

Llanfoist Fawr Primary School



Spring Term 2026 Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

After an incredibly dark and wet January the nights are lighter and daffodils are out, a sure sign that spring is well on its way. Fingers crossed the weather improves soon and the winter will be a distant memory.

Spring Term Successes

- We visited Foxhunters a number of times to work with the residents.
- Eco Committee have started a project to compost all of our food waste using a Bokashi method of composting. We then take this to our Ridan composter which starts a 3 month process of creating useable compost. You can read the [press release](#) here.
- We have continued to work with 20 Cardiff Met. Teacher training students.
- We had a number of visits from a variety of external agencies enriching our curriculum.
- Governors have visited the school to take part in learning walks and listening to learners.
- Y6 have competed their 6 week swimming course with a few pupils looking forward to the swimathon next term.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our parents' evenings before half term. Should you want to know more about Sounds-Write (Reception -Y3) there is an online course you can join [Support for Parents and Carers - Sounds-Write](#).

PTFA

I would like to thank the PTFA for their on-going effort and commitment, which benefit all of our pupils. We are looking forward to a number of future events. As ever we are keen to welcome new volunteers. There is no commitment necessary to a role, or attending all our meetings, but if you have a couple of hours you can spare, even for one event we would love to hear from you. We would also like to hear your fundraising ideas. Volunteer help is always welcomed by the PTFA.

Music Lessons

We have a busy timetable of peripatetic music teachers who visit the school each week. If you would like your child to have music lessons in school, please contact Gwent Music via their website. www.gwentmusic.co.uk/

Uniform

The children looked fantastic in their uniform and black shoes last half term. Remember trainers only to be worn on PE days with normal PE kit and no jewellery. Please remember we do not allow dyed hair, lines or designs to be shaved into haircuts. Thank you for supporting us in this matter. There are second-hand uniform recycling shelves on the lefthand side of the garage. If you need some uniform, please have a look to see if there is something suitable.



There is no charge for any of the uniform, but we would ask that you leave the shelves tidy for the next family who may look. Please also remember to look for lost property on the rack on the righthand side of the garage.

Parking and Road Safety

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.

- Please drive slowly around roads linking to the school site
- 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 driveways of residents
- Always look out for children and adults crossing the road
- 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 and not the grass or pavements
- Please do not park on double yellow lines
- Please respect proper use of the disabled bays (Blue Badge holders only)
- Please give priority to school buses and taxis and do not block their access
- Please be courteous to all members of the Llanfoist community

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

Reminder: Open Door Policy

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

Cardiff Met. Hub School

Llanfoist continues to be a lead school for initial teacher training. Mrs Sansom continue to train 20 student teachers and this term we have the pleasure of hosting 2 fantastic student teachers in the Reception and Y4 classes.

Site Safety: Bikes, Scooters, Dogs

Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school footpaths. Bikes and scooters may be left on the school site in the garage area. Please consider wearing lights and helmets when riding. Dogs may not be brought onto the school site, this also includes carrying puppies.

St David's Day

On March 2nd we will celebrate our Welsh Culture and heritage through our St David's Day Eisteddfod. Pupils will take part in musical, artistic, linguistic and written competitions during the day. Every child who enters a competition will earn points for their house. Children can dress up in Welsh costumes for the day. There will also be a Welsh themed lunch menu on this day. It is our one regret as a school that we cannot invite parents to the Eisteddfod; it really is one of the performance highlights of the school year.

Punctuality and Attendance

- We have noticed a large number of children are arriving late to school. Gates open at 8:40 and school starts at 8:50. Please ensure your child is **in school at 8:50.**



- Welsh Government guidance has changed with persistent attendance now being regarded as below 90%. Therefore, more pupils are being discussed with the Educational Welfare Officer this term surrounding attendance and lateness. Please consider not taking holidays in term time and the future impact of this. We will only authorise holidays in exceptional circumstances.

World Book Day

Llanfoist will celebrate World Book Day on March 5th. World Book Day is celebrated in schools by inviting pupils to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Please can children bring their favourite book and make sure their book is labelled with their name. We invite children to dress up and apologise to parents and carers for having to do this twice in one week. However, the children really do love it!

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 which will take place in school time or after school. More details will be provided closer to each event.

Year 5 (Mrs Draper) – March 25th 2:00

Training Days 2025-26

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

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

School Clubs – starting w/c: 23rd February 2026

Football	Monday	Yrs 4 – 6 3.20 – 4.15pm
Welsh Dance	Tuesday	Yrs 1 – 6 (<i>starts 3rd March</i>) 3:20-4:15pm
Choir	Wednesday	Yrs 3-6 12:00-12:30pm
Netball	Thursday	Yr 4 3:20-4:15pm

Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

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

February 24th: Reorganised Y6 swimathon

February 26th: Y1 Kerbcraft sessions start (road safety)

March 2nd: St David's Day Eisteddfod. Children are invited to attend school dressed in any Welsh 'themed' dress or costume.

March 5th: World Book Day. Children are invited to attend school dressed as a character from a book of their favourite author.



March 9th: Religious Values Education (RVE) workshop Y5

March 16th: Religious Values Education (RVE) workshop Y6

March 17th: Reception growth and vision screening by school nurse

March 20th: Red Nose Day – children to wear red in support of Comic Relief

March 24th: Upper Phase trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

March 25th: Year 5 parental engagement event

March 27th: Easter celebration – in school

March 27th: 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

