

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of term, we would like to share some recent highlights and important updates from across the school.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard as they complete their mock examinations. These assessments are an important opportunity for pupils to practise exam techniques, identify strengths, and focus on areas for development ahead of their final exams. We are proud of the mature and positive approach students have shown during this period and thank you for your continued support at home.

In brighter news, our nursery children have been delighted to welcome some very special new arrivals! A number of chicks have successfully hatched over the past week, providing a wonderful hands-on learning experience. The children have been fascinated watching them grow and learning about life cycles in such an engaging way.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who attended the Year 8 Progress Evening. These events are invaluable in supporting student progress, and we appreciate the time you took to meet with staff and discuss your child's learning.

A big thank you as well for your support with the school ski trip. We are pleased to report that the group has arrived safely and are already enjoying their time on the slopes. We look forward to sharing more updates on their adventures soon. Finally, it was fantastic to see so many creative and colourful entries in our Easter Bonnet Parade. The effort and imagination on display were truly impressive, and it was a joy to celebrate together as a school community. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 30 th March	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 15 th April	Year 11 Leavers photographs
Wednesday 22 nd April	Nursery – Year 6 Progress evening
Thursday 23 rd April	Nursery – Year 6 Progress evening

The importance of attendance

Nursery	82%	Year 4	88%	Year 9	84%
Reception	89%	Year 5	89%	Year 10	80%
Year 1	87%	Year 6	88%	Year 11	81%
Year 2	89%	Year 7	91%		
Year 3	92%	Year 8	86%		

As we come to the end of the spring term, we want to thank all pupils and families for your continued support with attendance and punctuality. Your efforts make a real difference, and we are grateful for the strong partnerships we have with our school community.

When we return after the Easter break, we will continue our focus on the message that Every Day Matters. The summer term is an important period of learning, progress and new opportunities, and being in school consistently helps every pupil to make the most of it.

Our focus for the summer term:

- Strong, settled routines from the first day back
- Good punctuality, ensuring pupils start each day ready to learn
- Positive attendance habits, so pupils don't miss key learning or fall behind

How families can support after Easter:

- Re-establish morning routines before school starts back
- Plan appointments outside of school hours wherever possible
- Contact school on the morning of any absence
- Encourage a positive mindset about returning to school after the break



Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been nominated for the celebration of success this week.

Nursery	Lily James-Kuras & Tallulah Gaskin	Year 4	Leo Winfield & Amelie Elston	Year 9	Harry Sheldon & Layla Burgess
Reception	Franki Webber	Year 5		Year 10	Reina Turkalp & Jake Fisher
Year 1	Blake Oliver & Reina Twamley	Year 6	Rahmatullah Karo Khil &	Year 11	
Year 2	Megan Strange & Lucas Granelli	Year 7	Briana Allamani		
Year 3	Ryan Rodgers & Seb Hughes	Year 8	Tavis Healy & Austin Parker		

Easter Bonnet Parade

The pupils were really excited to get a visit from the Easter Bunny this afternoon during the Easter bonnet parade. Well done to all of the pupils for their amazing creations and superb parade.



Activate Phase (Nursery to Year 3)

Nursery class

In the run up to Easter, Nursery have been working in pairs to create a protective coat for their own Humpty Dumpty. Yesterday, we tested them all out by throwing the Humpty Dumpties across the playground. We had six surviving eggs! Happy Easter to everyone!

To celebrate Eid this week, Nursery have been learning about the traditions involved in this Islamic festival. They gave secret Eid presents to a friend, made their own prayer mats and sharing some Islamic stories.



Advance Phase (Year 4 to Year 8)

Eco Work

Year 5 & 6 pupils took part in online sessions with Bryn Pica, the RCT recycling plant this week, organised by our Eco Club.

Pupils had a fun and informative session on **'Recycling and Waste Management'** which explores what and how we recycle in RCT as well as the science behind sorting recyclable waste materials.



This week, year 4 took part in the Great British Bird Watch. Learners from our Eco Club in year 9 & 10 led the session. They introduced the year 4 learners to the bird watch and took them out to spot the different birds they had been shown. They then came back into the heart space and read some stories about ducks and blackbirds. All learners enjoyed the sessions and learnt a lot about birds. Eco Club are hoping to work more closely with the younger years during the summer term.



Advance Phase (Year 4 to Year 8)

Golf lessons

Our pupils took part in their first of a series of golf lessons provided by Pontypridd golf club. A big thank you to Pontypridd golf club for this visit to Ysgol Afon Wen!





Year 7 Celebration of Success



Year 7 students who have won end of term awards.



Headlice

Please be aware that there are some cases of headlice in the school this week. The school recommend that you check your child's hair and if you need any additional information please visit the NHS website below.

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)



Achieve Phase (Year 9 to Year 11)

Work Experience

A reminder for Year 10 work experience week starting 29th June 2026 and that we are asking that parents and carers secure a placement for their child. Please also refer to letter sent out on Bromcom/home with your child. All completed forms and insurance documents are to be returned to form tutors by **Wednesday 15th April 2026** to allow necessary checks by Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Key points to note:

- Parents/guardians must complete Section A of the Learner and Employer Details form, and the employer must complete Section B.
- A current copy of the employer's valid Employer Liability Insurance (covering the placement week) must be submitted with the forms.
- If your child's placement is with a family member's business, a Parent/Guardian Work Experience Agreement Form must also be completed. This confirms your responsibility for the placement's safety and supervision.
- Please encourage your child to seek placements locally, and support is available from form tutors and the careers team.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and valuable work experience for our pupils.

Eco club top tips – Turn off lights

When:

Turn lights off as you leave the room or when it's not in use

Why:

It reduces electricity demand and therefore reduces greenhouse gases from power plants. It also minimises light pollution which protects wildlife and stargazing.

