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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the pupils back to school in the sunshine. The warm weather reminds us that all pupils need to wear sun cream and a hat as well as bring a refillable water bottle. There are water fountains stationed around the school for use at breaktime and lunchtime.



The building company, Kier, have completed the work on the internal school site but continue to work on the back of the school/leisure centre to complete the work on the Youth Wing. The new open space means that pupils have been able to walk directly between buildings, use the new green spaces, outdoor classroom and picnic benches at lunchtimes on the upper Advance and Achieve side of the school.





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The pictures below show you the left hand side of the school (looking at the front of the building), the outdoor class-room and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

The grass, trees and flowers are starting to grow and it will look even more impressive at the end of the Summer.

We know that our pupils have had to be patient with the building work, but we hope you agree, it was worth the wait.





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## New nursery furniture

Over the Easter holidays, the site team worked hard to ensure the nursery received the new furniture purchased. You will see from the photos below that we are very pleased with the result. This will help to support Mrs Calvad and her team to further enhance the learning opportunities for all pupils. We have some exciting plans for the outside space as well that we will share with you in the future.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 8th May 2025	GCSE examinations start
Monday 5th May 2025	May bank holiday. School closed to pupils.
Thursday 8th May 2025	Year 7 Progress Evening
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of May half term.
Monday 2nd June 2025	Pupils return to school Testing window opens for the Welsh National Tests
Monday 9th June 2025	Year 9 reports published this week
Monday 16th June 2025	Year 10 reports published this week
Wednesday 18th June 2025	GCSE examinations end
Monday 23rd June 2025	Year 6 transition week



## Celebration of Success



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

<b>Nursery</b>	Blossom Phillips	<b>Year 4</b>	Teni Abiona	<b>Year 9</b>	Cayson Dix
	Tymoteusz Stebelko-Sobien		Ellie-Louise Ashcroft		Jack Mizzi
<b>Reception</b>	Imogen Jones	<b>Year 5</b>	Ruby Edwards	<b>Year 10</b>	Connor Knight
	Poppy Reekiw-Wakeham		Jayden Davies		Ollie Murphy
<b>Year 1</b>	Jay Humphreys	<b>Year 6</b>	Thom Deren-Richards	<b>Year 11</b>	Brooke Jarman
	Romi-Rose Mann		Carys Haines		Jay Cummings
<b>Year 2</b>	Orla Davies	<b>Year 7</b>	Elaina Loveridge		
	Hayden Barret		Opeyemi Abiona	Akain Handugala Gamage	
<b>Year 3</b>	Caleb Harley	<b>Year 8</b>	Ruby Edwards		
	Oliver Munton		Jayden Davies		
	Ocean Mann				
	Harry McKenzie				

## Attendance

Nursery	89%	Year 4	92%	Year 9	83%
Reception	84%	Year 5	93%	Year 10	83%
Year 1	93%	Year 6	91%	Year 11	83%
Year 2	93%	Year 7	89%		
Year 3	91%	Year 8	90%		

Congratulations to **Mrs E Kheifi's form class (8EKI)** who have had 100% attendance all week! What an achievement. The team working will pay off.

Congratulations to **Year 1, 2 and 5** who have the highest attendance this week. The school expects every pupil to have at least 90% attendance to school. A high level of attendance to school supports high levels of attainment and wellbeing.



## Gwaith Cartref/Homework

### **New Gwaith Cartref (Homework) Strategy Launching Next Week**

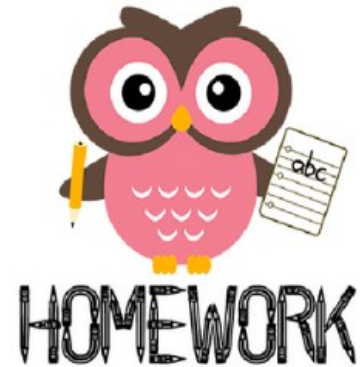
Starting next week, we're rolling out a new three-week Gwaith Cartref cycle to support your child's independence skills as they move through the years with us at Ysgol Afon Wen.

Each week, one faculty will take the lead in setting homework across all year groups:

- **Week 1: Creativity**
- **Week 2: Innovation**
- **Week 3: Life**

The cycle begins with **Creativity** next week. This cycle will then repeat throughout the remainder of the term. As your child moves up the school, through our phases, they may also receive supplementary Gwaith Cartref tasks to support them further with their progress and such tasks would sit outside of this cycle.

Please ask your child throughout the week what they have been asked to complete at home in Creativity. They should be able to inform you about Gwaith Dobarth in subjects that fall within the Creativity faculty such as English, Welsh, French, Expressive Arts (Music, Art, Drama or Art) .



## Cefnogi ein Cymraeg



Following the success of the Pam Cymraeg? | Why Welsh? pilot scheme between Summer 2023 and Spring 2024, the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol organised similar visits again this year to raise language awareness and to promote A-Level Welsh with Year 10 and/or Year 11 learners. A group of Year 10 pupils attended the event at Ysgol Treorci before the Easter break and had an opportunity to take part in number of workshops, including a panel discussion led by speakers who have learned Welsh and have attended English-medium schools and also a workshop focusing on creative ways to use and practise your Welsh language outside the classroom, including Tik Tok and podcasts.

Diolch yn fawr to the pupils for being fantastic ambassadors for Ysgol Afon Wen!

If you are interested in developing your Welsh language skills, these resources may be of use to you! Pob lwc!

<https://learnwelsh.cymru/>

<https://www.duolingo.com/course/cy/en/Learn-Welsh>



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## Extra Curricular Clubs

## ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

Please find below the schedule for after-school clubs, which will run from the 5<sup>th</sup> of May until the Summer holidays. If your child is already registered for a club, there is no need to re-register. However, if you would like to sign up your child for a club, please ask your child's class teacher for a registration form.

<b>SPRING 1</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>RUGBY (MUGA)</b> YEAR 5 AND 6 3:15-3:50 MR MEDD / COULDRICK	<b>BOARD GAMES</b> YEAR 4,5 AND 6 3:15-3:50 MISS KAFAI
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>CODING</b> YEAR 5-6 3:15-3:50 EVERY WEEK 2	<b>ART CLUB</b> YEAR 3 AND 4 3:15-3:50 MRS JONES
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>CHOIR</b> YEAR 2-6 3:15-3:50 MRS ROWLAND	<b>FOOTBALL</b> YEAR 5-6 3:15-3:50 CARDIFF CITY

### Summer Term PE Enrichment Activities

Tuesday	Athletics	Astro
Wednesday	Rugby 7s Tennis / Pickleball Girls Rugby	Astro Sports hall / MUGA Astro
Thursday	Football Cricket / Rounders	Astro MUGA
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Wednesday	Rugby 7s Tennis / Pickleball Girls rugby	Astro Sports Hall / MUGA Astro
Thursday	Football Cricket / Rounders	Astro MUGA



## GCSE examinations

We wish all of the pupils in Year 11 the best of luck with their final GCSE examinations. All pupils have worked hard to complete controlled assessments, speaking examinations and now they have their final challenge. If you need any support during the examination period, please speak to a member of staff. If you are every unsure about what to do, where to go, which part of the paper to complete or the equipment needed for examinations, please ask. You should have your individual examination timetable clearly displayed at home so that you know what is coming each week.

All pupils must have a black pen and spare, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, protractor, compass and calculator for examinations. A clear water bottle is allowed (no label) and no pupil is allowed to take a mobile phone or electronic watch into the examination hall or communicate with other pupils in any way. Any breach of examination rules will be reported to the examination board and could result in the cancellation of the exam paper.

For Year 10 pupils taking the first external examinations, please read the information above and we hope that the mock examinations conducted this week were good practice for the real thing.



1 teaching week remaining  
5 school days  
25 lessons

GCSE examinations start 8th May

## Fundraising

Thank you to all members of our community for your generosity at the end of term. As a result of your kindness we are able to donate £1,111.07 to Kyle's Just Giving page.

Yet another example of our school community at its best. Thank you to our pupils, families and staff.

Our thoughts and very best wishes remain with Kyle and his family.



justGiving Menu Start Fundraising Search Log in Sign t

I'm raising £30000 to support my 13 year old nephew and his family through a diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease



106% £32,020 raised of £30,000 target

Give Now

Share

803 donations




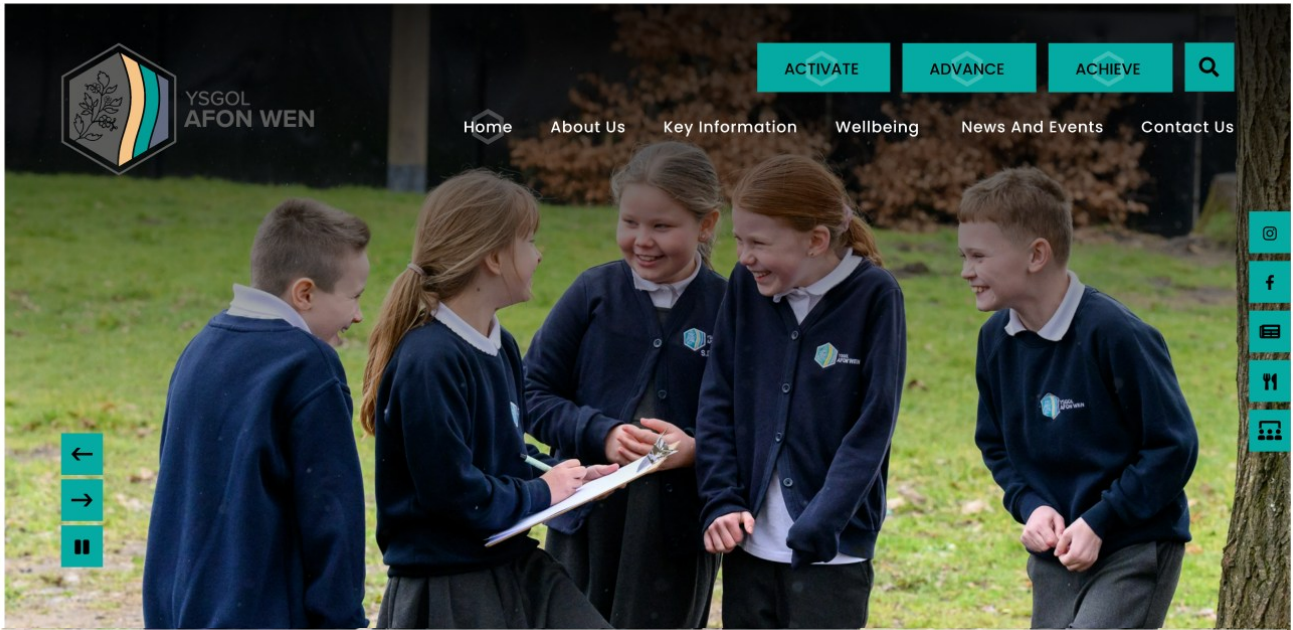


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## New website

The school continue to work with Juniper Education to create the school website. We have had the template prepared and the company are now building the new site. Below is a draft template of the website that we will populate with information for the community in June and July.



### Welcome to **Ysgol Afon Wen**

I am delighted to introduce you to our unique and vibrant community.

Our website aims to provide you with a comprehensive feel for life here at Ysgol Afon Wen, highlighting our values, aspirations, and the dynamic environment we foster for both pupils and staff. I am pleased to welcome you to our new All Age School - Ysgol Afon Wen, which will serve the children in our community from September 2024.

[READ WELCOME MESSAGE](#)



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## Community Clinic

### Community Clinic – A Voice For All!

Ysgol Afon Wen is proud to launch our first ever *Community Clinic* on **Wednesday 7th May**, from **16:00–17:30** at **Rhydyfelin Children’s Centre**. This event offers parents and carers a valuable opportunity to share ideas, raise concerns, and speak directly with members of the Senior Leadership Team in a supportive setting. Attendance is by appointment only via Google Form, and in the event of over-subscription, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to listening, learning, and working together.

<https://forms.gle/7hk4zua77mwPab7s5>


## New Catering Menu

RCT have published a new catering menu starting on the 12th May 2025. Please contact them via the website if you have any questions.







[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/Schoolcatering/Schoolcatering.aspx](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/Schoolcatering/Schoolcatering.aspx)

2025

# PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU






	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Cheese & Tomato Pizza. Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake	Beef & Veggie Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta or Cheese & Potato Bake	Pork Sausage or Quorn Fillet	Mild Chicken Curry served with rice or Tomato Pasta	Fish Goujons, Bubble Salmon Fillet or Veggie Burger in a whole meal bun
	Served with Garlic and Herb Wedges  Carrot sticks and sliced Cucumber	Served with Green beans and Mixed Vegetables	Served with Gravy and Mashed Potato  Swede and Broccoli	Served with Sweetcorn and Garden Peas	Served with Chips  Coleslaw and Baked Beans
	Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt	Apple Sponge & Custard	Cocoa Cookie & Fresh Fruit Slices	Banana Flapjack	Fruit Sundae
WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Rainbow Veggie Pizza. Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza or Mac n' Cheese	Beefburger in a wholemeal Bun or Fishless Fingers	Roast Chicken or Glamorgan Sausage	Tuna Pasta or Veggie Curry served with rice	Breaded Fish Fillet or Quorn Dippers
	Served with Herby Diced Potatoes  Carrot sticks and Sliced Cucumber	Served with Plain Wedges  Coleslaw and Garden Peas	Served with Gravy and Mashed Potato  Swede and Broccoli	Served with Sweetcorn and Garden Peas	Served with Chips  Baked Beans and Sweetcorn
	Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt	Rice Crispy Cake & Fresh Fruit Slices	Carrot Cake & Fresh Fruit Slices	Cocoa & Orange Sponge Cake with Custard	Waffle Finger Served with Fruit & Ice Cream

[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering)

This menu complies with the WG 'Healthy Eating in Schools Food and Drink Standards'

Available daily!  
  
 Jacket potatoes with fillings  
  
 Fresh Fruit  


If you have any allergies, intolerances or special dietary requirements please contact catering here



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## SECONDARY SCHOOL VE DAY MEAL DEAL THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025

### FILLED BAGUETTE

WITH CHOICE OF HAM, CHEESE, TUNA  
MAYONNAISE OR SALMON

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HOME MADE COCOA COOKIE,  
BOTTLE OF WATER AND A  
PIECE OF FRUIT

**£3.20**



## Free School Meals Applications

If any parent/carer thinks that they are entitled to free school meals, please apply via the online form found at:

[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/FreeSchoolmealsApplyforfreeschoolmeals.aspx](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/FreeSchoolmealsApplyforfreeschoolmeals.aspx)

Once you are entitled to a free school meal you could automatically qualify for a [School Essentials Grant](#) and/or an allowance which is administered by secondary schools.

If anyone you know would like support with the application process, please contact the school office.

## Free School meals – Apply for free school meals

You must apply for a Free School Meal even if you receive a Universal Free School Meal for your child as this will affect your possible entitlement to a School Essentials Grant

**Please view the eligibility criteria before making your application below:**

Free school meals are available to children whose parents or guardians are currently receiving one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit – where total annual income is also less than £16,190
- Income Support (with responsibility for children)
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance (with responsibility for children)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state Pension Credit
- Pupils who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seekers' Allowance in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(IR)).
- Universal Credit (if working, annualised net earnings must be £7,400 or lower)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



## Activate Enterprise Fair

Thank you for all of the parents/carers who came to our Activate enterprise fair to support the young people and what they have made as part of the project.





## YAW SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



### TOPIC OF THE WEEK

#### PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE

##### OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Encourage your children to discuss online content openly and assure them they can approach you if anything bothers them.

##### MONITOR AND SET LIMITS

Use parental controls on social media to filter inappropriate content. Spend time observing their social media feeds. Set screen time limits and avoid excessive use.

##### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY DIGITAL HABITS

Encourage your child to engage with positive online content while promoting offline activities.

##### BE AWARE

Know and understand the apps and platforms your child uses and research their safety features.

### Thank you!

#### PARENT / CARER SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent Parent / Carer Survey. We will be covering many of the topics suggested during the Summer Term. We will also be reinforcing key messages in school.

### Seek help when needed

If you know your child is accessing harmful content there are people you can speak to:

- Staff here at YAW
- Your child's GP
- Websites such as CEOP, Stop it Now

### 15 apps every parent should know about

