

TRELEWIS NEWS

AUTUMN EDITION 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MR. PROSSER

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents and carers as we begin another exciting school year at Trelewis Primary School!

We hope everyone has enjoyed a lovely summer break, making special memories, having fun and enjoying some well-deserved time to relax. We are now looking forward to welcoming everyone back and beginning a new year filled with exciting opportunities, learning and experiences.

As always, we encourage all parents and carers to take an active role in school life. A strong partnership between home and school is incredibly important in helping our pupils thrive.

A special welcome also goes to our new Nursery pupils and their families. We are delighted that you have joined our Trelewis Primary School community and hope that you and your children quickly feel settled, happy and at home with us.

As we start a new academic year, we would also like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance from the very beginning of term. Being in school regularly gives children the best possible opportunity to learn, make progress, build friendships and take part fully in school life. We are committed to working alongside families to support every child in making the most of their time at school.

Our newsletter contains lots of useful information to help you prepare for the term ahead, including important dates, events and key reminders for the school year. Please remember that this information can also be accessed through our school app and website, so you can keep up to date throughout the year.

We are excited about everything the new school year will bring and look forward to working closely with you all. Together, we can continue to encourage, inspire and support our pupils as they grow, learn and 'Reach for the Stars'.

Here's to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead!

Mr. Prosser

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON THIS YEAR?

As a school, we always evaluate our work to make sure we are providing the very best education to our Pupils. We use a wide range of information and evidence to do this including feedback from Pupils, Parents and staff, as well as evidence from our monitoring work in school. Each year the school sets itself targets to improve on and develop over the academic year. As a result of the feedback received last year, and from our self-evaluation work, the 4 areas that we are working on over this year are:-

1. Strengthen pupils' mastery of numeracy and mathematics.
2. To establish a cohesive new leadership team with a shared vision, consistent practices and a clear focus on school improvement.
3. To develop high-quality outdoor learning and play environments that enhance pupil engagement, wellbeing and physical development.
4. To promote a strong Welsh language culture through consistent use and visibility across the school.

More information about our School Development plan can be found on the school website.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our attendance target this year is **95%**. Please help us achieve our target by sending your child to school regularly.

★ 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.

INSET DAYS 2026/27

A reminder that the INSET dates for this academic year will take place on the following dates:-

Tuesday 1st September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 15th February

★ Friday 28th May

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July ★

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AUTUMN TERM 2026

DIARY DATES

September

- Tues 1st – Start of Autumn Term
- Fri 11th – Cross Country Trials – Y1 – 6
- Mon 14th – Roald Dahl Day – Bring a Roald Dahl book or even dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl Character!
- Mon 14th – Lending Library restarts
- Weds 16th – Y6 transition visit to Afon Taf & Open Evening
- Thu 17th – Parent RWI Info Session (D.Coch), 15:00
- Mon 21st – Race Against Hate Cross Country
- Fri 25th – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9:00
- Mon 28th – No Outsiders Day
- Mon 28th – Parent Council Meeting – 14:50

October

- Thu 1st – Number Hub – 9:00 (N & R)
- Mon 5th – Harvest Festival
- Mon 5th – D. Gwyrdd Learn With Me – 15:30-16:15
- Tue 6th – D. Glas Learn With Me – 15:30 – 16:15
- Wed 7th – D. Porffor Learn With Me – 15:30 – 16:15
- Thu 8th – D. Aur Learn With Me – 15:30 – 16:15
- Mon 12th – D. Coch Learn With Me – 15:30-16:15
- Tue 13th – Nursery Learn With Me – 15:30 – 16:15
- Wed 14th – D. Melyn Learn With Me – 15:30-16:15
- Thu 15th – D. Oren Learn With Me – 15:30-16:15
- Thu 15th – Sponsored Dance-athon
- Thu 15th – Y6 Cluster Football @ Afon Taf – 16:00
- Fri 16th – Reading Café, 14:45 – 15:30 (N & R)
- Wed 21st – Brews & Views 9:00
- Thu 22nd – Number Hub (Y1&2)
- Thu 22nd – Autumn Term Dis-Glo

Half Term – Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30th Oct

November

- Mon 2nd – INSET – School Closed
- Thu 5th – Reading Cafe 14:45 (Y1 – 6)
- Mon 9th – No Outsiders Day
- Mon 9th – Odd Socks Day – Start of Anti-bullying week
- Mon 9th – Nursery Rhyme Week (Nursery)
- Mon 9th – School Photographer (New Nursery (individual) & Classes (not individual portraits))
- Tue 10th & Wed 11th – Parents Meetings
- Wed 11th – Poppy Day Assembly
- Wed 11th – D. Oren & D. Melyn visit to the Cenotaph
- Fri 13th – Children in Need
- Weds 18th – Christmas Enterprise Sale, 15:30 – 16:15
- Thu 19th – Cluster Rugby Tournament, 16:00
- Mon 23rd – UK Parliament week
- Tue 24th – Whole School Flu Nasal Spray
- Mon 30th – Governor Learning Afternoon

December

- Tue 1st – 'Bring a Bauble' to school
- Wed 2nd – PTA Christmas Event
- Thu 3rd – Aladdin Pantomime @ Blackwood Miners Institute. Rec – Y6
- Mon 7th – Concert Week
- Fri 11th – Christmas Jumper Day
- Mon 14th – Christmas Quest (Y3 – Y6)
- Tue 15th – Santa Sing-a-long (N – Y2)
- Wed 16th – Christmas Dinner Day
- Thu 17th – Christmas Disco

Christmas Holidays – Mon 21st Dec – Mon 4th Jan
School returns Monday 4th January

READING CAFE

Our reading cafes will take place again this term, 14:45–15:30, on the following dates:–

- Nursery & Reception – Thursday 1st October
- Year 1 – Year 6 – Thursday 5th November



All Parents/Carers welcome to attend!

LEARN WITH ME

Our 'Learn with Me' sessions provide an opportunity to work alongside your child, supporting their learning and enjoyment of school. Following feedback from parents and carers, we have arranged for one session to take place after school (3:30pm–4:15pm) and the other during the school day, allowing us to accommodate as many families as possible. The Autumn Term sessions will take place after school on the following dates:–

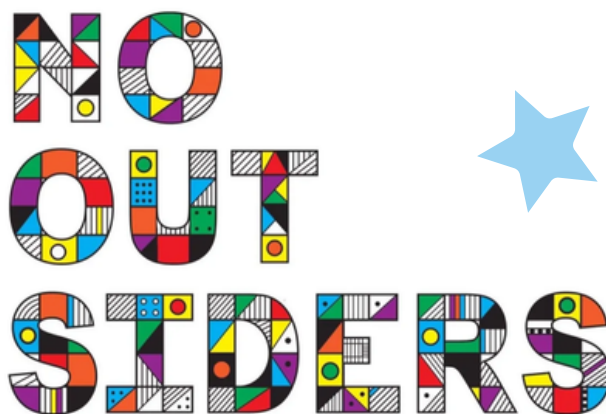
- Nursery – Tuesday 13th October
- Dosbarth Coch – Monday 12th October
- Dosbarth Oren – Thursday 15th October
- Dosbarth Melyn – Wednesday 14th October
- Dosbarth Gwyrdd – Monday 5th October
- Dosbarth Glas – Tuesday 6th October
- Dosbarth Porffor – Wednesday 7th October
- Dosbarth Aur – Thursday 8th October



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We know that Parents/Carers very often need to book time off to attend concerts. Please find below advanced notice of dates for our Christmas concerts this year:

- Nursery:– Friday 11th December, 10:15
- D. Coch, D. Oren & D. Melyn:–
 - Monday 7th December, 10:15
 - Tuesday 8th December, 14:15
 - Wednesday 9th December, 10:15
- D. Gwyrdd & D. Glas:–
 - Monday 7th December, 14:15
 - Tuesday 8th December, 10:15
- D. Porffor & D. Aur:–
 - Wednesday 9th December, 14:15
 - Thursday 10th December, 10:15



At our school, we celebrate the diverse world we live in and share the important message that while everyone is different, everyone is welcome here. This year, we will continue to take part in 'No Outsiders' days to promote our pupils' awareness and understanding of diversity.

REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS FOR FAMILIES

We understand that managing household budgets is a daily reality for many families, and that even small extra costs can add up. As a school, we're committed to doing everything we can to support parents and carers, and we're mindful of keeping school-related costs as low as possible. To help with planning, we've outlined below the events scheduled for this year that may involve a cost (such as fundraisers). We hope this gives you a clear picture well in advance. Please note that plans can sometimes change, but we'll always keep you informed.



CHARITY EVENTS

At our school we believe it is important for our Pupils to develop an understanding of their role as 'ethical, informed citizens. As part of this, there are times when we run charity events in school, requesting donations, to raise money and awareness for various causes. This year we will be running the following Charity events:-

- Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 25th September - Class donations of cakes
- Harvest - Monday 5th October - Merthyr Foodbank Donations (Tins & pasta)
- Children in Need - Friday 13th November - £1 donation - Spots & Pyjamas Day
- Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December - £1 donation
- Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March - £1 donation - Crazy Hair Day

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

With school budgets continuing to be stretched, the support we receive from our parents and carers makes a real difference. It helps us to maintain and enrich the experiences we can offer our pupils. Each term, we hold sponsored events and fundraisers to support our school community. These include:

- Thursday 15th October - Sponsored Dance-athon
- Wednesday 18th November - Christmas Craft Sale
- Monday 22nd February - Football Power shot
- Wednesday 17th March - Easter Craft Sale
- Thursday 20th May - Sponsored Fun Run
- Wednesday 30th June - Summer Fete



Information about funds raised and spends can be found in the 'Annual Report to Parents' on our website.

DRESS UP EVENTS / THEME DAYS

One of the enjoyable aspects of school are the events where pupils can dress up as a novelty! There are a few set dates in our calendar where pupils can dress up in outfits other than uniform. This is never an expectation and pupils do not need to buy new outfits for any of these events.

- Monday 14th September - Roald Dahl Day - Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character.
- Thursday 22nd October - 'Dis-GLO' UV disco - wear something white/UV friendly
- Monday 9th November - Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks to school
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need - Spots & Pyjamas Day
- Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day
- December - Christmas Concerts - We may ask for support with costumes for this.
- Thursday 4th March - World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character
- Thursday 25th February & Monday 1st March - Eisteddfod - Wear Welsh Outfits/rugby tops/football/traditional outfits
- Friday 19th March - Red nose Day - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday 14th May - Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day - Wear something Orange



Please note that classes may organise separate dress up days if they are part of a class project.

★ FOOD AND FUN AT TRELEWIS PRIMARY! ★

During the summer holidays, Trelewis Primary School took part in the Welsh Government's Food and Fun programme, which supports children by providing healthy meals, fun physical activities, and nutrition education in a safe, welcoming environment. The programme helps reduce holiday hunger, encourages active play, and supports children's wellbeing while easing pressure on families.

Pupils enjoyed nutritious breakfasts and lunches, took part in engaging games and learning activities, and had the chance to build friendships and stay connected with school during the break. It was a hugely positive experience for everyone involved! A big thank you to all the staff involved in making this event such a success!



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

At our school, we believe in the power of teamwork — Together Everyone Achieves More. That's why working in partnership with our parents and carers is such an important part of what we do. We're always keen to hear your thoughts, ideas, and feedback to help us celebrate what's going well and to work together on any areas we can improve.

There are lots of ways you can share your views, and we want to make sure everyone feels welcome and able to get involved. Just a reminder: we have an open-door policy and are always happy to chat. By working together, we can achieve the very best for our pupils. Here's a few of the ways you can get in touch:-

SCHOOL APP

Using the school app, you can submit your suggestions and ideas via the feedback form. Go to the app for more information.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council meet on a half termly basis. This is a forum for raising any feedback from Parents/Carers on the work of the school.

BREWS & VIEWS

Our termly 'Brews & Views' event is an informal coffee morning with Mr Prosser to discuss any ideas/feedback on the work of the school.

CONTACT US

As always you can contact the school directly via the school office using the information at the end of the newsletter. This includes email or telephone.



Early Help Hub

Helping families access the right support at the right time.

Are you a family in the Merthyr Tydfil area and have children aged 0-18 years?

Do you know where to turn for help?

Would you like to find out more about organisations who may be able to offer support with areas such as:

- Housing
- Finance
- Education
- Health and Wellbeing
- Parenting
- Community Activities

Do you want to know what services are available in your local area?

If so, the Early Help Hub can help support you and your family
We provide advice, information and support

For more information, please contact
Early Help Hub, Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN
Tel: 01685 725000
Email: EarlyHelp.Hub@merthyr.gov.uk

COMING THIS TERM....

As Part of National Hate Crime Awareness Week, South Wales Police are running their 'Race Against Hate' Cross Country event. We will be holding trials early in the Autumn term and will be taking representatives from Year 1 to Year 6 to the event, which will be held in Aberdare!

National Hate Crime Awareness week

DEVELOPING OUR APPROACHES TO BEHAVIOUR

At our school, we're passionate about helping our pupils learn positive behaviours and thrive in a supportive, respectful school environment.

We believe that creating a great place to learn starts with the way adults lead – with clear boundaries and a big dose of kindness. This approach will be central to our work this year and has already shaped our inclusive school culture, and we're excited to share some of these ideas with families through our upcoming newsletters.

If you're curious to dive deeper, you might enjoy the book *When The Parents Change, Everything Changes*, which you can find online. Together, we can make sure every child feels respected, responsible and ready to learn.

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