



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! Another year has nearly ended. This year has been so busy and our wonderful school has gone from strength to strength.

We have had so many visitors, school trips, exciting lessons. We have had new equipment for children to use in lesson times and to play with on the yard (even more is coming in September for Parth Blodau Hawl). We have exciting times ahead!



Our Christian value of the half term is:

Courage

Father Julian and Mrs Balkwill
lead our value assemblies.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils I would like to spend a moment of reflection of a difficult year in the world. There has been so much tragedy, sadness, violence and hurt. This can affect your view of the future and what might happen. However, anyone who spends time with the pupils in our school can see a group of children who really live up to our motto of 'Be kind, Be the Best You Can Be.' Our children demonstrate kindness, politeness, respect and tolerance for each other. Of course, children will be children, but we can see as our pupils move through the school the way they learn through our Christian values to become decent, caring citizens of our school, of Abergavenny, of Wales and hopefully, eventually, the world. We can learn so much from the hope in these children.

I wish our Year 6 pupils all the best. You will always be Llantilio Pertholey pupils. I hope you are taking many, many happy memories with you. We will miss you but we know that you are ready to go on to new adventures.

Just a small reminder, on the last day of term we keep the Year 6 pupils until last so that staff are able to wave them goodbye. Please be prepared for a delayed exit from school!



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PTFA

A massive thank you to the members of the PTFA. Thank you to everyone who has supported any events or activities. Our PTFA have been very successful and a whopping **£12 830.56** has been made this year! I am sure you have seen the PTFA newsletter detailing some of the resources that have been procured this year.

We are also very grateful to the PTFA for paying towards coaches for our trips this year. We have been able to keep the costs down for you because of their support.

So far,

These activities have been booked in already!

September 27th - Welcome Party (weather dependent)

October 4th - Welcome party back up date

15th - Shwmae day

21st - Parth Gwenyn Film night

22nd - Parth Blodau Haul film night



All info will be on our Facebook (Llantilio Pertholey School PTFA), Instagram (@LP_PTFA) and website (pta-events.com/llantiliopertholeyptfa).

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Year 6 St Teilo's Service

A reminder that our Year 6 families are invited to join Year 6 at St. Teilo's church on Tuesday 16th July for their Leavers' Service at 10.00.

Year 6 End of Term Party

Year 6 will be having a Hawaiian beach themed-party on Wednesday 17th July from 5pm-7pm. Food will be provided.

Dates for Your Diary	
July	
Tuesday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Service St Teilo's
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thursday 18th End of Term (school closes for pupils from 1.30)	
Friday 19th	INSET Day school closed to pupils
September	
Monday 2nd	INSET DAY School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd	Reception and Year 6 pupils only

Term Dates

Autumn Term	02/09/24
Spring Term	06/01/25
Summer Term	28/04/25

Half Term

28/10/24	01/11/24	20/12/24
24/02/25	28/02/25	11/04/25
26/05/25	30/05/25	21/07/25

INSET Training Days 2024/2025

- Monday 2nd September
- Friday 25th October
- Monday 4th November
- Friday 7th March
- Friday 27th June
- Monday 21st July



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School Essentials Grant

Lynne Neagle, Cabinet Secretary for Education, has asked headteachers to let families know that the window for the School Essentials Grant opened on 1 July.

Please make sure that you apply if you're eligible.

There are excellent initiatives in place to support families, from clothes banks to swap shops in schools. School Essentials Grant is another route of support for families. From September all state primary schools in Wales will offer a free school meal to children.

**Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government**

Registering as eligible for free school meals with your Local Authority unlocks access to the School Essentials Grant. It also means schools get more funding. With the introduction of free school meals for primary pupils, many parents/carers do not realise that schools will lose out unless they continue to register as eligible.

So, I'd be very grateful if you could spread the word by sharing <https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>. Even if they don't need the grant, registering as eligible will mean schools get additional funding.

Keeping the cost of school uniforms low is another way of helping families. Following a consultation last year, the Welsh Government published revised School Uniform statutory guidance, to better support governing bodies in making their decisions on school uniform policies in respect of access, affordability and flexibility. The main changes to the revised guidance provided that:

branded uniform (which includes but is not limited to logo bearing items) should not be a compulsory requirement for pupils; and schools should ensure that arrangements are in place so that second-hand uniforms are available for pupils to acquire.

You can find the guidance in full here <https://www.gov.wales/school-uniform-and-appearance-policy-guidance-governing-bodies-wg23-17-html>

This guidance is statutory and as such governing bodies and head teachers must have regard to it when formulating and revising their school uniform policies.

Children in Wales have also published helpful case studies highlighting how schools are keeping costs down, which can be found here <https://www.childreninwales.org.uk/news/school-uniform-resources-now-available-schools/>



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School Reports

We hope that you enjoyed the new look reports. We would appreciate any feedback about them: if you have any ideas of how to improve them further, what you like about them, what you don't like them about them. I do want to apologise for the quality of the photocopying. We did have the photocopier serviced before we printed them out but many did have a mark on them. I hope this didn't spoil your enjoyment.

Thank You

I would like to thank all of our families for your ongoing support.

You make so much difference helping out with school trips, walking pupils to their swimming lessons or the church. We appreciate you attending and our fundraisers. We love you coming into school to see what is going on. We have more plans to invite you in to our lovely school in the new school year. YOU make the difference to our school community. Thank you.



Finally

We welcome Mrs Hall back from her 1-term Welsh sabbatical. She has lots of ideas to help us all improve our Welsh language skills!

I would like to wish Mrs Bawler well with her 2-term Welsh sabbatical course. Going back to studying at university isn't easy and we are very proud of her and wish her well. Pob lwc!



We wish Mrs Bald all the best as she moves to teach in an African school. What an adventure she is going to have and I'm sure she will keep in touch and let us know all about them!

Have a great summer break everyone. Look after yourself, keep safe and see you in September!

God bless,

Helen King (headteacher)

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