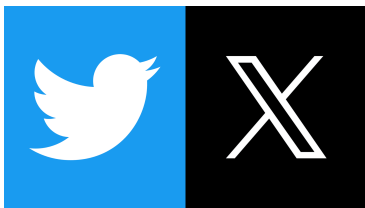


**Happy New Year and welcome back!**

### Value of the Month

A value is a principle which guides our thinking and behaviour - What better way to start the new year by focussing on **Positivity!**



### Twitter

We have made the decision to discontinue using Twitter / X as a medium to share news with you. Over the next two terms, we will be considering ways in which we can continue to share some of the excellent things we do here with you. We will keep you posted!

### Building Work - Access from Ditch Hill Lane

As you have seen, work has now started in this area. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation in helping us to keep the site safe whilst the work is ongoing.

We have added a walkway, demarcated by a barrier. Please can everyone use this as much as possible. Where you can leave your car at home, please do. Parents can use our brand new Mynydd Bach entrance to access the site

1. If you are eligible for pupil transport, where at all possible, please use it.
2. Please car share if possible
3. Park considerately in a safe place outside the school grounds and walk onto the site
4. Please spend as little time on site as possible.
5. Please come and pick your child up from the classroom door or the walking bus whilst the works are ongoing, to ensure that they get to your cars safely.
6. Please drive 'dead slow' in the car park area



Thank you again for your cooperation in this important matter.



### Year 6 Residential Monday 30th June to Wednesday 2nd July

All Year 6 parents should have received an email with information regarding this year's residential trip. If you have not received this please email the office.

### End of Day Arrangements

We have an increasing number of late messages regarding end of day arrangements for pupils. Whilst we understand that emergencies happen please can we ask that if you are aware of these prior to the start of the school day, that these be communicated to the class teacher, either at the door at drop off, or by dated letter. If this is a last minute change during the afternoon please call 01291 641774 and not use email as these may not be picked up prior to the end of the day.

### Mobile Phones / Smart Watches

Father Christmas brought some of our children Smart Watches and Phones! Please do not send these into school with your child. If pupils do have smart watches on or their phone with them, we will ask them to leave them with Mrs Partridge in the office until the end of the day when they can be taken home. If children need to make phone calls during the day they will be able to use the school telephones in the main office. School will not be able to accept any responsibility for any items that are lost or damaged.



### Absence Reporting

When reporting your child absent, please ensure a message is left on the absence line before 9.15am. Please leave your child's name and reason for illness.

### Talents and Achievements Assembly

Our Talents and Achievements Assembly Day will be changing from a Tuesday to a Thursday from next week. We look forward to celebrating what the children have been up to!

### Attendance Matters

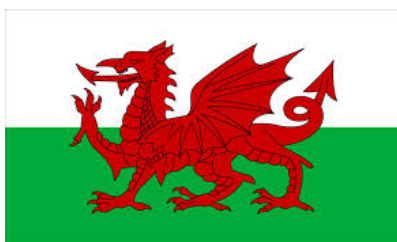
Please remember to complete a [Term time absence](#) form if your child will be absent from school.

### ★☆☆★ SEREN YR WYTHNOS ★☆☆★

Congratulations to the following learners for earning themselves a headteacher certificate this week. "Llongyfarchiadau" i...

Tîm Coed Coch		Tîm Helyg		Tîm Derwen		Tîm Collen
Dosbarth Reception	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Harrison Henry James	Isaac Lowenna Rowan	Chloe Isla Oscar	Ava Dottie Siena	Betsy D Blanka Todd	Kamil Rhys Noah	Ava S Max L Theo

### Ymadrodd y Penwythnos



**Hoffech chi.....?** (Hoff eck-ee) Would you like.....?

**Hoffech chi helpu?** (Hoff eck-ee help-ee?) Would you like help?

**Hoffech chi yfed?** (Hoff eck-ee uh-ved?) Would you like a drink?

## Diary Dates 2024/25

New information highlighted in yellow

**INSET Days - One more day to be allocated. Date to be confirmed**

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
<b>Wed 22nd Jan</b> - Y1 Lantern making (parents invited to attend pm)	<b>Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb</b> - Half term break
<b>Tues 28th Jan</b> - Y1 and Y2 stargazing	<b>Mon 3rd Feb</b> - Return to school
<b>Wed 29th Jan</b> - Y2 class trip	<b>Tues 4th Mar</b> - School St David's Day Celebrations
<b>Mon 3rd-Tues 4th Feb</b> - Y4 Gilwern	<b>Fri 14th Mar</b> - World Book Day
<b>Mon 10th Feb</b> - Parent Consultations	<b>Fri 21st Mar</b> - Comic Relief
<b>Tues 11th Feb</b> - Parent Consultations	<b>Mon 14th-Fri 25th Apr</b> - Easter Holiday
<b>Wed 12th Feb</b> - Y6 class trip	
<b>Thurs 13th Feb</b> - Y3 Gilwern	
<b>Mon 17th-Wed 19th Feb</b> - Y5 Gilwern	

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
<b>Mon 28th Apr</b> - Return to school	<b>Mon 9th Jun-Fri 20th Jun</b> - National test fortnight
<b>Mon 5th May</b> - Bank holiday	<b>Mon 30th Jun-Wed 2nd Jul</b> - Y6 Residential trip
<b>Wed 21st May</b> - Sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited	<b>Friday 18th July</b> - Last day of school for pupils
<b>Mon 26th-Fri 30th May</b> - Half term break	<b>Fri 18th Jul</b> - Y6 Leavers Assembly am
<b>Mon 2nd Jun</b> - Return to school	<b>Mon 21st Jul</b> - Inset day - School closed to pupils
<b>Wed 4th Jun</b> - Reserve sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited	<b>Tues 22nd Jul</b> - Summer holidays officially begin!

