

Llanfoist Fawr Primary School



Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

April 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

We start back to the summer term with the hope of a sunny summer term and the children hoping to use the outdoors and school field. We have had confirmation from the Local Authority that our September 2026 Reception class is oversubscribed. For the past year the school has been very close to its maximum capacity of 210 pupils, and we now have a waiting list for many of our classes. We would like to extend a warm welcome to new families who have joined the school.

Spring Term Successes

- We visited Foxhunters a number of times to work with the residents.
- Eco Committee have continued the Bokashi method of composting with all children helping recycle their food waste. We then take this to our Ridan composter which starts a 3 month process of creating useable compost. Although our compost is not quite ready we can see it is getting close and we hope to top up our class planters soon.
- We held a hugely successful Eisteddfod with Wye winning the overall shield. A huge well done to Seren our bard who gathered the most points during the Eisteddfod.
- World Book Day was a fabulous event with the children really enjoying the dressing up and having the opportunity to share a book with different children across the school.
- We had 2 children who placed 1st and 2nd in the Abergavenny Rotary Young Writers competition– Well done!
- Thank you for your Red Nose Day contributions.
- A super representation of our football and netball at the sports tournament against Llantilio Pertholey Primary last term.
- Y5/6 have started a joint Federation project of building two G2 Goblin Greenpower cars with the hope of driving them by the end of the summer term.
- Y5 have worked hard at their swimming lessons and enjoyed a lovely parental engagement event at the end of term showcasing their learning.
- Both phases enjoyed the Easter celebration in school before the end of term.

School Contact Details

A number of parents are continuing to use the old school email. Please update your contacts for the school.

- **Phone:** 01873 737110
- **Email:** LFO.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales



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 including a disco. 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 have continued to look fantastic in their uniform and black shoes this academic year. Remember trainers only to be worn on PE days with normal PE kit and no jewellery. As we approach the summer months appropriate footwear for school must be worn to allow the children to be safe when playing and navigating the school grounds. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

Useful Uniforms: 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.

National Testing

Pupils from Year 2 through to Year 6 will be taking Welsh Government National Reading and Maths Procedural & Reasoning tests this term. Testing in school will take place in June. Pupils will be tested on their reading and numeracy ability, however they should not worry in any way about these tests.

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 do not park in the top staff car park at any time as this blocks staff who are arriving or need to leave.
- Always look out for children and adults crossing the road
- On the school site please park in designated areas only
- Please respect proper use of the disabled bays (Blue Badge holders only)
- 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.

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.

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.

Our Community

Several members of the Llanfoist community have contacted the school about a very small proportion of our children demonstrating poor behaviour in the streets, fields and local area after school hours. We have discussed this with the older children in school and advised the community member to utilise the police should the behaviour impact on their property or business. If your child is out in the community in the evenings or on the weekends, please remind them about appropriate behaviour and respect to our community.

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.

- **Reception** (Mrs Clewer) – May 22nd AM Teddy bears' picnic – details to follow
- **Year 1** (Mrs Taylor) – June 12th 2:00
- **Whole School Open Afternoon** – 2nd July 2:00-3:00
- **Year 6** (Mr Aylett) – 15th July 1:30 Leavers assembly

Training Days 2025-26

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

- 26/6/26
- 20/7/26

Y6 transition

There is a planned programme of events for our Y6 transitioning to KHS. 23rd and 24th June Y6 visits to KHS. Y6 parents evening at KHS 24th June at 6:00.



School Clubs – starting w/c: 20th April 2026

Football	Monday	Yrs 4 – 6 3.20 – 4.15pm
Welsh Dance	Tuesday	Yrs 1 – 6 3:20-4:15pm
Choir	Wednesday	Yrs 3-6 12:00-12:30pm
Netball	Thursday	Yr 5/6 3:20-4:15pm

Summer Term Dates for Your Diary

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

23rd April: PTFA disco – Lower Phase 3:05-4:05 Upper Phase 4:15-5:15

WC27th April: Enterprise fortnight and Enterprise Fayre 8th May – *more details to follow*

4th May: School closed – Early May Day Bank Holiday

8th May: Enterprise Fair

9th May: Abergavenny Eisteddfod

WC 11th May: Book Fair in school – *more details to follow*

18th May: Y4 Cadbury's World trip

22nd May: AM Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic – *more details to follow*

WC25th May: Half term holiday

9th June: School photographs

12th June: Y1 class engagement event 2:00

13th June: Gwyl Plant Dance Festival 11:00-1:00

17th - 18th June: Y6 London trip

23rd-24th June: Y6 transition to KHS

24th June: Reception to Year 6 will 'move up' to the class they will be entering in the autumn term 2026

24th June: New Reception intake taster meeting for children and parents 3:30-4:30 *Details to follow*

24th June: Y6 parents evening at KHS 6:00

25th June: Sports Day (parents invited to attend this)



9:15- 12:15 Upper Phase pupils
1:00- 2:30 Lower Phase pupils

26th June: INSET - School closed

28th June: Pandy Show and football tournament

30th June: Back up' Sports Day (if 25th is cancelled due to poor weather)

2nd July: Open afternoon all classes 2:00-3:00

3rd July: End of Year Pupil Reports sent home to parents / carers

3rd July: Y5 camp in Llanfoist (overnight – more details will be sent in a letter nearer the time)

15th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly 1:30 start

17th July: Presentation Assembly for pupils

17th July: 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

