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# Newsletter 27.06.25

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and exciting week in Ysgol Afon Wen. Year 10 pupils have been out on work experience and those who had not secured placements helped to support all of the events within the school, taking vital roles within the PE department, supporting Expressive Arts and helping the site team as well as those learning the roles and responsibilities of teachers and teaching assistants in the classroom. Year 9 pupils have been interviewed to confirm their options for next academic year and have started to practice examination technique in preparation for the start of the GCSE courses. The Year 6 pupils have been enjoying a fun filled week on the transition into Year 7 culminating in their performance for families on Thursday evening, followed by an information evening.

The Summer term is always fun filled and we cannot wait to share with you the events taking place with all sports days, open evening, the summer showcase and the start of the celebration assemblies.

## Dates for your diary

**YSGOL  
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YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

5.00pm  
JULY 3, 2025

We look forward to welcoming you to our brand new school

**Summer  
Showcase**

July 2nd 2025  
4pm

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## Events next week:

Advance Phase: Yr 5—8

### SUMMER SHOWCASE

Tuesday 2nd July  
2025@4pm

Activate Phase: Rec— Yr 3

### CELEBRATION ASSESEMBLY

Reception: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
2025 @ 9.10am

Advance Phase: Yr 4, 5 and 6

### SPORTS DAY

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Parents/carers welcome to attend

Advance Phase: Yr 5

### OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3rd July 2025

5.00pm

All welcome

Activate Phase: Rec— Yr 3

### SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 1st July 2025

Parents/carers welcome to attend

Advance Phase: Yr 7 and 8

### SPORTS DAY

Friday 4th July 2025

No parental involvement .

Achieve Phase: Yr 9 and 10

### SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 2nd July 2025

No parental involvement .

Activate Phase: Rec— Yr 3

### CELEBRATION ASSESEMBLY

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Nursery 9.10am Year 2: 2.30pm





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Date	Event
Monday 30th June 2025	Reception Celebration Assembly 9.10am.
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Activate Sports Day Year 2 and 3 : 9.30am—11.30am Parents welcome. Reception - Yr 1 : 1.45pm—2.45pm Parents welcome.
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Achieve Sports Day (Year 9 and 10) Careers Fair for Year 8 Summer Showcase performance 4pm (Yr 5-8)
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Advance Sports Day (Year 4, 5,6) 1.30 - 3.00pm Parents welcome. Year 5 Open Evening 5pm
Friday 4th July 2025	Nursery Celebration Assembly 9.10am Advance Sports Day (Year 7 and 8) Year 2 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 7th July 2025	Year 7 & 8 Trip to Drayton Manor Year 3 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Activate Experience Day Year 9 &10 Trip to Drayton Manor
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Year 1 Celebration Assembly 9.10am Year 11 Prom 7pm
Friday 11th July 2025	Year 4, 5, 6 Trip
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 leavers day activities and celebration assembly @2pm Moving up trial morning for Nursery to Year 5
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Activate and Advance reports published
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	End of year reward assemblies
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	End of year reward assemblies
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last day of term



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## Sports Days

### **Activate: Tuesday 1st July 2025**

Year 2 and 3 : 9.30am—11.30am Parents welcome

Reception and Year 1 : 1.45pm—2.45pm Parents welcome.

### **Achieve: Wednesday 2nd July 2025**

Year 9 & 10 : All day.

### **Advance: Thursday 3rd July 2025**

Year 4, 5, 6 : 1.30 - 3.00pm

Parents welcome.

### **Advance: Friday 4th July 2025**

Year 7 & 8 : All day.



### Sports Day – Spectator Information

The staff and students at Ysgol Afon Wen are delighted to welcome you to the site to support the students taking part in our inaugural Sports and Physical Activity Day.

Students will be participating in a variety of competitive and non-competitive events and activities throughout the day to earn points for their respective houses.

The following information is provided to visitors so that the day can prove to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all in the school community.

#### House Colours

Students are requested to wear a top that matches their designated house colour. Please do not worry if this is not possible as house-coloured bibs can be provided to students that need them.

House	House Colour
Elai	Red
Cynon	Yellow
Taf	Blue
Rhondda	Green

#### Footwear – Students and Spectators

The school have benefitted from a complete refurbishment of the AstroTurf facility. As a result, we have a strict footwear and usage policy to ensure that we are covered under our maintenance contract and insurance. Please be aware of the following:

- Office shoes, boots and heeled-shoes of any kind CANNOT be worn on the AstroTurf.
- Trainers, preferably “lugged” trainers must be worn.

#### Drinks and Food

The following rules apply:

- No food may be taken inside the AstroTurf fencing.
- Only water may be consumed inside AstroTurf fencing.
- Student drinks must be left in class gazebo.

#### Seating

Unfortunately, no chairs may be used on the AstroTurf surface.

Should you require any specific access arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us in advance in order to make the necessary arrangements.



## Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been commended by their Progress leader or teachers. Well done!



<b>Nursery</b>	Finn Ford-Thomas	<b>Year 4</b>	Josie Withers	<b>Year 9</b>	Montana Jaswal
	Noah James-Kuras		Saffia Price		Mia Webb
<b>Reception</b>	Harry Oliver	<b>Year 5</b>	Cody Pitman	<b>Year 10</b>	Charlotte Lewis
	Eliza Deabrau		Nia Gibbins		Amanda Barrett
<b>Year 1</b>	Megan Strange	<b>Year 6</b>	Sharon Matthew		
	Dottie Andrews		James Chipps		
<b>Year 2</b>	Maia O'Leary	<b>Year 7</b>	Sophia Williams		
	Clayton Kulina		Charlie Baldwin		
<b>Year 3</b>	Leo Morgan	<b>Year 8</b>	Heather Osman		
			Finley Drewitt		

## Hospitality and Catering

Miss Price and the Technology team have been working hard to ensure that pupils were able to make chocolate cake in lessons this week. We know that some of them may have made it home, but that others were eaten before lunchtime even finished!! The smell of cake was a lovely addition to the Technology corridor! Well done all.





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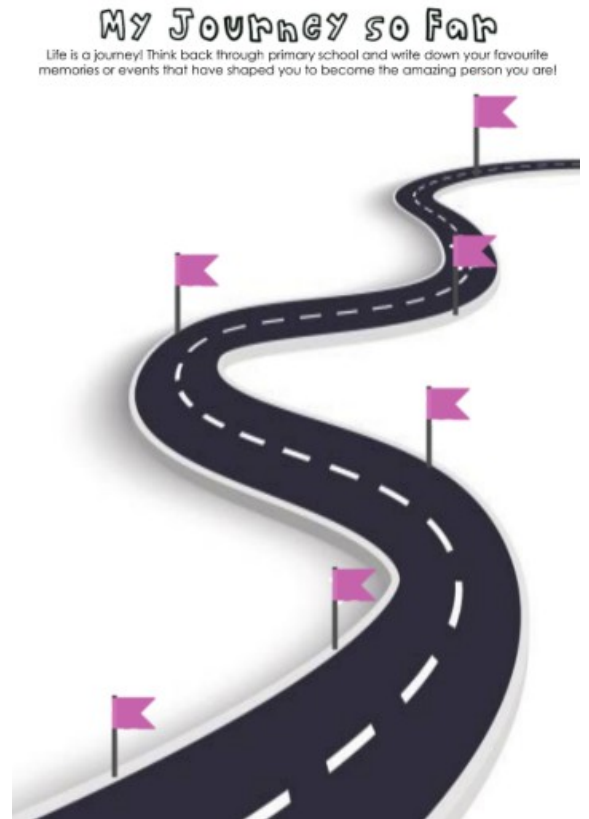
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## Transition from Year 6 into 7

Pupils in Year 6 from Ysgol Afon Wen and other primary schools came together this week to experience what life will be like in Year 7, meet members of staff, such as Mr Williams (Progress Leader), Mrs O'Carroll (Advance Phase leader) and Mrs Crockett (Headteacher). Pupils experienced lessons in all three faculties; Innovation, Creativity and Life. They worked hard with the expressive arts team to produce a performance for their families at the end of the week.

We look forward to seeing you all back in Ysgol Afon Wen in September and wish you well for the last few weeks of primary school. A significant milestone! Ensure that you understand it is ok to be nervous about the change, but that there are many exciting adventures around the corner.



## Summer Disco

Year 6 pupils are invited to a disco on Tuesday 8th July from 3-4pm. There will be a cost of £3 for the ticket, which included a hotdog and a drink. More information to follow.



## Telephone calls from pupils

Please note that we are a phone free school from gate to gate. Therefore, no child in the secondary aged range should be telephoning home to say that they are unwell and need collecting. As I am sure that you can understand as parents/carers, members of staff must make the decision to telephone and speak to an adult. No adult should be coming into the school reception to collect their family members without having spoken to the school.

## Year 8 Careers Event

On Wednesday 2nd July, we are excited to host a Careers Event for Year 8 pupils. . During the morning, pupils will have the chance to meet a range of local employers, exploring different career pathways and gaining insights into the world of work. They will have opportunities to ask questions and learn about the skills and qualifications needed across various industries.

## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP

The school will be moving communication to Bromcom, our new school information system in the next academic year. The system has a My Child At School communication app. This will replace the Class Charts communication that we are currently using.

In order for you to be prepared for the change in September, please download the My Child At School (MCAS) app and follow the instructions sent via letter on Class Charts.

Please ensure that you turn on the notifications for the app on your device.





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## School Trips

Thank you for your support with the forthcoming Summer reward trips.

The Drayton Manor trips are now full. If you have made a partial payment to reserve your child's place, please can you pay the balance by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Any additional applicants on will be kept on a reserve list.

### **Drayton Manor Key Information:**

**Dates:** Monday 7th July - Years 7 & 8 / Tuesday 8th July - Years 9 & 10

**Departure from school:** 8.30am – students must arrive by 8.15am.

**Return to school:** Approximately 6.30pm. Please make suitable arrangements for collection

**Travel:** By coach, accompanied by school staff.

**Clothing:** Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and footwear are required. Please check the forecast and prepare accordingly.

**Lunch:** Students should bring a packed lunch and plenty of water, a packed lunch will be provided by school for those entitled to free school meals.

**Spending Money:** Optional. We recommend no more than £10 for refreshments or souvenirs.

**Supervision:** There will be school staff at designated areas within Drayton Manor for pupils to contact throughout the day.

### **Showcase Cinema Key Information**

**Dates:** Friday 11th July

**Departure from school:** 9.15am – students must arrive by 8.50am.

**Return to school:** Approximately 12.30pm. Pupils will be back for lunch in school.

**Travel:** By coach, accompanied by school staff.

**Clothing:** School uniform.

**Snacks:** Students will not be able to purchase snacks or drinks at the cinema, please send them with appropriate snacks and drinks for the film if they wish to have any. Please note that products containing nuts are not allowed.

**Supervision:** Pupils will be under direct supervision from school staff.

## Mop up examinations

Thank you so much to all of the older pupils who helped to run events this week in school. If your child missed any examinations during this period due to transition, sporting events, etc, a catch up session will take place this week. .





## School Diversity Week

The Innovation and Inclusion sub-committee are holding Ysgol Afon Wen's very first School Diversity Week next week (week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June). This week is an opportunity to promote inclusion at Ysgol Afon Wen and help to create a supportive school environment.

Throughout the week there will be a range of activities and events to celebrate the diversity of our school community. These will include:

- This Is Me day (more information below)
- A modified canteen menu
- A culture fayre running on Monday and Tuesday for years 4-8
- Specialised lessons with a focus on diversity and inclusion.

**School Diversity Week**

To mark the end of School Diversity Week, all pupils and staff are invited to participate in

**This Is Me Day**  
on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**How to participate:**

- Wear an item of clothing that represents you
- Wear an item of traditional costume
- Wear a pinbadge of your country of origin
- Wear a sports club top for a team you represent

Join us in celebrating diversity and promoting an inclusive school community!

We are really looking forward to celebrating and recognising our diverse school community.

## Alternative Curriculum Day

A huge thank you to each and every one of you for your amazing involvement in Welsh ACE Day yesterday! Your enthusiasm, creativity, and pride in Welsh culture truly shone through. You helped make the day a vibrant celebration of who we are and what we can achieve together.

Your efforts not only showcased your talents but inspired others to embrace the Welsh language and culture with confidence and joy. You've helped bring the spirit of Cymru to life in our school community.

We're so proud of what you've achieved—diolch o galon!

