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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are pleased to share that we have had visitors in school this week who have been extremely complimentary of the Ysgol Afon Wen routines in place, the development of pupils and overall environment. Their positive feedback highlights the hard work and dedication of our staff and the wonderful atmosphere your children benefit from every day.

The visitors wanted all families to know that they are a credit to you when at school.

This week we will host the Nursery—Year 6 progress evening and Year 11 the week after (dates below). It is extremely beneficial to hear about wellbeing in school and progress over time and for us to work together for success.

Finally we look forward to inviting everyone to come and watch the production of Annie. The Expressive Arts team and pupils have been working very hard for many weeks ready for their show week.

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**Annie Jr.**

October 20-22nd 2025 | 5pm |

**All Tickets £5**  
*Available on the door*

Book by Thomas Meehan      Music by Charles Strause      Lyrics by Martin Charmin

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charmin  
Based on "Little Orphan Annie"® By Permission of Tribune Content Agency, LLC  
Annie Jr. is presented through special arrangement with  
and all authorized materials are supplied by  
Music Theatre International, New York, NY  
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

## Key dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 16th October	Story Telling workshop for Nursery & Recept.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery – Year 6 Progress Evenings
Friday 17th October 2025	Sumo Wrestling Trip/Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 20th—Wed 22nd October	School Production 5pm (3 nights)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Yr 11 Progress Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Halloween Disco
Monday 27th October 2025	Week of October half term





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## Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **RE: Nursery to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations, Friday 17th October 2025**

All children from Nursery to Year 6 have been given their Flu Spray Vaccine letters. Vaccinations are due to take place on Friday 17th October. Please ensure the consent form is returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Nursery pupils will be able to have their vaccination when they arrive at school. The vaccine will be administered by the Health Visitor for these pupils. Please note that all Nursery children must be accompanied by a parent or carer when receiving the vaccination. If your child attends Nursery in the morning, please can you bring them in at 9.30am for their vaccination and drop off. If they attend in the afternoon, you will need to bring them at the usual time for their vaccination and drop off.

Reception to Year 6 pupils will receive their vaccination during the school day, administered by the School Nursing team.

This is an important step in helping protect your child and others from seasonal flu. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Halloween Disco

On Thursday 23rd October pupils in Reception to Year 6 are invited to a school disco. The sessions for Reception to Year 4 will be in the school day, Year 5 and 6 will be invited after school from 3.05—4.00pm.

Pupils are invited to wear their Halloween costume to school. Please ensure that it is appropriate for the school environment and learning as well as Halloween.

More information will follow.





## National Poetry Day

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To celebrate National Poetry Day 2025, pupils in Advance have been busy crafting imaginative poems on the theme of Play. Their hard work and creativity have truly brought the theme to life!

#### Brody, Year 6

A my story envelope with three cards  
inside. At the middle of the board  
waiting for the time. The murderer  
weapon and the room are waiting for  
the winner, when you reveal my cards  
Chicken dinner.

#### Faith, Year 6

Once I laughed my socks of ~~at something~~  
Once I laughed my socks of at something so funny  
A puppy wearing sunglasses  
A baby taking music classes  
Once I laughed my socks of at something so funny  
A man wearing a tutu  
A panda ~~eat~~ eating bamboo  
Once I laughed ~~at something~~ so my socks of at something so  
funny  
A ghost that went boo  
A monkey was dancing at a zoo



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#### Isla, Year 8

My Spikes are on I'm tying them up  
I'm on the start line not gonna give up  
The gun goes I'm on my way  
Everyone cheering, I'm coming to the finish, Hooray!

#### Lily, Year 8

I am hurting and peeling,  
I am squashed in the palm,  
I am bruised from year of use,  
I come alive we going back and forth,  
Watch out I am coming for you.

#### Why Poetry Matters

Poetry helps children develop a love of language, sparks imagination, and builds confidence in expressing their ideas. Reading poems together at home can be a fun way to share stories, rhythm, and creativity. Why not enjoy a poem with your child this week—or even try writing one together?



## Parking

Once again a reminder to all to park appropriately in our community. There are a small number of parents parking on curbs on school lane, which causes an obstruction and is dangerous for our pupils and community. Thank you for your support.





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## Celebration of success

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

<b>Nursery</b>	Isaiah Maruta & Aliyah-Rose Mohammed	<b>Year 4</b>	Ruby Harrop & Olivia West	<b>Year 9</b>	Gwilym Suret & Bria Collins
<b>Reception</b>	Holly Hughes & Tomas Cowlshaw	<b>Year 5</b>	Ethan Findlay & Dylan Taylor	<b>Year 10</b>	Shi Nicholas & Michelle Johnson-Ibe
<b>Year 1</b>	Adrian Crollman-Coombe & Eliza De Abreu	<b>Year 6</b>	Zion Abodunrin & Emilia Jenkins	<b>Year 11</b>	Emma Phillips & Salmah Alabi
<b>Year 2</b>	Ethan Perera & Harmony Fletcher-Slocombe	<b>Year 7</b>	Ella Lewis & Briana Allamani		
<b>Year 3</b>	Elizabeth Bishop, Mylee Bluett &	<b>Year 8</b>	Ceinwen Tipples & Bobbi Walby		

## Uniform Swap Shop success

The uniform swap shop held on Monday was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated uniform and attended to prepare for growing children or replacement items. The swap shop will open again later in the term. If you have any more donations, please bring them in to reception.



## School Photographs

### **Reminder: School Photos – Order Deadline This Sunday!**

Parents are kindly reminded that the final day to order school photos online is this Sunday. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to capture your child's school memories. Thank you for your support!





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## Disneyland Paris Trip

**We are delighted to announce the Year 7 and 8 Disneyland Paris Multi-sports trip for 2027.**

The Physical Education department is pleased to confirm the Disneyland Paris Multi-sports trip, scheduled from Wednesday 31st March to Sunday 4th April 2027 (Easter holidays). This trip will serve as a celebration of pupils' dedication and achievements in physical education and health and wellbeing.

The 2027 Disneyland Paris Multi-sports trip is organised and operated by Next Generation Travel. Ysgol Afon Wen pupils will have the opportunity to be coached by elite football and netball coaches and compete alongside regional teams from France, whilst also enjoying time in the Disneyland parks. The total cost of the trip is £850, which can be paid in instalments over the coming year. To secure your pupil's place, an initial non-refundable deposit of £50 must be paid by Friday 21st November 2025.

## Extra Curricular Activities



### **Extra Curricular Activities Autumn Term**

**TUESDAY**

**Football** (Years 5-6) 15:15-16:00 Venue: Astro Turf  
**Annie Rehearsals** (Years 6-11) 15:05-16:30 Venue: Theatre  
**Debate Club** (Years 7-8) 13:15-13:45 Venue: C11  
**YEPS Gaming Club** (Years 7-11) 14:45-16:15 Venue: B1  
**YEPS Swimming** (Years 7-11) 14:45-15:45 Venue: Swimming Pool  
**GCSE Science Revision** (Years 10-11) 15:15-16:00 Venue: A32

**WEDNESDAY**

**Art** (Years 1-2) 15:15-16:00 Venue: Activate  
**Just Dance** (Years 3-4) 15:15-16:00 Venue: Activate  
**Creative Sparkle** (Years 4-5) 15:15-16:00 Venue: Main Canteen  
**Annie Rehearsals** (Years 4-11) 15:05-16:30 Venue: Theatre  
**Textiles Club** (Years 10-11) 15:15-16:00 Venue: A19

**THURSDAY**

**Choir** (Years 1-6) 15:15-16:00 Venue: Activate  
**Arts & Crafts** (Reception) 15:15-16:00 Venue: Activate  
**School Report Club** (Years 7-11) 14:45-15:45 Venue: C11  
**Annie Rehearsals** (Years 6-11) 15:05-16:30 Venue: Theatre  
**Ciwb Saesneg** (Years 10-11) 14:45-15:45 Venue: C14

Please note: There will be no after school clubs in Nursery to Year 6 on Wednesday or Thursday this week due to the progress evenings .





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### **Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lesson at Hawthorn Pool**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Swimming lessons for Years 5 & 6 at Hawthorn Swimming Pool will commence on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, for the two weeks. The pupils will follow the National Swimming Plan and be taught by qualified pool staff. Swimming is part of the PE Curriculum and is therefore compulsory, unless there is a valid reason why your child is unable to take part.

The pupils will be walking to Hawthorn Swimming Pool so appropriate footwear will be necessary. Pupils will need to bring an appropriate swimming kit on those days, and should avoid taking valuables with them. If your child has long hair please ensure that it is tied back as this is part of the pool's health and safety regulations.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be able to assist you.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs V Geach

Progress Leader Years 4-6

## Annie Production

Pupils and staff in Years 4 - 11 have been so busy working towards our fabulous production of Annie! Our amazing Art department have been working so hard in behind the scenes creating our set! Tickets are available to purchase on the door - please come along and support.





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## A voice for all

At Ysgol Afon Wen, we believe in "A Voice for All"—ensuring that every learner is heard, valued, and supported. Over recent weeks, our pupils have taken part in the PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) surveys, offering important insights into their experiences and wellbeing. This forms part of our wider commitment to learner voice and shaping a school environment where everyone feels empowered.

As a continuation of this work, we are pleased to inform you that students in **Years 7 to 11** have been invited to take part in the **School Health Research Network (SHRN) Health and Wellbeing Survey**, a national initiative led by the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales.

This biennial survey is an exciting opportunity for our school to gain a deeper understanding of our learners' health and wellbeing. The information gathered will help us reflect on our current provision and inform future planning, ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of all our pupils.

The survey will be conducted during school hours over the next fortnight. It is completely anonymous and voluntary, and has been designed to be age-appropriate and sensitive to the needs of young people.

Further details about the survey can be found in the attached letter from Dr Kelly Morgan, SHRN Lead. If you do not wish your child to take part, please contact the school reception, stating your child's name and form group.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us place learner voice and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.



September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### The SHRN Student Health and Well-being Survey 2025

The School Health Research Network is led by Cardiff University in partnership with the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales. Every two years, learners attending secondary schools in the Network are invited to take part in The SHRN Student Health and Well-being Survey. The information collected in the survey is used to compile a bespoke report for each school, which supports their work to improve their learners' health and well-being. Importantly, no individual learner can ever be identified within this report as only aggregate data is shared.

Your child's school is taking part in The SHRN Student Health and Well-being Survey this term. The survey is being managed by Ipsos on behalf of Cardiff University and is completed on-line under the supervision of a member of school staff. It contains questions on health behaviours, including diet, physical activity, smoking, alcohol, drugs, school life and relationships. Learners in Year 9 and above only will be asked a small number of questions relating to sexual behaviour. Each learner chooses whether or not they want to complete the survey and they can omit any question they do not want to answer.

At the end of the survey, learners are invited to give their name, date of birth and postcode for the purpose of data linkage research. This enables researchers to connect survey responses across different rounds of the two-yearly survey, in order to investigate how and why health and well-being change through adolescence. It also allows answers to be anonymously linked to other data that is routinely collected about them by trusted organizations like the NHS and Welsh Government such as GP appointments and GCSE results. Read more about data linkage in [this leaflet](#).

It is made clear to learners that this is voluntary, and they do not have to provide this information if they do not want to. The school will show learners a video recording about this, which you can view here: [www.shrn.org.uk/gdpr](http://www.shrn.org.uk/gdpr) along with further information about data linkage. If you cannot access the video or website, please email [shrn@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:shrn@cardiff.ac.uk) or contact your school to request a leaflet.

All data will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2018) and the General Data Protection Regulations, and you can read our data privacy notice here: [www.shrn.org.uk/gdpr](http://www.shrn.org.uk/gdpr). The survey is strictly confidential unless a learner response raises concerns about their welfare, in which case we will notify the school's safeguarding officer if we have the learner's name. Cardiff University use the survey data to compile The SHRN Student Health and Well-being Reports and for research into adolescent health. These Student Health and Well-being Reports contain only aggregated data, e.g. the percentage of Year 7 boys who eat breakfast daily.

Y Rhwydwaith Ymchwil Iechyd mewn Ysgolion (SHRN)  
SBARK, Heol Maendy, Caerdydd CF24 4HQ  
The School Health Research Network (SHRN)  
SPARK, Maindy Road, Cardiff CF24 4HQ  
[shrn.org.uk](http://shrn.org.uk)

Partneriaeth yw Rhwydwaith Ymchwil Ysgolion Iach rhwng DECIPHER, Cancer Research UK, Llywodraeth Cymru, Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru a Phrifysgol Caerdydd.

The School Health Research Network is a partnership between DECIPHER, Cancer Research UK, Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Cardiff University.

I hope that you will be happy for your child to take part. If you have any queries, please do notify your school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kelly Morgan  
Director, SHRN

