

BEDLINOG NEWS

AUTUMN UPDATE 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MR. MORGAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term at Bedlinog Community Primary School. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable October half term break and that our pupils are ready for the term ahead.

As we begin the second half of the autumn term, we're looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead. There will be plenty of opportunities for learning, creativity, and celebration as we move towards the festive season. To help you stay informed, an updated list of key dates is available on the back of this letter and can also be found on the school app. We encourage you to check regularly so you don't miss out on any upcoming events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we'll make this half term a successful and memorable one for all our pupils.

Diolch yn Fawr,

Mr. Morgan

Executive Headteacher



CHANGE MAKERS

At Bedlinog Community Primary School, we're proud to celebrate the pupils who are helping to shape a better school community—our Change Makers! These pupils are part of various pupil groups that focus on different areas of school life. Each group plays a vital role in making sure our school is safe, inclusive, forward-thinking, and fun. They work together with staff and peers to bring fresh ideas, solve problems, and lead positive change at school.



Here are the Change Maker groups and what they do:

- **Y Senedd:** The voice of the pupils! They gather ideas and feedback from their peers and help make decisions that improve school life.
- **Criw Cymraeg:** Promoting Welsh language and Ethos across our school.
- **Eco Squad:** Our environmental champions. They lead projects to help us care for the planet, from recycling to reducing energy use.
- **Digital Leaders:** Tech-savvy helpers who support safe and smart use of technology across the school.
- **Wellbeing Warriors:** Promoters of kindness, mental health, and emotional wellbeing. They help make sure everyone feels happy and supported.
- **Rights Rangers:** Advocates for children's rights. They help raise awareness of the UNCRC and ensure everyone's rights are respected and understood.



Together, these groups make up our Change Makers who are helping Bedlinog CP School be the best it can be!

We're incredibly proud of their work—keep an eye out for their latest projects and initiatives!

★ FRIENDLY REMINDERS ★

- Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:50 ready to start their day at 9:00.
- If there are any changes to your personal information, please let the office know.
- Only school water bottles are permitted at our school water fountains. These can be purchased from the Office (£2).
- If your child is absent please let the office know as soon as possible, either through the app or by phoning the school and selecting option 1.

COMMUNICATION IN THE SCHOOL APP



We understand that the school newsfeed in the app can sometimes feel busy, and that it's not always easy to spot important updates or find key information quickly. We really appreciate your engagement and want to make things simpler and more user-friendly. Starting this term, we're making two important changes to how we share information in the app:

1. **Newsfeed** – This will now be used only for class stories and photos. It's the place to go if you want to see what's been happening in your child's class or view pictures from enrichment activities across the school.
2. **Notices** – This is where you'll find whole-school information, including letters, key dates, reminders, and updates. If you're looking for something important, this is the section to check first.

We hope these changes will make it easier to stay informed and help you find what you need more quickly. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

AUTUMN DIARY UPDATES

November

- Mon 3rd - INSET - School Closed
- Tue 4th - Parent Council Meeting
- Thu 6th - Y3 resume Swimming Lessons
- Fri 7th - No Outsiders Day
- Fri 7th - Choir singing at Glynbargoed House
- Mon 10th - Odd Socks Day - Start of Anti-bullying week
- w/c Mon 10th - Nursery Rhyme Week (Nursery)
- Mon 10th - School Photographer (New Nursery (individual) & Classes (not individual portraits)
- Tue 11th - Poppy Day Assembly
- Fri 14th - Children in Need
- Fri 14th - Nursery Rhyme Time (Nursery), 15:00
- Mon 17th - Fluoride Varnish (N - Y2)
- Thu 20th - Brews & Views, 9:00 - 9:30
- Thu 20th - Cluster Tag Rugby Tournament, 16:00
- Mon 24th - UK Parliament week
- Thu 27th - Christmas Enterprise Sale, 15:30 - 16:15

December

- Mon 1st - 'Bring a Bauble' to school
- w/c Mon 1st - Y6 Cycle Proficiency Sessions
- Tue 2nd - PTA Christmas Event
- Fri 5th - D. Coch trip to Santa's Toy Mine
- Fri 5th - Choir singing at Glynbargoed House
- Mon 15th - Christmas Quest (Y3 - Y6)
- Tue 16th - Santa Sing-a-long (N - Y2)
- Tue 16th - Y6 Transition Day, ATHS

Christmas Holidays - Mon 22nd Dec - Mon 5th Jan
INSET - Monday 5th January

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

We are proud of the strong home-school partnership we've built to support pupils in becoming confident, independent learners. Here are some of the ways we promote learning at home:

- **Daily Reading Books:** Pupils take home reading books every day (along with sight words in younger classes), to encourage regular reading practice and build fluency. This daily habit helps foster a love of reading and strengthens key literacy skills.
- **Talk Tasks:** Every Friday, pupils receive a Talk Task to complete over the weekend. These tasks are designed to spark meaningful conversations at home and develop speaking and listening skills, ahead of a new learning week.
- **Online Learning Platforms:** During a number of our Learn with Me sessions, families were introduced to the online platforms we use to support learning at home. These include:
 - SumDog – our numeracy platform, which pupils access Monday to Friday for home learning tasks
 - Oxford Reading Buddy – to support reading fluency and understanding of text.

We are committed to making learning accessible across school and home. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping our pupils thrive! Please do get in touch for any questions you may have about supporting your child.

Have you claimed all the support you can get with school costs?

The Welsh Government offers support with Free School Meals and School Essentials such as uniform, kit and stationery.

Make sure you've checked your child's eligibility for Free School Meals. Even if they receive Universal Primary Free Schools Meals, **more help** could be available!

If eligible:

- you can get up to **£200 per child** for School Essentials
- your school will get at least **£1,150 of extra funding**

Search "Get Help with School Costs"



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Please find below details about the Christmas events coming up during December:-

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

- D. Coch & D. Melyn:-
 - Tuesday 9th December, 10:15
 - Thursday 11th December, 14:15
- D. Gwydd & D. Glas:-
 - Tuesday 9th December, 14:15
 - Thursday 11th December, 10:15



CHRISTMAS PANTO

- Wednesday 3rd December @School



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

- Friday 12th December

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

- Wednesday 17th December



CHRISTMAS DISCO

- Thursday 18th December



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our attendance target this year is 95%, and we need your support to reach it! When children attend school regularly, they build strong friendships, develop good learning habits, and make steady progress in their education. Together, we can make every day count!

THIS TERM'S RIGHT OF THE CHILD



I have a right to healthy food

Article 24, UNCRC

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