



# Newsletter 18.07.25

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Dear Parent/Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for your unwavering support, trust, and partnership. As a school, we all work hard

**To our parents:** Your involvement, encouragement, and collaboration have played a vital role in your child’s growth and success. Whether it was helping with homework, attending meetings, donations to the uniform swap shop, supporting school events or cheering them on during sport day, your commitment has made a lasting difference. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community.

**To our pupils:** We are so proud of everything you’ve achieved this year. Your curiosity, effort, resilience, and kindness have made our school a better place. Thank you for your hard work, your enthusiasm, and for being such a wonderful part of our school community. You’ve earned your summer break—enjoy it!

At school, we work hard every day to create a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment for your children. While we always strive to get things right, we know that sometimes we might not. If there is ever anything you're concerned about or feel we could do better, please don't hesitate to let us know. Open and honest communication helps us improve and ensures we can continue doing the best for all our pupils and families.

We wish you all a restful, joyful, and safe summer break. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the coming year. School starts again on Thursday 4th September 2025.

## Dates for your diary

| Date                                     | Event                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday 21st August 2025                | GCSE Results Day (9.00am—11.30am)   |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025    | INSET Day (School closed to pupils) |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025   | INSET Day (School closed to pupils) |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 | INSET Day (School closed to pupils) |
| Thursday 4th September 2025              | Pupils return to school.            |

## INSET Days 2026

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026    |



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## Hospitality Events

Hospitality pupils from Year 11 came back into school (despite having respite following the completion of their GCSE examinations) to prepare a food market for the staff in Ysgol Afon Wen. The food prepared was worthy of the catering suite and enjoyed by many members of staff, some of whom bought their lunch and dinner for the day!

The student raised more than £280. 50% of the profits will go to charity and the remainder will help to support catering students equipment and preparation.

A huge well done to Miss Price and the GCE Catering pupils.



STAFF ONLY

## YAW CHARITY FOOD MARKET

PREPARED FOR YOU BY YAW GCSE STUDENTS

15th of July

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| -Foccacia Special                 | £2.50 |
| -Chicken Tacos                    | £2.50 |
| -Root Veg soup and homemade bread | £2.00 |
| -Foccacia Pizza                   | £2.00 |
| -Oreo Cheesecake                  | £2.00 |
| -Biscoff Cheesecake               | £2.00 |
| -Double Chocolate Brownies        | £2.00 |
| -Shortbread cookies               | £1.00 |

12:10pm-1:45pm  
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## Community Projects

Advance Year 4—6 pupils completed a community project during the Summer term to work in collaboration with the Community committee and Mr Cobb. You have already heard about Year 6's charity walks and football events to raise money. Money raised for charities include Water Aid to members of the local community including Afon Wen learners who are going through times of hardship.

We are proud to say that learners in Year 4—6 have contributed to the school council's sub committees this academic year.

Dosbarth Saffir (Year 5) pupils delivered an assembly to Year 4-6 raising awareness on diversity, inclusion and discrimination. Pupils worked effectively as a class to create an engaging and informative assembly. Gwaith da!



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## Uniform Swap Shop

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Uniform Swap Shop this week. Your contributions are valued and go a long way in helping us set up this important resource.

The Swap Shop exists to make school uniforms more accessible to all families, promoting sustainability and reducing unnecessary waste. Every donated item helps another student and makes a meaningful impact, especially at a time when many are facing increased costs.

We rely on ongoing support to keep this initiative going, and we appreciate those who continue to contribute where they can. The school will take donations in the reception during September in order to open the Swap Shop again in the new term.

## **Ysgol Afon Wen UNIFORM**

**SWAP SHOP**  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
3.05 pm



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!



## Nursery Sports Day

Nursery pupils enjoyed their sports day this week, with many exciting events. We hope that you heard all about it and say their amazing medals.



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## My Child at School App

A test announcement has been sent on the new MY CHILD AT SCHOOL App. If you have already downloaded the MCAS app, please check that you have received the information and the push notification.

If you have not yet downloaded the MCAS app, please follow the instructions attached to ensure that you are prepared for September. **In the new academic year, the MY CHILD AT SCHOOL App will be the only method of school communication.** We will not continue to use Class Charts.

If you are having any difficulty, please contact the office who will check the email address/information attached to the account.



26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

School Lane, Hawthorn, Pontypridd, CF37 5AL  
Telephone: 01443 841228  
Headteacher: Mrs C Crockett

### How to Self Sign Up for parents

Parents can access the **Parent Login** screen in two ways:

1. From within the web browser type [www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com), this will open the **Parent Login** screen.
2. From the **MyChildAtSchool** mobile phone app, this will open the **Parent Login** screen.

Once in the **Parent Login** screen parents should follow these steps:

- Click on the **Sign Up** link in the Parent Login screen.
- Enter the **school's Postcode** or **School ID**.
- Select the school from the list in the dropdown.
- Click **Continue**.
- Enter the registered email address.
- Click **Sign Up**.

Postcode CF37 5AL

Parents will see the message 'To complete your registration, we have sent an email to the email address you provided. Please access your email and follow the steps to create your password'.

The school will send the newsletter this week via class charts and MCAS as a test to ensure that you have it working effectively. Please come in to see a member of the school team if you need any help setting up the app. Thank you for your continued support.

## Growing up/walking home

Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupils may choose to allow their children to walk home from school in September 2025. Consent will be required for this and pupils will not be released until this written and electronic permission is given. Please note that this only applies to pupils in Year 6. All other pupils in Year 5 to Nursery must be collected by a parent/guardian.





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## Vaccine



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Cwm Taf Morgannwg  
University Health Board

Dear parent/care giver

**Measles cases are on the rise in the UK**, so it's more important than ever to ensure children are up to date with their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccines. Measles is highly contagious and can lead to serious complications, but two doses of MMR vaccine provide safe and effective protection.

The Health Board is undertaking a 'catch up' vaccination for children over the school holidays between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

We are planning to contact the parents of all school aged children who may have missed one of the following vaccines and to invite them into one of Community Vaccinations Centres (CVCs) across CTM:

- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**  
This vaccination is normally given at 12 months and 3 years and 4 months at your GP surgery and is a two-dose vaccine. The MMR vaccine gives protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Measles, mumps and rubella are highly infectious diseases that can easily spread between people who are not vaccinated.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**  
This is normally given in school year 8 (12/13 years of age) by the school nursing service in schools. This vaccine helps protect boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.
- **Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (Men ACWY)**  
This vaccination is normally given in school year 9 (13/14 years of age) by the school nursing service in schools. This vaccination provides protection against meningitis and septicaemia caused by four groups of meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y.
- **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IVP)**  
This vaccination is normally given in school year 9 (13/14 years of age) by the school nursing service in schools. This vaccination completes the 5-dose course which will give most people lifelong protection against tetanus, diphtheria and polio.

We would ask that if you receive an invitation to attend for a vaccine, that you do take up the offer as vaccines are very important in preventing children becoming very ill and even saving lives.

Further information regarding these vaccinations and the infections they protect from can be found at [www.phw.nhs.wales](http://www.phw.nhs.wales) or via the QR code below:



If you do not receive an invite but believe your child has missed one of these vaccines, please contact us on 01685 726464 (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm).

Yours sincerely

Philip Daniels - Executive Director Public Health

## Rewards Breakfast

In recognition of learners outstanding contributions to school life over the academic year. Learners were treated to a reward breakfast this morning, celebrating their hard work. Members of the Eco committee, Rights, Charity, Inclusivity and Community committee were recognised for their contribution to school life.

|          |         |         |         |           |        |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Roimot   | Mahmud  | Carys   | Abigail | Sofia     | Logan  |
| Enoch    | Newman  | Ffion   | Caitlin | Favour    | Ruby   |
| Fikayo   | Ryley   | Ava     | Rocco   | Ayomidele | Sophie |
| Perfect  | Ieuan   | Gerrald | Umar    | Temidayo  | Gwilym |
| Saalihah | Bria    | Jake    | Menna   | Temidola  | Alexis |
| Alhazem  | Hollie  | Laila   | Oscar   | Harper    | Hollie |
| Mali     | Amber   | Tehila  | Izzy    | Logan     | Jacob  |
| Jorge    | William | Jayden  | Olivier | Akshansh  | Leo    |

## Celebration assemblies

Super Attender came to see Activate pupils today, to finalise the rewards assemblies that have taken place for every year group this week. It was lovely to see so many pupils being rewarded for different aspects of school life.



## Staffing

We say goodbye to two dedicated staff members, who have worked through rain, shine and snow to keep your children safe on the final leg of the journey to school. Guarding religiously, the car park entrance each day. Both staff members, leave us to join the teaching profession, where they will specialise in Geography and Drama. We wish them both the very best start to their teaching careers in September.

Staff Leaving us:

Mr G Hopkins - Maths

Miss R Evans – Science

Miss B Warburton - Geography

Mrs C Haines - Maternity leave

Miss E Lyle – Activate

Mr J Lloyd - Activate

Miss C Williams - YEPS

On behalf of Ysgol Afon Wen, we wish everyone the best of luck for the future.





## Shout out to my teacher

A wonderful set of "Shout out to my teacher" cards designed by the pupils. There were so many entries to choose from, all of which were superb, but these are the winning cards used. It is a lovely opportunity for pupils to say well done/thank you to teachers for different elements of practice. We all really appreciate it and the pupils recognising the staff going over and above is also lovely to watch.

Thank you to any parents/carers who have given gifts to staff this week. It is never expected, but greatly appreciated.

### Activate



Miya (1B)

### Advance [Y4-Y6]



Taran (6A)



Grace (3A)



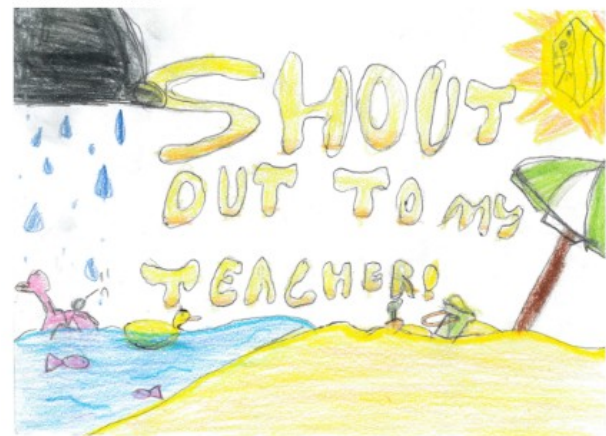
Darcy (5A)

### Advance [Y7-Y8]



Caitlin (9HPT)

### Achieve



Logan (9GHS)





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# SCHOOLS FAMILY ADVICE SOUTH WALES

Citizens Advice Rhondda Cynon Taff provide free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of areas including debt, benefits, housing, employment and family.

If you or your family need help to find your way forward, speak to one of our advisers today.

### CONTACT US

[familyadvice@carct.org.uk](mailto:familyadvice@carct.org.uk)

02921 111272

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm  
during school holidays



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Have a lovely Summer break from all of us  
here in Ysgol Afon Wen.

See you on Thursday 4th September.

