



Newsletter - 1

11th September 2025



Our Value for this half-term is Thankfulness



Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some special family time. The children have settled back into school brilliantly, and we're already looking forward to an exciting year of learning, growth, and community.

We're also pleased to introduce our **school newsletter**, which we'll be sending regularly to keep you informed about upcoming events, celebrations, important reminders, and all the wonderful things happening in school.

This first edition includes dates for the term and important information about the school day. We hope you find it helpful and enjoyable to read.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can make this a fantastic year for all of our children.

Congratulations to Mrs Hannah Jones, who had a baby boy called Elis on 10th August, 2025.



We hope she enjoys her maternity leave and look forward to her return at the end of the Summer term 2026.

Contacting School

To help us respond to queries efficiently, we kindly ask that all communication with school is made via the school office. You can contact us by email on office@rhayader.primary.sch.uk, Messenger, or via School Gateway.

Due to the size of sending messages on School Gateway, most of our communications will be via email rather than the School Gateway App.

Please note that individual staff should not be contacted directly through Messenger. This ensures that messages are received promptly and dealt with appropriately.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



🎵 A Huge Thank You to the Elan Valley Trust! 🎵

We are delighted to share our heartfelt thanks to the **Elan Valley Trust** for their incredibly generous donation of **£700**, which has enabled us to purchase a full class set of **P Buzz musical instruments**.

After the wonderful success of our performance at the **Summer Term's Festival on the Field**, it became clear how much our children love making music together – and how important it is that they have access to their very own instruments.

P Buzz instruments are a fantastic way to introduce children to the world of brass music. They are fun, colourful, and perfectly designed for younger learners. More importantly, they help pupils develop:

- **Early brass-playing skills** – building the foundations for playing instruments such as the trumpet or trombone in the future.
- **Confidence and teamwork** – performing together helps children grow in self-belief and learn to listen to one another.
- **A lifelong love of music** – turning lessons into joyful, creative experiences.

Thanks to this donation, every child will now have the opportunity to explore music, develop new skills, and experience the excitement of performing together – all while having lots of fun!

Once again, we are so grateful to the Elan Valley Trust for helping us bring the joy of music into our classrooms.

🎵 Music Lessons with Helen Sedgewick 🎵

We are excited to welcome **Helen Sedgewick** to our school each **Thursday and Friday**, where she will be offering private music lessons for our pupils. Families whose children are entitled to **Free School Meals (FSM)** because of certain benefits **may be eligible for free music lessons**.

If you would like to find out more or check your eligibility, please contact Helen directly on 07789978219 or at helen.sedgewick@musician.org

 Swimming Lessons

- Year 6: 8th September – 20th October
 - Year 5: 3rd November – 15th December
 - Year 4: 12th January – 2nd March (*no swimming during half-term: 16th February*)
 - Year 3: 9th March – 11th May (*no swimming during Easter Holidays: 30th March & 6th April, and no session on Bank Holiday: 4th May*)
 - Year 2: 18th May – 6th July (*no swimming during half-term: 25th May*)
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 Cross Country

- 16/09/25: Running Club for Years 3 & 4 @ 12.30 pm
 - 17/09/25: Running Club for Years 5 & 6 @ 12.30 pm
 - 26/09/25: Cross Country Event – Llanidloes, 10 am (*team limited to 15 places, based on times from trials on 16 & 17 September*)
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 Sports & After-School Clubs

- 22/09/25: After-School Sports Club restarts for Year 3+
To register, please contact DMPro directly on 07718 917716
 - 03/10/25: Year 5 & 6 Open Football – Urdd Event, Builth Wells (*team selection details to follow*)
 - 17/10/25:
 - Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football – Brecon Leisure Centre (*Urdd team selection required*)
 - Year 3 & 4 Mixed Football – Brecon Leisure Centre (*Urdd team selection required*)
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 Trips, Visits & Special Events

- 24/09/25:
 - Year 6 Team Building Day – Llanidloes High School (*consent via ParentPay*)
 - *Alice in Wonderland* by M&M Productions for the whole school, plus staging & lighting workshop for Years 5 & 6 (*no cost to parents*)
 - 29/09/25: School Photos with Ruth Rees
 - Pre-school children: from 8.30 am
 - Individual & family photos: during the school day
 - 13–15/10/25: Year 4 Residential Trip – Cardiff Urdd
 - 16–23/10/25: Scholastic Book Fair in school canteen
 - 24–27/11/25: Year 3 Residential Trip – Honey Pot House (*more information to follow*)
 - 01/12/25: Year 6 Transition Science & Technology Day – Llanidloes High School
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 Health & Wellbeing

- 08/10/25: Influenza Immunisation (morning) – consent forms will be sent home
 - 10/10/25: World Mental Health Day
 - 23/10/25: Influenza Mop-Up Immunisation
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 Music & Cultural Events

- 11/10/25: Llandrindod Eisteddfod – starts 9 am at Holy Trinity Church
Please contact the school office if your child wishes to register
 - 06/12/25: Choir Concert – Saturday evening, 7 pm
 - Week of 08/12/25: Christmas Concerts for each progression step
 - PS1: Reception & Year 1
 - PS2: Year 2 & 3
 - PS3: Year 4–6 *More information will be shared later this term.*
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 Parent Evenings - 21 & 22/10/25: 3.40 pm – 6.00 pm

Appointments to be booked via School Cloud (details to follow).

Primary School Parent Code of Conduct

At Rhayader Church in Wales Primary School, we value our partnership with parents and carers in creating a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment where every child can thrive. This Code of Conduct outlines how we can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

1. Respect for All

- **Be kind and courteous** – Treat staff, students, and all other parents with respect at all times.
 - **Be a role model** – Children learn from what they see; demonstrate positive language, patience, and understanding.
 - **Value diversity** – Celebrate and respect differences in culture, background, and opinion.
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2. Support for Learning

- **Encourage attendance and punctuality** – Arrive on time so children can start the day calmly and confidently by 8.55 am.
 - **Promote good learning habits** – Read with your child and show interest in their school life.
 - **Communicate openly** – Share relevant information that may affect your child's learning or wellbeing.
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3. Partnership with the School

- **Follow school procedures** – Use appropriate channels to communicate with staff, book appointments, and raise concerns.
 - **Trust professional expertise** – Work together with teachers to support your child's education.
 - **Participate positively** – Attend parent meetings, workshops, and school events where possible.
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4. Communication

- **Be respectful and constructive** – Whether in person, on the phone, or online, use polite and positive language.
 - **Use official channels** – Avoid discussing concerns on social media; instead, speak directly to the school.
 - **Listen and respond calmly** – Work with staff to find solutions that benefit your child.
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5. Safety and Wellbeing

- **Follow safety guidelines** – Observe parking rules, visitor procedures, and health & safety requirements.
 - **Respect boundaries** – Avoid entering classrooms or playgrounds unless invited by staff.
 - **Safeguard children's privacy** – Only take photos or videos at school events when permitted and for personal use only.
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6. Positive School Community

- **Be an active supporter** – Promote the school positively within the community.
 - **Show appreciation** – A kind word or thank-you can mean a lot to staff and volunteers.
 - **Help create a safe space** – Work together to prevent bullying, gossip, or negativity that can harm others.
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Together, We Achieve More

By following this Code of Conduct, you help us build a happy, respectful, and successful school community for every child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office on 01597810 288 or office@rhayader.powys.sch.uk