

Ysgol Gynradd Cymuned Bedlinog

BEDLINOG NEWS

AUTUMN UPDATE 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MR. PROSSER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term at Bedlinog Community Primary School! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy October half-term break and that our pupils are feeling refreshed, re-energised and ready for the weeks ahead.

We have lots to look forward to this half term as we continue to learn, grow and celebrate together. With plenty of exciting learning opportunities, creative activities and special events planned, it promises to be a busy and enjoyable few weeks as we begin to look ahead to the festive season.

To help you keep up to date with everything happening in school, an updated list of key dates is included on the back of this newsletter and is also available on the school app. Please take a moment to check these regularly so you can keep track of important dates and upcoming events.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Working together with our families is so important in helping every child thrive, and we look forward to another positive and memorable half term filled with learning, laughter and success.

Diolch yn fawr for your continued support!

Mr. Prosser

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 2nd - INSET - School Closed
- Mon 9th - No Outsiders Day
- Mon 9th - Y3 resume Swimming Lessons
- Tues 10th - Parents Evening
- Tues 10th - School Photographer
- Tues 10th - Parent Council Meeting
- Wed 11th - Parents Evening
- Wed 11th - Poppy Day Assembly
- Thu 12th - Brews & Views
- Fri 13th - Children In Need
- Fri 13th - Fluoride Varnish (N - Y2)
- Mon 16th - Odd Socks Day - Start of Anti-bullying week
- Mon 16th - Anti-bullying Drama workshop
- Thu 19th - IQ Christmas Cards orders close
- Thu 19th - Cluster Tag Rugby Tournament @ Afon Taf
- Mon 23rd - UK Parliament Week
- Wed 25th - Christmas Enterprise Sale

December

- Tue 1st - 'Bring a Bauble' to school
- Wed 2nd - Nursery Trip, Cantref Farm
- Thu 3rd - R - Y6 Aladdin Pantomime
- Mon 7th - IQ Christmas Cards delivered
- Mon 14th - Christmas Quest (Y3-6)
- Tue 15th - Songs With Santa (N-Y2)

Christmas Holidays – Mon 21st Dec – Mon 4th Jan

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

- D. Coch & D. Melyn:-
  - Tuesday 8th December, 9:30
  - Thursday 10th December, 14:00
- D. Gwyrdd & D. Glas:-
  - Tuesday 8th December, 14:00
  - Thursday 10th December, 9:30

CHRISTMAS PANTO

- Thursday 3rd December @ Blackwood Institute

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

- Friday 11th December

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

- Wednesday 16th December

CHRISTMAS DISCO

- Friday 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!

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"**

THIS TERM'S RIGHT OF THE CHILD



I have a right to healthy food

Article 24, UNCRC

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