



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the year we have had. It is always sad to see some of our children go, but it is so wonderful to have our new reception children starting.

We have so much planned for the year ahead. We are very excited!

As always, please talk to us if you have any worries or concerns. We want you and your children to be happy at Llantilio!

Newsletter 1

**6th
September**



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Our Christian value this half term is:

Peace

Father Julian and Mrs Balkwill
lead our value assemblies.

Get to Know Your Teacher

We would like to invite you into school to our 'Get to Know your Teacher' meetings. We will have 2 repeated sessions (to accommodate families that have children in more than one class): the first will be 3.30—4.00. The second will be 4.00—4.30. These will be held on Wednesday 18th September. **We'd like everyone to meet in the hall at 3.30pm.** We would be very grateful if you could attend where possible. It is an opportunity for your teacher to answer any questions you may have and to explain the expectations for your child's new year group.

Citizenship and Anti-Bullying

We start every year with a week of citizenship focusing on being kind, looking after each other and following the rules. The second week is always an anti-bullying week. Please talk to your child about these things. It is important that your child understands the importance of being kind and of telling if someone is being unkind. Young children (and older ones!) do fall out and squabble at times. They can be unkind. Teaching and learning how to deal with frustrations and anger is an important part of growing up. We have very few incidents of children deliberately 'picking on' another child. However, if this does happen we want to know about it so we can work with you and the children to put a stop to it.

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Term	Dates	Half Term		
Autumn Term	02/09/24	28/10/24	01/11/24	20/12/24
Spring Term	06/01/25	24/02/25	28/02/25	11/04/25
Summer Term	28/04/25	26/05/25	30/05/25	21/07/25

INSET Training Days 2024/2025

School closed to pupils:

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November

Friday 7th March

Friday 27th June

Monday 21st July

Free School Meals

Because all primary children are now entitled to a free lunch, it may not seem necessary to apply for Free School Meals when you are a low income family. However, school receives substantial extra funding to support each child who is entitled to free school meals. This grant is called the Pupil Deprivation Grant. There are also more benefits to families including support to buy uniform.

There are details of how we spend PDG funding on the school website. From April 2023 to March 2024 our school received an extra £49 400. This makes such a difference to what we can offer for our pupils. If you think you may be entitled please apply.

Click here: [School Meals - Monmouthshire](#)

Dates for Your Diary	
September	
Monday 9th	Yr 6 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 18th	Get to Know Your Teacher
October	
Monday 7th	Year 1 Maths Share with Parents
Tuesday 8th	Year 2 Maths Share with Parents
Wednesday 9th	Rec Maths Share with Parents
Thursday 10th	Year 3 Maths Share with Parents
Friday 11th	Year 6 Maths Share with Parents
Monday 14th	Year 4 Maths Share with Parents
Tuesday 15th	Year 5 Maths Share with Parents
Thursday 17th	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Friday 25th	INSET Day school closed to pupils
November	
Monday 4th	INSET Day school closed to pupils
Friday 8th	Interim Children Reports
Tuesday 12th	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 13th	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 26th	Reception Parents— See How They Learn
December	
Monday 9th 2pm	Rec-Y2 Christmas Concert
Monday 9th 5.30pm	Rec-Y2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 11th 2pm	Y3-Y4 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 11th 5.30pm	Y3-Y4 Christmas Concert
Monday 16th 2pm	Y5-Y6 Christmas Carol Concert
Monday 17th 5.30pm	Y5-Y6 Christmas Carol Concert
January	
Monday 6th	First day of term

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Playtime Snacks

I would like to remind parents and carers that we are a 'Healthy School'. In-line with government and Monmouthshire guidelines children should only have fruit or vegetables for a breaktime snack. Please ensure that pots are clearly marked with your child's name and class. We do have a tuck shop for fruit run by some of our pupils. The cost of a piece of fruit will be 25p (I am sorry that we've had to increase the price this year) Thank you for your co-operation.

Water bottles

All children should have a water bottle that comes to school each day, clearly marked with your child's name and class. This should be taken home each day to be cleaned and replenished. In-line with government guidelines children should only bring water to school in their water bottles. They should not have squash or fizzy pop. I do not want to upset or distress any children and understand that some children prefer not to drink water. If this is the case, I would ask you to give your child weaker and weaker flavoured water each week and to wean them to pure water. I again thank you supporting us with this.

Playground

Following listening to the children last term, we have bought new equipment for children to use on the Parth Blodau Haul yard (Y3-Y6) including balls and skipping ropes. We also now have a football table, a giant chess set and smaller games like snakes and ladders for the children. Please do not let your child bring in their own equipment and toys: this did cause some issues next year. Thanks for your understanding.

Cookery

We are starting to teach cookery more regularly with our Year 3—Year 6 pupils. The plan is to cook 2 simple recipes each term. We will keep you informed when your child is going to be participating. We will let each child take home some of the food they cook. Please could you send a named pot in for your child so they may bring some home. Look out for more information from your child's class teacher.

Car Park

Please can we be mindful when using the carpark. I know it's busy and I know that we do not have enough spaces. However, we still have people double parking even when there are spaces available. We really do not want any child hurt in our school. It is important that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines in order for children to be seen clearly. Please ensure that you are supporting your children to cross safely.

Also, a reminder that children with bikes and scooters should push them on the school site. Children should also be wearing a safety helmet. Again, this is to keep everyone safe. Please support us with this and talk to your child.

Contacts

Please ensure that the school office has details of anyone collecting your child. We need full names and their telephone numbers in case we need to contact them. Many thanks.

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Schoop

It is important for **all parents and carers** to sign up to the SCHOOP APP. This is the way the school office sends messages out to parents. Please see the school website or speak to the office for details of how to subscribe.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a method of communication between parents and carers and the class teacher. It allows you to be part of your child's learning journey. You will be able to see photos of your child's work. It may be a quick way to communicate about wider issues with school. Teachers access this APP via their personal mobile phones.

It is important that urgent messages such as a change in who a child is being collected by or absences go straight to the school office via email or the telephone and not via SeeSaw.

Teachers do not monitor their SeeSaw messages throughout the day as they are in class. I would also ask you to be mindful of sending messages late at night or during the weekend. I have suggested to the teachers that they should not access their SeeSaw messages outside the hours of 8am-5pm Monday to Friday. They need a break too!

Twitter and Instagram

We have listened to you and have decided to change our teaching and learning photo feed from Twitter X to Instagram. The Twitter feed no longer does what we need to on the school website. We will send out more information next week about our new accounts when they are up and running.

Support

Our families make so much difference with helping out with school trips, walking pupils to their swimming lessons or the church ad so on. We appreciate you attending and our fundraisers. We love you coming into school to see what is going on. YOU make the difference to our school community. Thank you.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to write a card, a note or even send sent small gifts to me and to the staff at the end of last term. We were over whelmed by your generosity and kind words. We are so very proud of our Llantilio Pertholey family and community. It is wonderful to know that you love our school as much as we do.

God bless,

Helen King
(Headteacher)

Our School Vision:

Llantilio Pertholey Primary School will provide an inclusive, supportive and nurturing learning environment to meet the needs of all of our children in a changing world.

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