

Llanfoist Fawr Primary School



Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter

November 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Amazing to think that the first half term has gone! We have had a very successful first half term culminating in Estyn inspectors visiting the school. The inspectors were impressed with the pupil behaviour and progress they were making. In the next few weeks, they will issue a letter to the school detailing their findings. However, we are now on the countdown towards Christmas and all the events related to that are detailed in the dates section below.

McMillian Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting our MacMillan Coffee Morning where we raised over £500.

Cardiff Met. Hub School

Llanfoist continues to be a lead school for initial teacher training. Mrs Sansom continues to train 20 initial teacher training students and we currently have the pleasure of hosting three fantastic student teachers in Y1, Y3 and Y6.

PTFA

As ever the PTFA are working tirelessly to raise funds to purchase resources that benefit all of our pupils. Thank you for all your efforts in the 'Spooks and Sparkles disco last half term! Volunteer help is always welcomed by the PTFA and is essential in raising money to support our school. Any time you can offer is gratefully received. Please contact llanfoistptfa@gmail.com and your support will be greatly appreciated by all members of the school community. Thank you. More details about the PTFA events planned for this term will be sent in a few weeks' time.

Sport

A huge well done to our football team that managed to reach the EFL Kids Cup regional final narrowly missing out on goal difference on the day. In addition, we had a wonderful representation at the Abergavenny Cross Country with many children placing in the top few runners. Llanfoist held a successful 'festival of sport' with many children playing football and netball matches Well done all!

Choir

The choir performed a fabulous concert in Foxhunters Residential Care Home at the end of Half term and are now looking forward to their concert in St Woolos Cathedral in Newport on the 12th December.

Anti-Racism

As a school we are proud to be supporting the Welsh Governments commitment to be an anti racist nation by 2030. Over the past 2 years we have completed lots of curriculum work surrounding this. Most recently we have worked with 'Race Equality First' who delivered 4 workshops to Y3-Y6 at the end of last term.



Harvest

Our Harvest festival was a great success. The children enjoyed performing poems and songs at St Faith's Parish Church. Thanks to the staff who coordinated the events. Thank you to all families who donated to the Abergavenny Foodbank – all donations were gratefully received!

Uniform

The children continue to look fantastic in their uniform and black shoes. Thank you for supporting us in this matter. Please remember to continue to use the 'Useful Uniforms' area in the school garage.

Welsh Government Food and Fitness Advice

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. Thank you for your support in these matters.

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

Year 3 are currently working with Gwent Music using samba style instruments. In addition, Gwent Music 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. 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

Parking and Road Safety

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.

- 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
- On the school site only park in the designated areas and not on the grass verges
- Please do not park on double yellow lines



- Please respect proper use of the disabled bays (Blue Badge holders only)
- Please allow for buses 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.

Training Days 2025-26

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

- 5/1/26
- 13/4/26
- 26/6/26
- 20/7/26

School Clubs – starting w/c: 3rd November 2025

Football	Monday	Yrs 4 – 6 (1 week football then switching to rugby) 3.20 – 4.15pm
Choir	Wednesday	Yrs 3-6 12:00-12:30pm
Netball	Thursday	Yrs 5 - 6 3:20-4:15pm

Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

We have some 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:

November 4th : Y6 swimming sessions (6 weeks)

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

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

November 14th: Children in Need – donation and non-uniform day

November 14th: Y2 class engagement event 2:00

November 18th: PTFA film night 3:20-5:00

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

November 26th: Y1/2 'Be Bright Be Seen' workshop

November 28th: PTFA – Christmas raffle donations - non-uniform day

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

December 9th: PTFA Christmas Fayre – time TBC

December 10th: Christmas dinner – this will be available to book online (details to follow)

December 12th: Christingle Service in school

December 12th: Choir Concert - St Woolos Cathedral, Newport 19:30 (tickets are still available)



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

Finally...

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

Thank you for your continuing support of Llanfoist Primary.

Kind regards



Stewart Davies
Executive Headteacher

