



Christmas Newsletter

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"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

We've reached the end of the Autumn term at Bryn Primary School!

The whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned festive rest. Children and staff have been very busy with their learning and with their preparations for Christmas. I'm sure you'll agree, their class concerts were wonderful! Such a pleasure to see our children performing with confidence and enjoyment on the stage. Thank you for your support with costumes and practising at home, we appreciate you!

The children have enjoyed Christmas class parties, preparing products for their entrepreneurial sale, the panto, Christmas disco and all fantastic events organised and run by our PTA! **A special, heartfelt thank you to the PTA for sprinkling extra Christmas magic this year** in events such a Movie Night, the Swap Shop and the amazingly well organised Christmas Market!

It gives me such pleasure to announce the total funds raised by the PTA this term:



Halloween Disco £222
Christmas Swap Shop £38
Movie Night £240
Christmas Disco £230
Christmas Market £758



TOTAL: £1488




Thank you to the PTA for pupil selection boxes today, delivered in style!
We have excited little elves in class!

A SNOWY WELCOME



A special THANK YOU to Craig Williams for our snowy welcome to school! This has become an annual Christmas tradition at Bryn Primary School, long may it continue!

Wishing our staff, families, children, and community a VERY HAPPY  CHRISTMAS! We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 6th January.

Additional Fundraising



We raised a total of £90.75 for Children in Need



We raised a total of £79.85 for Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day)

A New Defibrillator for Bryn Primary School.



We are raising money for a new defibrillator! Two Dads (Lewis White and Lee Maughan) will be taking on a 70km Ultra Marathon running from Brecon to Cardiff in February 2025 to raise crucial funds!

This gruelling event starts in the Brecon Beacons National Park with its dramatic mountain landscapes, passing crashing waterfalls and crystal clear reservoirs towards the Taff Trail, and ending in Cardiff.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who's in cardiac arrest. Having a Defibrillator on the school site would be crucial in saving lives.

To donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lauren-white-609?utm_term=YJgadpay7

We've already raised £225 - THANK YOU!

A few reminders ...

Inset days

INSET Days 2024 - 25
21.02.25
11.04.25
23.05.25
02.06.25
21.07.25

SCHOOL TERM DATES Spring & Summer Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 2 September 2024
- Half term starts Monday 28 October 2024
- Half term ends Friday 1 November 2024
- Term ends Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 6 January 2025
- Half term starts Monday 24 February 2025
- Half term ends Friday 28 February 2025
- Term ends Friday 11 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 28 April 2025
- Half term starts Monday 26 May 2025
- Half term ends Friday 30 May 2025
- Term ends Monday 21 July 2025
- **SPRING CURRICULUM OFFER**



The school adopts a conceptual approach to learning. The topics ensure full coverage of the curriculum and evidence activities relevant to the age group/progression step. Spring Term's theme is: *Celebrate With Me!*

Bryn Primary uses Bruner's spiral approach to curriculum design, so the concept is revisited in each year group but with a greater depth of learning. Evidence shows that when pupils re-engage with a topic repeatedly, they both consolidate prior knowledge in their memory and build on it over time.

To keep learning irresistible it is pupil-led and each class learns about celebrations through a slightly different lens.

Mrs Murphy / Mrs Jones - *Awe & Wonder*

Mrs Turner - *Values & Beliefs*

Mrs Llewellyn - *Good Vs Evil*

Mrs Khokar / Miss Boaler - *Authority & Influence*

Mrs Robinson - *Diversity & Discrimination*

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Families on low incomes or those in receipt of certain benefits

Even if you receive a Universal Free School Meal for your child, you should still **apply** for **Free School Meals (eFSM)** as this may entitle you to other benefits such as support with purchasing school uniform (School Essential Grant). Please follow the (eFSM) application process so you don't lose out on other benefit opportunities.

SCHOOL VACANCIES



There is an opportunity within the school for the role of **School Crossing Patrol Officer**. Please share this with anyone you think may be interested in this position.