Smith and Mrs Richards, who both helped us sort our treasures on the table.



This week we celebrated Shwmae Day. We made a huge 'Shwmae' sign to put above our class door so everyone knows they're welcome to pop into our class. We also practised our expressive art skills, by colouring in a Welsh dragon. However, our favourite activity, was definitely baking and eating Welsh cakes.

Community Laser Show

We're super excited for our first-ever joint community event! Nant Celyn Primary and Cwmbran High School are teaming up to host a spectacular Bonfire Night Laser Show on Tuesday, 4th November.

www.laserpromo.co.uk

NANT CELYN & CWMBRAN HIGH

LASER SHOW

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 5:30PM
SHOW STARTS 6:30PM
@CHS SPORTS FIELD

TICKETS
ADULTS - £5.50
CHILDREN UNDER 16 - £3.50
CHILDREN UNDER 1 FREE

FOLLOW THE LINK OR SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK
HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WHATS-ON/CWMBRAN/CWMBRAN-HIGH-SCHOOL/LAZER-SHOW/E-XOGAXV

FAIRGROUND RIDES
RAFFLE
HOT FOOD
GLOW TOYS

Nant Celyn Primary School logo and Cwmbran High School logo are present.

Tickets are now on sale - and they are going fast, so don't delay and click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKET LINK](#)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of lights, fun, and community spirit!

#BonfireNight
#CommunityEvent #LaserShow
#Cwmbran #NantCelynPrimary
#CwmbranHigh



The PFSA are holding their Autumn disco on **Thursday, 23rd October**. The times of the disco are;

Reception to Year 2 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm and

Year 3 to Year 6 - 4:45pm to 6:15pm.

The children from Reception to Year 2 can wear their party clothes to school and will be taken to the hall for the disco. If you wish your child from Reception to Year 2, please complete the form below. The form will close on Wednesday, 22nd October at midday.

[Reception to Year 2 Autumn Disco](#)

OPAL DONATIONS

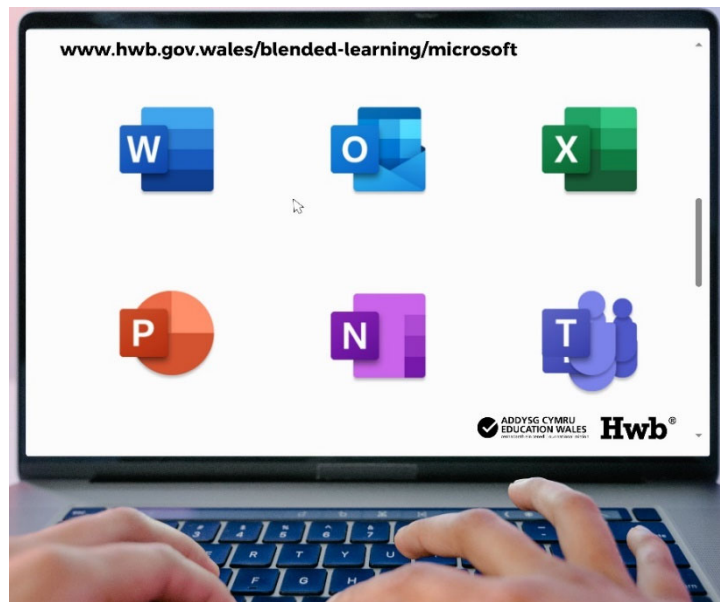
We would be very grateful for the following donations

- Pots, pans, utensils
- Suitcases with wheels
- Toy dinosaurs, cars, figures



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.

ANY DATE CHANGES ARE CHANGED IN RED.

Date	Event
October	
20.10.2025 to 24.10.2025	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
20.10.2025 to 24.10.2025	Parents Evening Week for Year 1 to Year 6, DRB and ASD Bases Days and times for appointments have already been sent out to you
22.10.2025	Year 6 Trip to Cardiff Castle
23.10.2025	Autumn Disco Reception to Year 2 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm Year 3 to Year 6 - 4:45pm to 6:15pm
24.10.2025	END OF HALF TERM
November	
03.11.2025	START of AUTUMN 2 Term
04.11.2025	Community Laser Show (see above)
03.11.2025 to 07.11.2025	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
06.11.2025	Year 6 Trip to St Fagans
10.11.2025	Odd Socks Day to support Anti-Bullying Week
14.11.2025	Children in Need
17.11.2025 to 18.11.2025	Nursery and Reception Parent's Evening - Face to Face Appointments Letters will be sent after half-term.
19.11.2025	Nursery and Reception Parent's Evening - Phone Call Appointments Letters will be sent after half-term.
27.11.2025	Dosbarth Elder (Mrs Davis-Thomas) and Dosbarth Elm (Mrs Denham) Class Assembly @ 2:00pm
28.11.2025	Elf and Well-Being Day
29.11.2025	PFSA Wreath Making Workshop
December	
05.12.2025	Christmas Market 3:30pm to 5:00pm
08.12.2025	Dosbarth Yew, Dosbarth Redwood, Dosbarth Ash and Dosbarth Hazel

	Christmas Concert @ 1:45pm
09.12.2025	Dosbarth Chestnut, Dosbarth Willow and Dosbarth Cherry Christmas Concert @ 9:45am and @ 1:45pm
10.12.2025	Christmas Dinner Day
11.12.2025	Morning Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9:45am Afternoon Nursery Christmas Concert @ 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 @ 9:45am
16.12.2025	Dosbarth Beech and Dosbarth Rowan Christmas Concert @ 9:45am
18.12.2025	END OF AUTUMN TERM FOR PUPILS
19.12.2025	TRAINING DAY
January	
05.01.2026	START of 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 @ 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 Elder (Mrs Davis-Thomas) and Dosbarth Elm (Mrs Denham) Class Assembly - 27th November @ 2:00pm
- 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 Kapas) 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



HELPING HANDS OUTREACH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: SEPT-DEC 25

We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions, Introduction to Sensory Processing.

These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Nevl Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

The workshops will take place online via a video-call.



**MONDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER
10AM-12NOON**

INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP

We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people.

Book by Midday on Monday 8th September

**MONDAY 6TH
OCTOBER
10AM - 12NOON**

EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE

We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge.

Book by Midday on Monday 29th September

**WEDNESDAY
22ND OCTOBER
10AM-12NOON**

TRANSITIONS & SEPARATIONS

We will share ideas about supporting children and young people with transitions and separations

Book by Midday on Wednesday 15th October

**MONDAY 3RD
NOVEMBER
10AM-12NOON**

SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry.

Book by Midday on Monday 27th October



BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST

To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our workshop mailing list for updates on all our future workshops, you can:

- Scan the QR code
- Click on the QR code
- Follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0Kk>

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/kzDF8cejbb>

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>

