

Newsletter

3 - 17th October 2025



Our Value for this half -term is Thankfulness



Fa La La – Supporting Your Child’s Welsh Language Journey!

At *Fa La La*, we believe music is one of the best ways for children to learn and enjoy the Welsh language. Through fun songs, rhymes, and playful activities, *Fa La La* helps children build confidence in their Welsh while developing their listening, speaking, and creative skills.

Listening together at home is a wonderful way to keep the language alive beyond the classroom — whether you’re fluent in Welsh or just starting out yourself!

 Scan the QR code below to explore our Welsh language playlists and start singing along at home:



 Or click here to access directly: [Fa La La Welsh Language Playlists for Parents](#)

REMINDER

We have our parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October from 3.45 pm to 6 pm. Please log in to

<https://rhayaderchurcheinwales.schoolcloud.co.uk/> or follow the link on the School Gateway App to book an appointment to speak to your child’s class teacher(s).

Booking for appointments closes on Monday 20th October at 12 noon.

If you are having difficulties signing in, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

HARVEST

The staff and pupils will be visiting St Clement's Church on Wednesday 22nd October to celebrate Harvest with the new area vicar Mrs Meinir Ronicle. The event will be held during the school day.

PROJECT PENPALS

Dosbarth Gwalch Bach (Mrs Dingle's class), Dosbarth Curyll Coch (Mrs Davies/Mrs Crockett's class), Dosbarth Bwncath (Miss E Evans/Mrs Jones-Bevan's class)

We're excited to take part in a new project running throughout the school year, from Menter Brycheiniog a Maesyfed. The project is designed to encourage the use of Welsh in a fun, creative, and collaborative way through a modern 'pen-pal' format.

They'll then record this message and a QR code will be generated and added to a 'postcard'. We are linked with Newbridge – on Wye School and your child's 'postcard' will be shared with a pupil in Newbridge. Please complete the form so we can ensure we share the postcard as per your wishes.

<https://forms.office.com/e/z7Hi11HAR1>

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the form.

DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish create learning programmes which teach the fundamentals of maths and English. Your child will have a Doodle login at the front of their yellow home /school book.

DoodleLearning and reading at home is the school's homework expectation.

Between the 20th of October – 24th of November, DoodleLearning is running an exciting event where your child can earn guaranteed rewards! Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily doodling, joining the fun is a great way to promote healthy learning habits and top up your child's knowledge. Plus, everyone who reaches the target can enter a prize draw to WIN a bundle of Doodle goodies!

There's no need to register your child for the competition – all stars earned in DoodleMaths between 20th October and 24th November will automatically count towards the star target!

Please note: children **won't** be automatically entered into the prize draw. To do this, parents must complete the [prize draw entry form](#) before midnight on 24th November.

Use DoodleMaths 'little and often' and collect stars!

Happy Doodling!



Apply for a Primary School Place

The Primary School Admission Round for Powys learners born between **01/09/21 - 31/08/22** opens on **Wednesday, 1 October 2025**.

The closing date for the admission round is **Thursday, 15 January 2026**.

To make a late application for the September 2026 Reception year group, please complete the In Year Transfer application form which can be found at the bottom of this webpage.

Powys Local Authority has one primary school intake in each school year, which is at the beginning of the Autumn Term after a child has attained their 4th birthday.

Please Note:

The Primary Common Offer Date is **Thursday, 16 April 2026**.

Having a place at a nursery or pre-school class does not guarantee a place in the main school at age 4. You will still need to apply for a place in the main school. If you don't apply for a place, and your preferred school is full, preference will be given to those who have applied.

[Apply for a Primary School Place](#)[Apply for a Primary School Place](#)

For further information see the [Admissions Information and Arrangements 2026-2027 \(PDF, 657 KB\)](#)

To visit the school and find out more about applying for a place, please contact the school office.

We will be holding an open evening on 12th November at 4pm – 5pm for any prospective parents to view the school and meet the staff.

Don't forget our messaging service to report a child's absence is through School Gateway.

We are no longer using Schoop or Group Ed as both platforms had issues.

School Gateway is the way to contact the school without sending emails. The school is mainly sending out emails rather than messages through School Gateway as the messages are too short to share all of the information needed.

We do also check @rhayaderprimary messenger and the school office email (ooffice@rhayader.powys.sch.uk) daily.





Forest School Reminder



A gentle reminder that children need to have their **Forest School clothing** in school each week. Please make sure that **every item is clearly named** so nothing gets lost or mixed up.

What to bring:

- Warm layers suitable for the weather
- **Two-piece waterproofs** (preferred, as they are easier for children to manage)
- Wellies or sturdy outdoor shoes (not the boots or shoes worn to school)
- A hat, gloves, and spare socks when it's cold

Why outdoor learning matters:

Forest School and regular outdoor learning provide children with wonderful opportunities to:

- Develop **confidence, independence, and resilience**
- Build **teamwork and problem-solving skills**
- Foster a love and respect for the **natural world**
- Support **physical health** and emotional well-being

Thank you for helping your child to be ready for their Forest School and outdoor learning adventures each week — rain or shine!



Hawl y mis || 
Right of the month

12 Confensiwn y CU ar Howliau'r Plentyn



Mae gen i hawl i gael gwrandawriad, ac i gael fy nghymryd o ddifri

12 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously

Hydref || October

Our pupil voice committee held an assembly earlier this month to explain their role in school and introduce the UN Right of the Child for the month.

They have created a suggestion box for all of the children to share their thoughts and ideas for the school.

Advanced Notice – Christmas Events at School!

The festive season is fast approaching, and we're excited to share our Christmas plans with you! Please make a note of the key dates below — we can't wait to celebrate this special time of year with our pupils and families.

Christmas Concerts – in the School Hall

Join us for our wonderful Christmas performances!

- **PS2 (Barcud Coch, Gwdihw, and Colomen – Years 2 & 3):**
Monday 8th December – 2:00pm & 4:00pm
- **PS3 (Curyll Coch, Hebog Glas, Gwalch Bach, and Bwncath – Years 4, 5 & 6):**
Tuesday 9th December – 2:00pm & 4:00pm
- **PS1 (Brongoch and Aderyn y Tô – Reception & Year 1):**
Wednesday 10th December – 2:00pm & 4:00pm

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Children are invited to enjoy a festive Christmas lunch in school. The menu and ordering details will be shared nearer the date.

Friday 12th December – Christmas Dress-Up Day & Santathon!

Come dressed in your favourite Christmas outfit or jumper!

The Santathon will take place on this day – weather permitting – and will be either a **Santa Run** or a **class Zumba session**.

 The **PTFA Christmas Raffle** will also be drawn during assembly (more information next half -term)

Santa and Movie Day

 *Week beginning 15th December* – exact date to be confirmed once we know when Santa is available!

Thursday 18th December – Games Day

A fun-filled day to end the term together!

Friday 19th December – No School

Cluster **INSET Day** (staff training).