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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we settle into the new school year, it has been wonderful to see how quickly and confidently our pupils have adapted to the Afon Wen way, embracing the rules and routines of school life. From arriving promptly in the mornings to engaging fully in lessons and showing kindness and respect throughout the day, their positive attitude has been truly impressive. The smooth transition back into structured learning is a credit to both the children and the continued support from families at home. We are excited for the term ahead and proud of the strong start our pupils have made.

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FOR EACH OTHER

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FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Key dates

Date	Event
19 th September 2025	Year 8 – 11 School Photos
22 nd September 2025	Nursery to Year 6 meet the teacher
29 th September 2025	Nursery – Year 6 School Photos
15 th & 16 th October 2025	Nursery – Year 6 Progress Evenings
23 rd October 2025	Yr 11 Progress Evening



PASS survey

Next week, all pupils in Reception through to Year 11 are going to be asked to complete the Pupils Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) survey.

The survey helps the school to gain an insight into the mind set of pupils and remove any obstacles that are impacting negatively on attainment. The PASS survey is used by many schools across the UK to tackle a range of specific issues, for example, it can help pupils' understand that attitudes affect learning, raise attainment, keep a track of pupils wellbeing and address attendance issues.

The nine standardised PASS measures are:

1	Feelings about school	Explores whether a pupil feels they belong to or are alienated from their learning community. A low score in this measure can indicate feelings of social exclusion and potential bullying.
2	Perceived Learning Capability	Offers a snapshot of a pupil's unfolding impressions of self-efficacy and can reveal early warning signs of demoralisation and disaffection
3	Self regard	Equivalent to self-worth, this measure is focused quite specifically on learning and shows a strong correlation with achievement.
4	Preparedness for learning	Highly correlated with pupils at risk of behavioural difficulties, this measure explores whether a pupil feels they have the tools in place to learn. It covers areas such as study skills, attentiveness and concentration.
5	Attitudes to teachers	Provides an invaluable insight into a pupil's perception of the relationship they have with school staff.
6	General work ethic	Highlighting pupils' aspirations and motivation to succeed in life, this is the first of two motivational measures. It focuses on purpose and direction, not just at school but beyond.
7	Confidence in learning	Identifies a pupil's ability to persevere when faced with a challenge.
8	Attitudes to attendance	Correlating very highly with actual attendance 12 months later, this measure enables teachers to intercede much earlier with strategies to reduce the likelihood of truancy in the future.
9	Response to curriculum demands	This second motivational measure focuses more narrowly on school-based motivation to undertake and complete curriculum based tasks.

As part of the review of the PASS survey data the school will put in measures to support, if needed. If you would like to discuss this further with the Progress Leader or Phase Lead, please contact the school.

Yr 7 School photos

School photos are now available to view and order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk

Each child will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day.

Families may order with FREE delivery to school before the deadline as shown online. At any time orders may be placed for delivery direct to home by post.

If you have any questions or need help please call our helpline on: 02920 448210 or email us at orders@clickfoto.co.uk





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Community partnership: Shine

Welcome to the SHINE Padlet

Shine

Schools INreach Emotional Wellbeing Service

This is an innovative platform that facilitates communication between parents/carers, school staff & external organisations. It works as an online noticeboard. Take a look at all our excellent resources, information & signposting.

Please click on the link or scan here to access a wealth of SHINE original resources:

<https://padlet.com/camhsshine1/camhs-shine-whole-school-approach-service-xzhh9gfo7el2sgzc>

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At Ysgol Afon Wen, we are proud to offer support to parents and carers through the Shine provision. This service provides access to a CAMHS Nurse, who is available to meet with you to discuss any aspect of your child's emotional or mental health. Click [CAMHS SHINE - Whole School Approach Service](#) to access the Shine Padlet, an interactive collection of resources designed to help and support you.

If you would like to arrange an appointment, please contact your child's Progress Leader.

Community partnership

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Trivallis, a local company, for their incredibly generous donation of reconditioned laptops. This gift will have a significant impact on our pupils' learning, helping to further enhance access to technology across the school. Below, Isla and Levi in Year 7, were the school ambassadors to receive the gift on behalf of the school. Thank you again.



Laundry bins for lost property

There are four lost property laundry bins placed around the school for any lost property from classrooms. The first can be found outside the kitchen/staff room in Activate, the second in the Activate downstairs heart space, the third upstairs in the Advance heart space and the fourth outside of the staff room for Advance/Achieve (Yr 7 -11). If pupils have lost an item, please send them back to where it was lost or ask them to check the lost property bins. They look like the picture on the side.



Year 6 and 7 Trip

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are running a reward trip for all pupils in Years 6 and 7 to the Wales Millenium Centre to see the Welsh National Opera perform the exciting performance of *Candide*. The children will also be experiencing the Senydd and the artistic features of Cardiff Bay.

Details and Dates are as follows:

Day: Friday 26th September – Years 6 & 7

Time: Arrive at school as normal at the start of day. We will be leaving site at 9.30am and arriving back for the end of the school day.

Travel: We will be using Mainline coach company to travel to and from Cardiff Bay

Cost: Contribution of **£3** to be paid via 'Pay It' on the RCT website by **Thursday 18th September**

Staff attending: Expressive Arts Teachers, Year 6 Teachers and support staff.

Other information: Students **must** wear school uniform for the trip. Students will be back in school for the end of the school day and they may bring snacks with them as well as their packed lunch.

Consent: please scan the code below to give permission or complete the google form:



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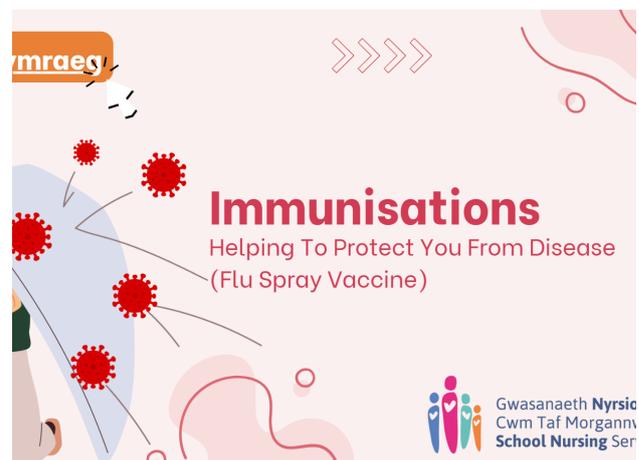
Flu Vaccinations

Please use the link below to view information from the school nursing team regarding the flu vaccinations that will be rolled out during the Autumn term.

[Flu 2025 7](#)

Nursery—Year 6 vaccinations 17th October 2025

Year 7 –11—vaccinations 28th November 2025





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Celebration of Success

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Celebration of Success

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

Nursery	Whole class	Year 4	Bella Hann & Chase Francis	Year 9	Jack Hughes & Molly Mills
Reception	Blossom Phillips & Omotolani Abiona	Year 5	Isabelle Harris & Katie-Jane Davies	Year 10	Zane Parkinson & Azaria Holcombe
Year 1	Maisie-Rae Lott & Isabella Michaud-Pugh	Year 6	Ruby Evans & Cody Pitman	Year 11	Lily-May Gallo & Dale Williams
Year 2	Gethyn Evans & Romee-Rose Mann	Year 7	James Chipps & Jessica Suret		
Year 3	Maia O'Leary & Melisa Randyte	Year 8	Tavis Healy & Indy-Mae Watton		

Uniform swap shop

Thank you for all donations to the uniform swap shop. To date. We are still collecting any school uniform, shoes, bags or PE kit to recycle. The school will run a uniform swap shop again later this month. Please bring any donations to the school reception and remember that the swap shop is open to all members of the community, regardless of whether you have anything to swap at that time.





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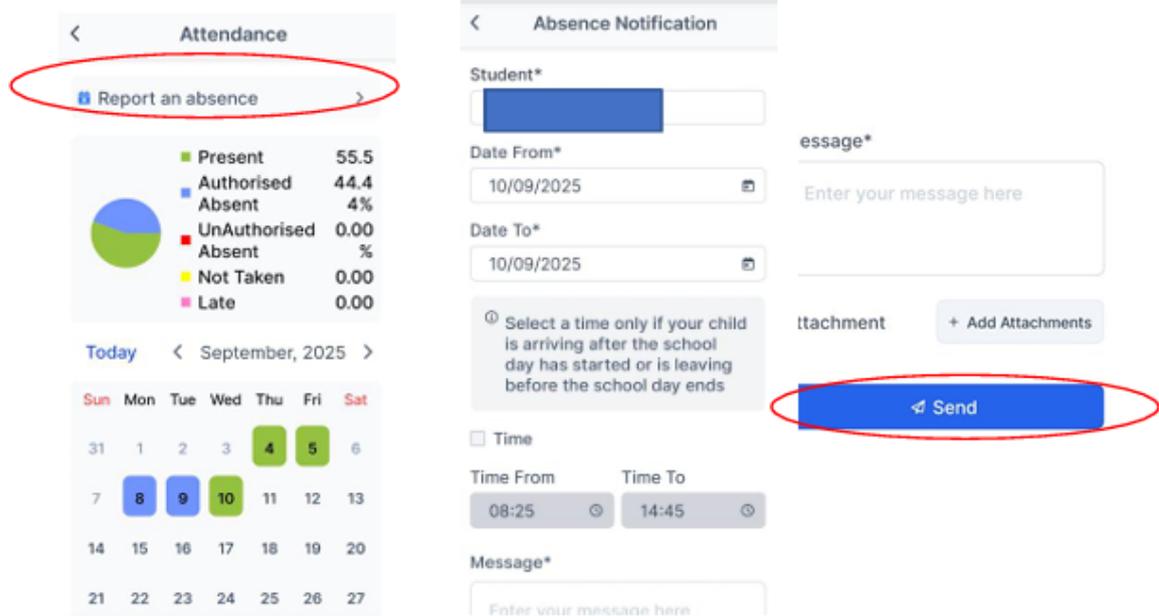
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Reporting Absence

We are pleased to inform you that the **My Child at School (MCAS) app** is live and available for use. This app provides a convenient and secure way for you to stay informed about your child's education. Through MCAS, you can access key information such as:

- Attendance records
- Timetables
- School reports
- Behaviour and achievement points
- Important school announcements

On the attendance app, you will be able to see AM and PM attendance for your child. In order to report an absence, please follow the steps below:



If your child has an appointment, please specify the times your child will be absent between e.g. 9-11am. You can also upload evidence of this appointment (dentist email, picture of hospital letter etc) at the same time to avoid having to supply this later. All medical appointments require evidence in order to be approved.

If you have not downloaded the My Child at School app, please speak to the school office for support.



Roald Dahl day—13th September

This year, we are joining schools across the country to celebrate **Roald Dahl Day**, a special day dedicated to one of the most beloved children’s authors. Roald Dahl’s stories, from *Matilda* to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, are full of imagination, adventure, and unforgettable characters.

Why Celebrate?

Roald Dahl Day is a wonderful opportunity to encourage a love of reading and creativity in children. It helps students explore new vocabulary, develop their imagination, and enjoy storytelling together.

While we have celebrated in school this week, here are some ways to celebrate at home:

- **Read a Roald Dahl book together:** Take turns reading aloud and discuss your favourite characters.
- **Create your own story:** Encourage your child to write a short story or comic inspired by Roald Dahl’s imaginative worlds.
- **Character dress-up:** Have fun dressing as your favourite Roald Dahl character — it could be Matilda, Willy Wonka, or even the BFG!
- **Illustrate a scene:** Draw a picture of your favourite part of a story or invent a new character.

Word Fun: Pick a “favourite Roald Dahl word” (like *scrumdiddlyumptious!*) and use it in sentences all day.

We hope these ideas inspire families to enjoy the magic of reading together and bring the imaginative worlds of Roald Dahl to life at home!

Below show images of the work Year 3 pupils have completed this week relating to Roald Dahl. They created a fox mask linked to the *Fantastic Mr Fox* book as well as dream jars from *The BFG*.



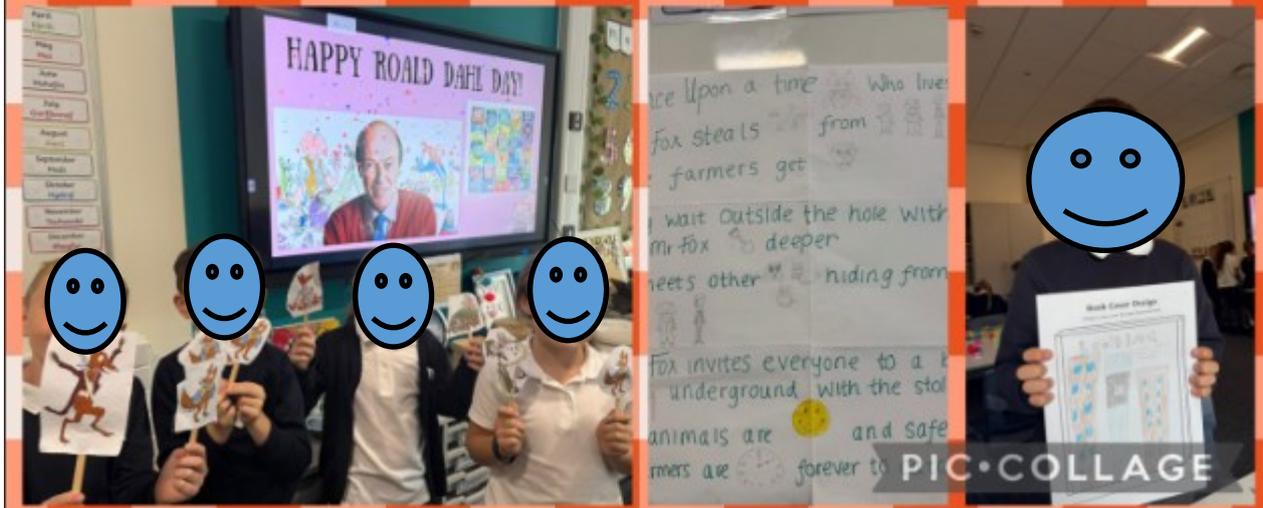


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Extra Curricular Activities

These are the extra curricular clubs that will take place in Activate and Lower Advance. Sign up information will be communicated with you.

Name of club	Staff	Year groups	Day/time	Location
Choir	Mrs Rowland & Mrs Calved	1-3	Thursday 3.15-4.00	ACD class
Art and crafts	Miss Greenman & Mr Gunter	Reception	Thursday 3.15-4.00	CGN class
Just Dance	Miss Fawkes & Miss Harry	2-3	Wednesday 3.15-4.00	Activate Hall
Art	Miss Jones & Mrs Griffiths	1-2	Wednesday 3.15-4.00	BJS class
Football	Mr Medd & Mr Couldrick	5-6	Tuesday 3.15-4.00	MUGA
Creative Sparkle club	Mrs Geacjh & Miss Kafai	4- 5	Wednesday 3:15- 4:00	NKI class
Annie Production	Miss Jones	4-6	3:15 - 4:00	Theatre

These are the sporting extra curricular clubs that will take place in Advance & achieve phase.

	Week 1	Week 2
WEDNESDAY	Y7/8 Netball Y9/10 Football  All Years Hockey U13's Boys Rugby Archery	Y7/8 Netball Y9/10 Football All Years Hockey U13's Boys Rugby
THURSDAY	Y9/10/11 Netball Y7/8 Boys & Girls Football U13's Boys Rugby	Y9/10/11 Netball Y7/8 Boys & Girls Football U13's Boys Rugby Parkour

For all extra-curricular activities, please meet at the changing rooms.

