

Bedlinog Community Primary School

BEDLINOG NEWS

AUTUMN EDITION 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MR. MORGAN

Welcome back to a brand new school year at Bedlinog Community Primary School!

I hope our pupils had a wonderful summer break—full of rest and fun – and are now feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year of learning ahead.

As we begin this new academic year, I'd like to once again encourage all Parents and Carers to get involved in school life. Strengthening the partnership between home and school is always a priority for us. Please do join us for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 3rd September, where you'll have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher for the coming year and learn how best to support your child throughout the coming year.

We're delighted to welcome our new Nursery pupils and their families to Bedlinog CPS this term. We're confident that your children will settle in quickly and feel right at home in our school community.

At the outset of a new school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of strong attendance from the very start of term. Regular attendance plays a key role in supporting your child's progress, and we're committed to helping every pupil make the most of their time with us.

In this newsletter we have aimed to provide you with lots of information about the term ahead, as well as some key events taking place over the year. This information is also available in the school app and on our website.

I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead, as we continue to support our pupils to build 'strong roots, successful futures'

Mr. Morgan

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. To improve Pupil independence and strengthen pupil voice
2. To promote the development of Pupils digital skills
3. To further develop Pupils Welsh language skills
4. To further develop the school's inclusive environment.



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 2025/26

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

Monday 1st September
Monday 3rd November
Monday 5th January
Friday 27th March
Friday 17th July
Monday 20th July

THIS TERM'S RIGHT OF THE CHILD



I have a right to be safe

Article 19, UNCRC

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 Morgan 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.



FOOD AND FUN AT BEDLINOG COMMUNITY PRIMARY!

During the summer holidays, Bedlinog Community 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. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Miss Davies and Miss Sims for running our amazing event!



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 26th September - Class donations of cakes
- Harvest - Tuesday 14th October - Merthyr Foodbank Donations (Tins & pasta)
- Children in Need - Friday 14th November - £1 donation - Spots & Pyjamas Day
- Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 12th December - £1 donation
- Red Nose Day - Friday 20th 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:

- Friday 17th October - Sponsored Dance-athon
- Thursday 27th November - Christmas Craft Sale
- Spring Term - Football Power shot
- Wednesday 25th March - Easter Craft Sale
- Friday 15th May - Sponsored Fun Run
- Thursday 2nd July - Summer Fete



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



We understand that the ongoing cost of living crisis continues to affect many families, and we want to do everything we can to help. A gentle reminder that the Bedlinog Hub will remain available this year, offering support to those who need it. We can provide food parcels and pre-loved school uniform, and we are always here to listen and help wherever we can. Please be assured that all requests are treated with complete confidentiality.

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.

- Friday 12th September – Roald Dahl Day – Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character.
- Thursday 23rd October – 'Dis-GLO' UV disco – wear something white/UV friendly
- Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day – wear odd socks to school
- Friday 14th November – Children in Need – Spots & Pyjamas Day
- Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper day
- December – Christmas Concerts – We may ask for support with costumes for this.
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character
- Friday 27th February – Eisteddfod – Wear Welsh Outfits/rugby tops/football/traditional outfits
- Friday 20th March – Red nose Day – Crazy Hair Day



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

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.

COMING THIS TERM....





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

AUTUMN TERM 2025

DIARY DATES

September

- Tues 2nd – Start of Autumn Term
- Weds 3rd – 'Meet the Teacher' drop ins from 15:30 – 16:15
- Fri 12th – Roald Dahl Day – Bring a Roald Dahl book or even dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl Character!
- Mon 15th – School Senedd elections
- Weds 17th – Y6 transition visit to Afon Taf & Open Evening
- Fri 19th – Parent RWI Info Session (Reception Pupils), 15:00
- Mon 22nd – Storytelling Workshops
- Weds 24th – Whole School Flu Vaccinations
- Thu 25th – MTCBC Running Festival
- Thu 25th – Cluster Netball Tournament, 16:00
- Fri 26th – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9:00 (Front yard)
- Mon 29th – No Outsiders Day

October

- Fri 3rd – The Reading Café, 14:45 – 15:30
- Tue 7th – Sphero Coding Challenge (Y5 & Y6)
- Tue 7th – Parent Council Meeting
- Fri 10th – The Number Hub, 14:50 (D. Coch)
- Tue 14th – Harvest Festival
- Thu 16th – Welsh Harp Workshops (all classes)
- Thu 16th – Cluster Football Tournament, 16:00
- Fri 17th – The Number Hub, 14:50 (D. Melyn)
- Mon 20th & Tues 21st – Parent Progress Meetings
- Thu 23rd – Autumn Term Dis-GLO

Half Term – Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Nov

November

- Mon 3rd – INSET – School Closed
- Fri 7th – No Outsiders Day
- Mon 10th – Odd Socks Day – Start of Anti-bullying week (Reception – Year 6)
- 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
- Thu 20th – Brews & Views, 9:00 – 9:30
- Thu 20th – Cluster 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
- Wed 3rd – Christmas Panto (in-school)
- Fri 12th – Christmas Jumper Day
- Mon 15th – Christmas Quest (Y3 – Y6)
- Tue 16th – Santa Sing-a-long (N – Y2)
- Tue 16th – Y6 Transition Day, ATHS
- Wed 17th – Christmas Dinner Day
- Thu 18th – Christmas Disco
- Fri 19th – End of Term

READING CAFE

Our reading Cafe will take place this term at the new time of 14:45– 15:30 on Friday 3rd October. All Parents/Carers welcome to attend!



LEARN WITH ME

Our 'Learn with Me' sessions take place after school, 15:30 – 16:15, and are an opportunity to work with your child on supporting their learning and enjoyment of school. The 'Learn with Me' sessions will take place on the following dates:-

- **Dosbarth Coch** – Wednesday 15th October
- **Dosbarth Melyn** – Thursday 16 October
- **Dosbarth Gwyrdd** – Tuesday 14th October
- **Dosbarth Glas** – Monday 13th October



THE NUMBER HUB

This term we are introducing our new initiative to support with developing pupils number skills in the early years and infant stages of school. These sessions will be hands on & practical to help you support your child's number development at home.

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:

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



There will also be an opportunity for families with babies/young children to watch our dress rehearsals on Monday 8th December.

NEWS & UPDATES

- We would like to say a big 'croeso' to Miss Williams who starts with us at Bedlinog CP School this term. Miss Williams will be teaching in Dosbarth Melyn.
- We would also like to say a big 'croeso' to Miss Lewis who joins us this term in Dosbarth Melyn. Miss Lewis will be supporting in Dosbarth Melyn.
- A reminder that our school website and school app has all the information you need to support your child's time at school. These are updated regularly so please do check for updated information about your child's time at school.

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