

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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Value of the month: **Honesty**

A peek at the next few weeks...



Diary Dates

- 12.01.24 Parent Overviews sent home to parents
- 15.01.24 Inspiration and Influential Day
- 16.01.24 Parent Meeting at 2:15pm – Focus: Attendance (pupils leading meeting)
- 18.01.24 Parent Workshop – Numeracy (hosted by Multiply)
- 25.01.24 Santes Dwywenn Day (pupils can wear red, white and/or green to school)

Term Dates

- 21.12.23 End of autumn term (1:15pm finish)
- 22.12.23 INSET day
- 08.01.24 Spring term begins
- 09.02.24 End of Spring 1
- 12.02.24 – 16.02.24 – Half term week
- 22.03.24 End of spring term (3:15pm finish)
- 08.04.24 Summer term begins

INCLEMENT WEATHER

On Tuesday 28th November, we sent out a letter regarding school's arrangements in the event of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with the content of this letter so that you have an awareness of what will happen if it snows, what will happen if it snows when school is open, and our distance learning arrangements. Please refer to page 4 for a copy of the letter which contains further details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Christmas dinner day is always a challenge as we have a massive influx of children wanting to have a school meal. But our wonderful staff managed to pull it off once again. As a result, the children were treated to a wonderful dinner and enjoyed Christmas music to get them into the Christmas spirit. We are extremely grateful to all of our staff for helping the dinner time run smoothly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of the staff at Nant-y-Parc Primary School would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for your ongoing support this term – it really is appreciated.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM

There are no after school clubs week beginning Monday 8th January. All after school clubs will begin week beginning Monday 15th January. The clubs on offer spring term are:

Monday

- Multisport – Y1&2 £2 per session (Play Sports)
- Lego Club – Y3&4
- Minecraft – Y5&6

Tuesday

- Girls Football – Y3-6 £2 per session (Play Sports)
- Lego Club – Y2
- Film & Board Games Club - Y4&5

Thursday

- Choir Club – Y3-6
- Football (1st half term) and TBC (2nd half term) - Y3-6 £2 per session (Play Sports)

No clubs will run on a Wednesday or a Friday.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a gentle reminder, we strive to be a nut free school as we have pupils who have a severe allergy to nuts. This includes nut products such as peanut butter and...



CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have up to date contact details for you to ensure you keep up to date with school news and so we are able to contact you during the school day if required.

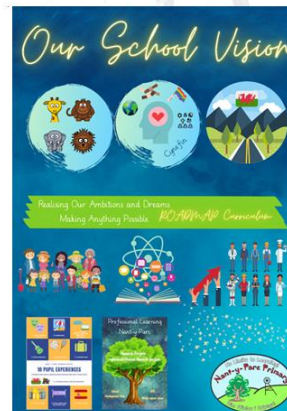
Mission Statement

No Limits to Learning! – *Dim Ffinau i Ddysgu!*

Vision

Nant-y-Parc Primary School: a school at the heart of the community where children are provided with experiences that allow them to realise their ambitions and dreams making anything possible.

In order to achieve this vision, we aim to:



- Use the four purposes to drive our curriculum.
- Build a sense of Cynefin amongst learners ensuring that learning starts local and develops to global.
- Diversify our curriculum using the themes identified in our framework.
- Involve the community in all that we do.
- Offer a breadth and depth of learning experiences with pupil wellbeing at the forefront of all we do.
- Develop cultural capital amongst our learners.
- Offer ten non-negotiable experiences to all learners within their time at our school.
- Invest in high quality professional learning for our staff.

Attendance

School Target = 92%

2023-2024	Class Attendance % for the term
Nursery	77.9%
Reception	89.4%
Year 1	91.5%
Year 2	89.4%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	90.1%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	93.9%

Your child should NOT have a day off school for the following reasons:

- It is their birthday
- The family have slept late
- They have a short medical appointment to attend
 - They do not want to attend
 - They are upset about something

Please communicate all absences with school on the first day of absence and if we can support, we will.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS HALF TERM 2023



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TABLE TABLE

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FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills

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28th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Inclement Weather

What happens if it snows?

The best way to find out if the school is open or closed is to look on the Caerphilly County Borough website. I can access this from home and will update it when there is some news. Once this has been done I will also send a text message to all parents, please ensure we have an up-to-date number for you.

In deciding whether or not to open the school, I will need to take a number of things into account. These include:-

- The number of staff able to get safely to school
- The condition of main walkways to the school building including the nursery and two demountables
- The ability to provide food at lunch time

I, in conjunction with Mrs James, the Chair of Governors, will decide as to whether or not to close the school.

I always aim to put the decision on www.caerphilly.gov.uk by 7am at the latest.

As weather forecasts are not always accurate the decision to open or close will be made early each morning. However, we recognise the pressure on parents; during longer periods of severe weather I will always aim to give an indication the evening before.

Staff can only answer the phone if they can get into school. Please be aware we only have one line if you try to ring.

What happens if heavy snow falls when the school is open?

Parents will be texted/called and asked to collect their children. The closure will be listed on www.caerphilly.gov.uk. If parents are at all worried about the weather deteriorating and this could cause problems with getting children safely home from school, children can be picked up early that day. Please go to the school office if this is the case.

It is for parents to decide if they can get their child to school safely. If you are unable to get your child here safely, then we strongly advise that your child remains at home.

Distance Learning

All pupils have access to a virtual learning platform e.g. Seesaw or Google. Nursery – Year 6 pupils also have access to Reading Eggs and/or Maths seeds/Mathletics. Year 2-6 also have access to Times Tables Rockstars. These programmes provide continuous opportunities for your children to learn new skills at their own level.

If school closures is more than one day, staff will be in touch with parents to check in on wellbeing and your child's engagement with online learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Nicola Davies
Headteacher



Head lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.



How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

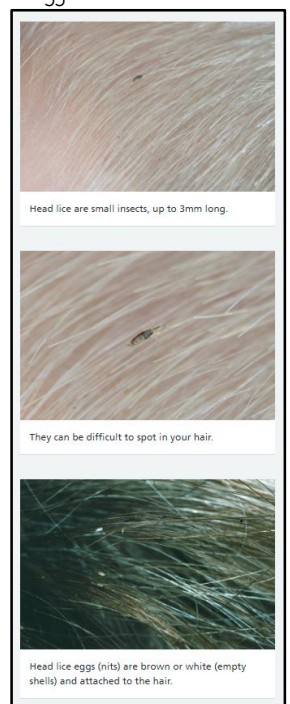
There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

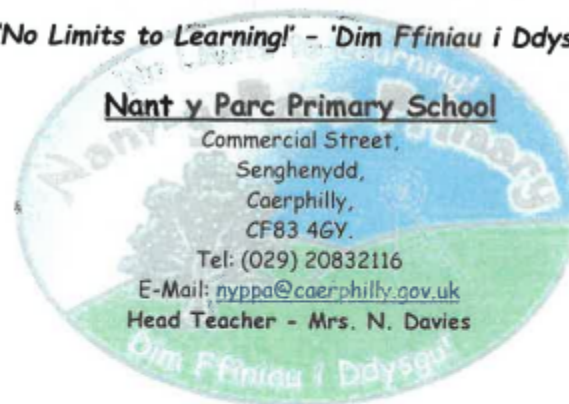
Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

Information taken directly from NHS website: [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



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Dear Parent/Carer

There is no need to apply again if you have already applied for eFSM

Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM)

It is Welsh Government's aim that every child in primary school in Wales will be eligible for a universal primary free school meal (UPFSM) by 2024, regardless of household income.

In Caerphilly County Borough this is already the case and all full-time pupils in primary school can have a free school meal.

However it is important to know the difference between UPFSM and eFSM so that you can claim other benefits that go with eFSM

Eligible Free School Meal (eFSM)

Families who meet certain criteria, for example those on lower incomes or in receipt of certain benefits, may be eligible to apply for eFSM. Families in receipt of eFSM are also eligible to receive the Pupil Development Grant to buy school uniforms and equipment, sports kit and equipment for activities outside school.

If you think you might be eligible for eFSM please apply.

For more information about the eligibility criteria and the application process for eFSM please visit: [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Free school meals](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Free%20school%20meals)

If you are already eligible for eFSM there is no need to apply again

Thanks very much

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