



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is supposed to be the summer term now but the beautiful weather doesn't seem to be coming any time soon!

Thank you for your ongoing support. It was wonderful to see so many people attending our book sharing sessions and the showcases. Our school to home partnership is so important to the children's progress and development. We were thrilled to have you here. If you have any other suggestions of how we could share the children's learning with you, please let us know.

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Our Christian value of the half term is:

Courage



Recycling

New laws have come into force in Wales for commercial recycling including schools. We have explained to the children the importance of recycling. Perhaps you could have similar conversations at home to reinforce the messages?

Children should only have fruit and vegetables on the yard. We have ordered new recycling bins for this compostable rubbish. We will use some for our own compost bins.

I have spoken to staff and explained that children who have packed lunches should be taking home all of their rubbish so parents can see what they've eaten and what they haven't.

Jewellery and hair



A number of children have started wearing necklaces and bracelets to school. This is a health and safety issue. A child was recently injured because jewellery had been caught accidentally. Please could children keep these things for home. Children are encouraged to wear a watch. Could earrings be small studs and not dangling please. Thank you so much for supporting us with this.

A warning that we have had a few instances of headlice over the past weeks. This is unavoidable in a school. However, to help stop the spread we would ask that children with long hair have it tied up or held back using a 'school-type' accessory. These are available in The Community Cabin.



PTFA

The PTFA thank you for all your support so far this school year, we're almost at the end now!

There are a few more things we have planned to help reach the target of paying for the buses of the school trips:

- Wonder Bars to be collected Friday 3rd May
- Father's Day gifts will be on sale at the end of May - more info to follow
- Sports day - 7th or 14th June - Snacks and drinks will be on sale all day
- Silent disco 13th June

The Circus is coming to our school! Tickets are now on sale.

All info will be on our Facebook (Llantilio Pertholey School PTFA), Instagram (@LP_PTFA) and website (pta-events.com/llantiliopertholeypfta), and posters will be on the notice board between the yards soon.

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Childcare Vouchers

We have had new information about the use of childcare vouchers. We understand that most childcare vouchers can be used for Breakfast Club payments. However, they won't be able to be used for Tax-Free Childcare for our After School Club, as HMRC require a CIW registration number. Our After School Club is not registered (as most schools with an in-house After School Club) as it is under 2 hours long and therefore doesn't need registering.



If you think you have vouchers that can be used, speak to our school office team.

Dates for Your Diary

May	
Monday 6th	School closed: Bank Holiday
Thursday 16th	Y5 Outdoor Learning
Friday 17th May	Y5 Outdoor Learning
Monday 20th	Y4 Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 21st	Y3 Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 22nd	Y4 Outdoor Learning
Thursday 23rd	Y6 Outdoor Learning
Friday 24th	Y6 Outdoor Learning
Monday 27th May Friday 31st May HALF TERM	
June	
Friday 7th	Sport's Day (1st date)
Friday 14th	Sport's Day (back up date)
Monday 24th	Y6 Show: 14.00 & 16.30 show
Tuesday 25th/ Wednesday 26th	Y6 Transition to KHS
Wednesday 26th	Llantilio 'Move Up' Day
Thursday 27th	Y3 & Y4 Cardiff Castle trip
Friday 28th	INSET Day school closed to pupils
July	
Friday 4th	Circus 3.30 & 5.30 show
Wednesday 10th	Y6 pupils St. Woolos Cathedral Leaver's Service
Thursday 18th End of Term (school closes for pupils from 1.30)	
Friday 19th	INSET Day school closed to pupils

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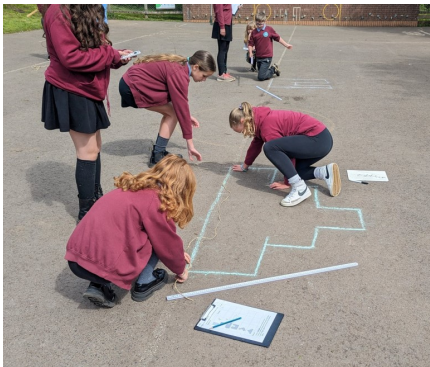


Food and Fun 2024

MCC are planning *Food and Fun 2024 sessions* from Monday 5th August – Friday 23rd August for children in the Abergavenny Cluster based at the King Henry 3-19 school primary site (Previously Deri View Primary) **'Food and Fun' School Holiday Enrichment Programme - WLGA**

The club will run from 9.30am-2.30pm for children aged 5-16. Children who are registered as being eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) will have priority. If you have any enquiries email play@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Bookings for FSM pupils opens on 12th May and for all other pupils on 1st July.



Staffing



We have a few staff changes next academic year. Mrs Bald will be leaving us to go with her family to start her new role as a teacher in Kenya. We will miss her but wish her all the best with her new adventure! We have advertised for a replacement teacher for Year 5 and interviews are coming up soon. I will let you know who the new teacher will be as soon as I know.

Mrs Hall will be returning towards the end of term from her 12-week Welsh sabbatical at Cardiff University. In September Mrs Hall moves into Year 1. Mrs Balkwill will teach the class for one day.

Mrs Bawler will become our Year 2 teacher in September. However, Mrs Bawler has also secured a Welsh sabbatical at Cardiff University. Her sabbatical will be for the autumn and spring term, although she will be returning to school from time to time to share what she has learnt. We will secure a teacher to cover Mrs Bawler for the 2 terms that she is away.

Miss Morgan will be moving into Year 3 from September. Having had the class last year and this term, she will be best placed to support the children in that class. Mrs Balkwill will teach that class for one day each week.

In summary:

Miss Samantha Rolph	Reception
Mrs Stephanie Hall	Year 1
Mrs Nicola Balkwill	Year 1
Mrs Cecilia Bawler	Year 2 (cover for Autumn and Spring)
Miss Kathy Morgan	Year 3
Mrs Nicola Balkwill	Year 3
Ms Gail Davis	Year 4
TBC	Year 5
Mr Geraint Langdon	Year 6

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Sports' Day

Our Sports' Day will be on Friday 7th June (weather permitting). The back up date will be Friday 14th June. The PTFA will be selling refreshments for visitors. Pupils will be provided with a lolly.

Children will be seated on one side of the track and visitors on the other. To help us keep all pupils safe, please do not come over to them or call them over. Make sure they have a drinks bottle, sun cream and a hat as it may be a hot day. We also need teddy mascots in their team colours!

After Sports' Day, we will take the children back to class and release them as normal.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE CHILDREN FROM THE FIELD.

Outdoor Learning

Following the success of previous years we are once again setting the dates for our outdoor learning. We will be having whole learning days on the school field with our tents (fingers crossed this lovely weather continues). Children will be immersed into outdoor activities on our fields at the back of the school, including making their own food and keeping 'camp' tidy.

Children need outdoor clothing that they can get dirty!

We will give you further information with individual class letters. However, just to keep you informed, we are planning:

Year 3 Outdoor Learning: Tuesday 21st May during normal school time

Year 4 Outdoor Learning: Monday 20th May and Wednesday 22nd May —normal school time

Year 5 Outdoor Learning: Thursday 16th May overnight stay — Friday 17th May until 1.30

Year 6 Outdoor learning: Children will only come to school: Thursday May 23rd 10am-9pm Friday 24th May : 11am-3.20pm



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Condover Hall

Our Year 6 children had an amazing time on their residential trip to Condover Hall. They were a real credit to our school: each and everyone of them tried hard to be the best they could be. The children supported each other throughout the four days and showed great kindness, compassion, tenacity and determination. The children's manners were impeccable and they were so well-behaved at all times.

The instructors at the centre praised them and their attitudes. Mr Langdon, Mrs Harry and I were so proud of them all.

We had such a great time that we have already booked it again for next year!



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Last day of term finish

We have trialled having an early finish on the last day of term. The vast majority of pupils have been collected early: we had less than a dozen children in school at 2pm just before Easter. As it has proved to be popular, we will make this a permanent feature. Children may be collected from 1.30 at the end of each term (not each half term!)

To be clear, children *do not have to* be collected early. Historically, we have had many children leaving early on the last day of term and we are trying to support you. All staff will be on site until the end of the school day. However, there will be no After School Club on the last day of each term.

School Closure

Thank you for your support when we had to close the school because of an issue with our water supply. Most children were collected within half an hour of the 12 o'clock collection time. Thank you.

Please make sure that someone has access to our messaging service whilst your child is at school. In this case we were able to call families of children who were left. That wasn't a problem, although it does take time. However, if we had to go into a lockdown situation we wouldn't be able to call individuals.

Summer Camp

Miss Cleaton is considering running a summer camp for a week for our pupils at our school. We need to assess logistics but if you are interested. Please could you complete this quick Google Form by Friday 10th May.

<https://forms.gle/aLUGaBRwn2eB6o1z5>



As ever, a big thanks to all of our families for your continued support. We really are lucky to have such a wonderful school community.

We are always here if you need us.

Cofion gorau, God bless,

(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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