



YSGOL
AFON WEN

Newsletter 11.07.25

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We cannot believe that we are nearly at the end of our first academic year. One week of school to go!

Once again, a very busy week in school across the 3-16 years with pupils engaging in many activities. Later on in the newsletter you will see the amazing outfits displayed during the Year 11 Prom, the dinosaurs, animals and circus skills in Nursery to Year 3. During the Activate Experience Day and we have welcomed more families on site for some impressive end of year assemblies. Alongside this, many pupils have been out on trips to Drayton Manor and the cinema. All pupils were a credit to the school and their families. It was a pleasure to take them out of school.

This week has also seen the start of the transition sessions for September with Mrs Calved welcoming the nursery class for September and a moving up day with take place on Monday.

Please ensure that you have received a copy of the letter from the headteacher, reviewing the academic year in Ysgol Afon Wen. An electronic copy has been sent alongside this newsletter and a paper copy has come home with all pupils.

Please note that school finishes next week with the last day taking place on Friday 18th July. All pupils are expected to be in school until this date, with celebration assemblies and activities taking place next week. Pupils return in September on Thursday 4th September 2025.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 14 th July 2025	Year 6 leavers day activities and celebration assembly @2pm Moving up trial morning for Nursery to Year 5
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Activate and Advance reports published
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	End of year reward assemblies
Thursday 17 th July 2025	End of year reward assemblies
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last day of term
Thursday 4th September 2025	Pupils return to school following the summer break.





Class Transition

As we approach the new academic year, Nursery to Year 5 pupils will be extremely excited, and potentially a little anxious, to find out who their teachers are for September. Please find the structure of the teachers for 2025/26 in order to start to discuss this transition with your child over the weekend. On Monday morning, all pupils will complete a moving up session where they will meet the teacher and complete some activities to get to know the new teachers, environment and start to prepare to move up a class. Please note that we understand this is a change for everyone and we will be working with eh pupils all week to support this transition. Enhanced transition support will be provided by support staff next week for targeted pupils following the moving up session.

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs A Calved
Reception	Miss C Greenman
Reception	Mrs K Connor
Year 1	Mrs N Rowland
Year 1	Mrs P Sheppard/Mrs H Williams
Year 2	Miss B Jones
Year 2	Mrs G Griffiths (nee Miss G Binding)
Year 3	Miss M Fawkes
Year 3	Miss R Harry
Year 4	Mrs K Jones
Year 4	Miss N Kafai
Year 5	Mrs V Geach
Year 5	Mr G Medd
Year 6	Mr G Couldrick
Year 6	Mr K Webster

Personal items in Activate/Advance

We would like to remind parents and carers that pupils should not be bringing personal belongings into school unless specifically requested by a teacher. Items such as toys, electronics, and other non-essential objects can cause unnecessary distractions and may be lost or damaged. We have noticed an increase in such items being brought in, which is affecting the learning environment. To maintain focus and ensure the safety of all students' property, we kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us uphold a productive and respectful school setting.

Dates for the new academic year

INSET DAYS

Monday 1 st September 2025
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Monday 5 th January 2026
Monday 9 th February 2026
Monday 20 th July 2026

Please note that all pupils return to school on Thursday 4th September 2025.

PROGRESS EVENINGS

Monday 22 nd September 2025	N-Year 6 Meet the teacher
Wednesday 15 th / Thursday 16 th October 2025	N-Year 6 Progress Evening
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Year 11 Progress Evening
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Year 9 Core Progress Evening
Thursday 5 th March 2026	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Year 11 Targeted Progress Evening
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 8 Progress Evening
Wednesday 22 nd / Thursday 23 rd April 2026	N-Year 6 Progress Evening
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 7 Progress Evening

Dates for Year 11

GCSE results day is on Thursday 21st August and pupils will be invited in from 9am to 11.30am to collect results in the theatre.

YR 11 SUCCESS EVENING: We warmly invite 'The Class of 2025' back to school on Thursday, 13th November to celebrate their achievements. Families welcome also.





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Uniform recycling

YAW UNIFORM SWAP SHOP



Thursday 17th July 2025 3:10pm

We are hosting an Ysgol Afon Wen uniform swap shop on Thursday 17th July 2025, open to all families. Please wash and donate any unwanted/out grown school uniform items. If you have school uniform, shoes, or bags in good condition (no pen marks or heavy wear, please) which you no longer need, please kindly bring them to the school office by Wednesday 16th July. Your generous donations will help us recycle and share with other families. Thank you for supporting our school community!





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Year 11 Prom

On Wednesday this week, Year 11 pupils travelled to The Village Hotel in Cardiff for their Year 11 Prom. It was an amazing evening with the pupils celebrating how hard they have worked. Everyone looked amazing and the positive attitudes and teamwork were celebrated with some awards by Mrs Morgan, Progress Leader. Year 11 will be missed very much and we look forward to celebrating your results with you on August 21st 2025 .



Activate Experience Day

Activate pupils had an amazing day on Wednesday and what an experience it was! Thank you to all of our guests/ speakers/entertainers who came to see us. It is always lovely to see pupils juggling, meeting to animal and listening to information about them, dancing in a disco, meeting the dinosaurs and having a teddy bears picnic.



Disco



Animal Encounters



Dinomania



Celebration of Success

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

Nursery	Holly Hughes	Year 4	Gwenno Atkin	Year 9	Ashton Nichols
	Dariah Manfield		Evelyn Rees		Ella Troake
Reception	Ibrahim Yadgari	Year 5	Georgie King	Year 10	Zac Davis
	Amira Benkhassib		Ivy Alger		Molly Bulley
Year 1	All of Year 1	Year 6	Sharon Matthew		
			Jubril Olatunbi		
			Emily Donovan		
Year 2	Alfie Mead	Year 7	Adam Kyrychenko		
			Evan Kyrychenko		
Year 3	Arya Kong	Year 8	Lilly Smith		
	Skylah Elston		Jacob Vickery		
	Greyson McCall				

Numeracy Pupil of the Month





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Community Event

PICNIC IN THE PARK
WITH HAWTHORN & LOWER RHYDYFELIN KIDS' CLUB

MONDAY 11TH AUGUST, 2025.
2PM - 4PM

LAUREL AVENUE PARK, HAWTHORN

**FUN, GAMES AND
COMPETITIONS**

**FREE
EVENT**

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED