

Llanfoist Fawr Primary School



Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter

September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

New Starters

We extend a warm welcome to the pupils starting in our Reception class. Once again it is a full house with the school being oversubscribed.

Staffing

As we start the autumn term, we welcome all our staff back to school and there are no planned changes to the staffing we shared with you in July.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking fantastic in their uniform and black shoes. Remember school jumpers/ cardigans to be worn on PE days with normal PE kit. Designs or lines cut into hair styles including braids are not part of the uniform policy. Please remember earrings should be studs and the only jewellery should be a watch. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

School Council (The Senedd)

At the end of last term the School Council organised a charity fun run for St David's and raised over £2000 – Thank you! The new School Council will be appointed in the next 2 weeks and will be reminding our children of the School Charter and closely linked school rules.

1. Be respectful
2. Be kind / Be happy / Be calm
3. Have ambition!
4. Be confident
5. Talk to someone

This year we will have a 'Senedd' group where we will have a range of sub committees look at different aspects of the school. We look forward to the new Senedd group supporting the school through 2025/26.

Welsh Government Food and Fitness Advice

Welsh Government have issued guidance for schools on nutritional standards that we are expected to comply with and on which we will be inspected by Estyn, the Welsh Inspectorate. We ask that you supply **one small healthy snack** for breaks, such as fruit, and that crisps and chocolate bars are not sent in for snacks. Llanfoist has always endeavoured to not have nut and nut oils in school and this must continue as we have a number of children with allergies linked to nuts and nut based products. Please keep all snacks and lunches free from nuts. Sugary drinks are proven to be bad for children's health and teeth, please provide your child with water and not squash or any other drinks with sugar. There are water fountains in school to refill bottles if necessary. In compliance with the guidance, we do not accept birthday cake to be shared with classes. We also encourage as many families to walk, ride or scoot to school. Where this is not possible please consider 'Park and Stride' (park away from the school and walk the final distance to school). I hope you will understand and support our healthy lifestyle approach. Thank you for your support in these matters.



PE Days

- Monday Y1, 6
- Tuesday Rec, Y5, Y4(swimming)
- Wednesday Y3
- Friday Y2

Reminder: Open Door Policy

Should you need to speak to the teachers we are always available through the school phone number 01873 737110 and whilst the teachers' first priority are the children throughout the day, they will aim to contact you as soon as possible.

Gwent Music Tuition

We will again be working with Gwent Music to deliver a range of instrument tuition to individuals and groups. Lessons are facilitated by professional musicians and can be booked via [Gwent Music](#). If you are in receipt of Universal Credit you may be eligible for a grant to support payment for these lessons.

Site Safety: Bikes, Scooters, Dogs

Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school footpaths. This includes younger children as it sets a precedent for our older children. Bikes and scooters may be left on the school site in the garage area. Dogs may not be brought onto the school site; this also includes carrying puppies.

Curriculum Engagement Events

During the academic year, all classes will present a Curriculum Engagement Event. Parents and grandparents will be invited to join us. These engagement events will take place in school time and after school. More details will be provided closer to each event.

- **Year 6 Remembrance Assembly** (Mr Aylett) – November 11th 9:15
- **Year 2 engagement event** (Mrs Evans) November 14th 2:00
- **Year 3/4 assembly and engagement** (Mrs Davies/ Mrs Sansom) November 19th 2:00

Punctuality

Please ensure all children are dropped off at the correct times at the start and end of the day. Children are not allowed on site before 8:40 unless they are attending breakfast club.

Gates open at 8:40 and school starts at 8:50 when gates will be locked.

Dismissal: Lower Phase 3:05 Upper Phase 3:20 Lower Phase siblings of KS2 children are to be picked up at the later time from the hall.

Please use the one-way systems following the school paths, when arriving and leaving the school site as it helps traffic flow and improves safety for all site users.

Parking and Road Safety

At the start of each academic year, I always feel it useful to outline our traffic management procedures to ensure the safety of all site users.

As Headteacher I have direct responsibility for the traffic management on the school site. Often this is one of the least enjoyable aspects of my job due to non-compliance by a small minority of site users. The differential in Lower Phase and Upper Phase finishing times eases congestion and works with your co-operation in adhering to pick up times at the end of the day. However, parking is always difficult at the Llanfoist site and the surrounding roads. In the past there have been several near misses.

- Please drive slowly around roads linking to the school site this includes the main road which is 20mph (*road safety concerns can be reported via [Gosafe](#)*)
- Please do not turn up early at the end of the day and wait in the car park or in the collection line as this may stop Lower Phase parents/ grandparents/ guardians from picking up their child on time
- Please use the one-way systems when walking to and from cars
- Please park sensibly and do not block drive ways of residents
- Always look out for children and adults crossing the road (If using the crossing point by the Police Station be aware there have been near misses there in the past)
- Please do not stand on the road for a chat with other parents
- Please do not gather in large groups on pavements making other pedestrians move into the road



- On the school site only park in designated areas only
- Please do not park on double yellow lines
- Please respect proper use of the disabled bays (Blue Badge holders only)
- Please allow for busses and taxis that need to park in specific areas to pick children up
- Please be courteous to all members of the Llanfoist community

Please share all the above with the person who collects your child.

A lot of rules I know, but all in the interest of pupils' safety. The best solution to alleviate traffic problem is for as many pupil / parents who are able, is to walk to and from school.

Training Days 2025-26

There are six training days to be taken this academic year when the school will be closed to pupils.

- 1/9/25
- 10/10/25
- 5/1/26
- 13/4/26
- 26/6/26
- 20/7/26

School Clubs – starting w/c: 15th Sept 2025

Football	Monday	Yrs 4 - 6 3.20 – 4.15pm
Choir	Wednesday	Yrs 3-6 12:00-12:30pm
Netball	Thursday	Yrs 5 - 6 3:20-4:15pm

PTFA

The PTFA are an invaluable source of income for the school. More importantly they help create enriching experiences for our children of Llanfoist Fawr. If you have any time to offer towards PTFA tasks or helping with events even if it just an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. The PTFA has big ambitions going forward, but we need support from the whole school community to make it happen. Please contact llanfoistptfa@gmail.com and your support will be greatly appreciated by all members of the school community. Thank you.

Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

We have some early dates to help you to plan your autumn term diary. (Some dates have to be confirmed and some could be subject to change.) Events for this term are:

September 8-10th: Y6 Longtown Residential Trip

September 9th: Swimming lessons start for Y4

September 17th : Y4/5 Skirrid Theatre Productions 'The Worry Birds' show and workshop

September 30th: Individual school photographs

October 1st: Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 'Fluenz' nasal flu vaccinations. (Information and consent forms to follow.)

October 7th - 9th: Parent Consultation Evenings

October 10th: School closed to pupils - training day

October 15th: Shwmae Day



October 24th: Harvest Festival held at Llanfoist church (pupils only)

October 27th - October 31st: Half Term

November 10th: Anti-bullying Week / Show Racism the Red Card

November 11th: Y6 (Mr Aylett) Remembrance Assembly 9:15

November 14th: Y2 class assembly 2:00

November 19th: Y3/4 class assembly 2:00

December 1st: Whole School Pantomime (return late to school 5:00 – details to follow)

December 12th: Christingle Service

December 12th: Choir Concert - St Woolos Cathedral, Newport 19:30 (details and tickets to follow)

December 16th: Christmas Concerts;
Upper Phase Production 10:00
Lower Phase Production 2:00

December 17th: Christmas Concerts;
Upper Phase Production 2:00
Lower Phase Production 10:00

December 19th: Lower Phase Christmas Party AM

December 19th: Upper Phase Christmas Party PM

December 19th: End of term

Without doubt there will be many additions to these dates as the term progresses. We will keep you informed of any additions.

Finally...

Apologies for the length of this newsletter, but as you can see, we have a very busy term ahead!

I look forward to working with you and your children and I hope to see you at one of the many events we have arranged for the Autumn Term.

Thank you for your continuing support of Llanfoist Fawr Primary.

Kind regards



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Executive Headteacher

