



WELCOME BACK

to the Autumn Term 2025



3rd September 2025

Dear parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and that the pupils are excited about starting back at school! The staff and I have been very much looking forward to welcoming the pupils back today. I am sure that they will all settle back in quickly and adjust to new classroom routines in no time at all.

I am delighted to be taking on the role of Acting Headteacher for the next two years and I can assure you that I will do my utmost for the pupils and families here at Hendrefoilan. Clear communication between families and school is crucial. Our main form of communication at Hendrefoilan is through the 'Reach More Parents by Weduc' app. All notifications, updates, consent forms, newsletters, etc will be sent out through this app. I have looked at our registered users and can see that many parents have not yet downloaded the app. If you encounter any difficulty downloading or installing the app, please could you let us know as soon as possible. We don't want any parents missing out on important information. Please also contact the office if you are unsure of the unique code required to join (these codes were sent out to all parents last year and are individual to each pupil at Hendrefoilan).

Consent forms for extra curricular clubs will be sent out digitally today. Clubs will start **next week**, once numbers have been finalised and the registers have been closed. There are limited spaces in some of the clubs, so be sure to sign up quickly!

Consent forms for local area trips and photos will also be sent out today, as **these must be updated annually**. Please complete these as promptly as you can so that we have accurate and updated information for this academic year. These will be sent to you digitally.

Information about each class, including home learning menus, will be available on our class pages on the school website from Monday 8th September after the 'Meet the teacher' meetings, where key information will be shared with you. After your valued feedback about homework, we have discussed and agreed as a Senior Leadership Team that the homework offer will remain the same at present. There will be homework set for pupils every fortnight, one of which will require the pupils to prepare and deliver a presentation to the class. As explained at the end of last term, opinions on homework vary enormously, ranging from some families not wishing to receive homework at all to others requesting daily homework tasks. The results of the survey were sent out to you on 15/07/25. The complexities of the results make it impossible to reach a decision that will please all opinions. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the impact and effectiveness of homework over the course of the year, but at present we do not feel any changes should be made.

The online calendar on the app is regularly updated, but I have attached key upcoming dates for the Autumn term to this letter, so that you have a paper copy to stick to the fridge too! You will notice that there is a slight change to the Christmas concert arrangements this year, with different year groups performing on different days. Information about tickets will be sent out much nearer to the time, but I know how important it is to book time off to be able to attend, so I wanted to give you maximum notice.

Finally, if ever you are concerned about anything or have any questions and need to speak to me, please either catch me in person on the yard first thing in the morning or contact the school office. I may not always be able to speak to you immediately, but I will always make time for you and get back to you as soon as I am able.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Wisby

AUTUMN TERM '25



KEY DATES



01
SEPT **INSET DAY**

02
SEPT **INSET DAY**

08
SEPT **MEET THE TEACHER – PARENT DROP IN**
3:25PM IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

25
SEPT **INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS**
ROZ & KIRSTY - CONSENT TO BE GIVEN

23
OCT **HALLOWEEN DISCO**
PTA - SCHOOL HALL - TIME TBC

27
OCT **HALF TERM WEEK**
27/10/25 - 31/10/25

03
NOV **INSET DAY**

10&11
NOV **PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATIONS**
SCHOOL CLOUD LINKS TO BE SENT OUT THE WEEK BEFORE

17
NOV **FLU NASAL SPRAY**
PUPILS FROM RECEPTION TO Y6 - CONSENT TO BE GIVEN

08
DEC **NURSERY CHRISTMAS PLAY**
9:30AM

09
DEC **RECEPTION & Y1 CHRISTMAS PLAY**
2 PERFORMANCES - 9:30AM & 4PM

10
DEC **Y2 & Y3 CHRISTMAS PLAY**
2 PERFORMANCES - 9:30AM & 4PM

11
DEC **Y4, Y5 & Y6 CHRISTMAS PLAY**
3 PERFORMANCES - 9:30AM & 4PM (AND ON 12/12 AT 9:30AM)

12
DEC **Y4, Y5 & Y6 CHRISTMAS PLAY**
9:30AM

16
DEC **CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY!**

19
DEC **LAST DAY FOR PUPILS BEFORE
CHRISTMAS BREAK**

FURTHER INSET DAYS TO NOTE FOR 2025-26:



05
JAN

22
MAY

20
JUL