

3rd February 2025

February

Dates for the Diary...

- 10.2.25 Safer Internet week.
- 11.2.25 Fluoride Varnish (school nurse).
- 12.2.25 Tree planting with V2C (Years 2-6).
- 21.2.25 Last day of school for children-half term holidays.
- 3.3.25 Children return to school from the half term holidays.
- 6.3.25 London Houses of Parliament PS3 trip.
- 7.3.25 Eisteddfod- whole school.
- COUNTY URDD Eisteddfod.
- 13.3.25 Book Looks for parents (3:15pm in your child's class).
- 14.3.25 Red Nose day.
- 17.3.25 World Book day.
- 26.3.25-28.3.25 URDD Residential (Cardiff Bay) PS3, for 3 days.
- 31.3.25 Y3 and Y4 start swimming lessons (11am) daily until 11.4.25.
- 31.3.25 INSET day- school closed to pupils (date changed from 23.5.25).
- 4.4.25 Deadline for full-time Nursery applications for Sept. 2025.
- 10.4.25 Easter service with Rev. Duncan Walker.
- 11.4.25 Easter Bonnets / Crazy Hair Parade (2pm).
- 11.4.25 Last day of school for children-Easter holidays.
- 28.4.25 Children return to school from the Easter holidays.
- 28.4.25 Y5 and Y6 start swimming lessons (11am) daily until 9.5.25.
- 30.4.25 Y6 Helping Hands transition to Cynffig Comp.
- 5.5.25 May Day Bank holiday- school closed.
- 11.5.25 Y6 Helping Hands transition to Cynffig Comp.
- 22.5.25 Last day of school for children-half term Whitsun holidays.
- URDD Eisteddfod Margam Park-competitors will be sent relevant details.
- 23.5.25 Cynffig cluster INSET day- school closed for pupils. **Cancelled**
- 2.6.25 Children return to school from the Whitsun holidays.
- 19.6.25 Family Fun Day (Nursery-Year 2 Sports morning (9:30am), picnic lunch, disco and stalls in the afternoon.
- 20.6.25 Year 3- Year 6 Sports morning (9:30am).

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Welcome...

I cannot believe it is February already, time is flying by! We are hard at work preparing for our Eisteddfod and excited that some children are going to be representing the school in the Urdd which is local this year (Margam)! We will be sending home the annual Eisteddfod art competition, which we are planning Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger pupils will be judging during the week beginning 3.3.25. I have noticed recently a rise in children being picked up early before the school day ends and an increase in number of children who are late. For some children this is becoming a regular pattern. An 'L' code will show on the register if your child arrives to school before 9:30am, a 'U' code will show on the register when a child arrives after 9:30am. These 'L' and 'U' codes affect your child's overall attendance. If your child has a reason for early collection, we will need to upload a copy of the appointment for your child's records.

A few polite reminders...

- Some residents are feeling frustrated that their access to their property is blocked during drop-offs and pick-ups. Please carefully consider where you park and think how you would feel if that was your property;
- Head lice within the school has been raised by some parents- please check your child's hair regularly. Treatment if eggs/lice are found is free from a pharmacy under the common ailments scheme (up to twice a year). #hairupisbest

At 8:55am, the school day begins, with learning, laughter and big grins! If you're on time, you're in the flow, Ready, Steady- off we go!

But creeping in at 9 o'clock, (Or after that- oh, what a shock) Means rushing, stress, a frantic race, And missing the start- it's hard to chase.

A one-off dash? We understand, but daily dashing? That's unplanned! So set that alarm, don't hit snooze, Being on time means you won't lose!

8:55- that's the way, start on time and your own day!

Starting the day at 9:15am each day, means your child is missing 75 minutes of learning every week- 5 hours a month, a whopping 47.5hrs a year!

Starting the day at 9:30am each day, means your child is missing 2.5 hours of learning every week- 10 hours a month, a massive 95 hours a year!

Safeguarding/Child Protection... Are you worried about a child in the community?

Bridgend Children's Services duty desk: 01656 642320 NSPCC 0800 800 5000 / 0800 1111

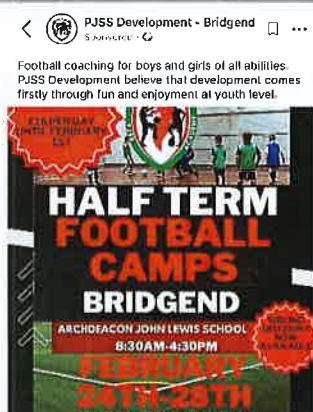
BCBC jobs...

Are you interested in earning some extra money? Scan the QR code below to find out more!



Opportunities for half term holidays...

Is your little one crazy about football? This is a great opportunity to get you children active and busy over the half term holidays.



Make your views known...

Bridgend what you to have your say about how they spend public funds. Scan the QR code to take part in their survey.



Money...

Scan below to find out more!



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I love you!

Dwi'n hoffi cwtshes.
I love cwtches.

Admin... Contact us...

01656 815750 or
admin@afonyfelinsps.bridgend.cymru
or check out our school website
www.afonyfelinprimary.co.uk
We also have a school Instagram page along with class Dojo pages too.

School attendance...

Overall: January's attendance was **87.9%**, which is 1.5% lower than December and 3.1% below our school target of **91%**!

Our January class attendance:

Little Acorns... 78.6% ⬇
Hollies... 85.9% ⬇
Willows... 88.5% ⬇
Birch... 85.1% ⬇
Cedars... 95.0% ⬇
Oaks... 93.0% ⬇



If your child is ill, please inform the school office by 9:30am. You can leave a message if the line is busy. It is important for us to know why your child is absent as our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) checks our registers regularly. Any child that has been unaccounted for 5 days will result in Laurie Baldwin, our Education Welfare Officer calling to carry out a welfare check.

If a child misses school, they are missing out on vital learning.

#attendtoachieve

Urdd Eisteddfod 2025 May at Margam Country Park & Castle



The Urdd National Eisteddfod, one of Europe's largest youth touring festivals that attracts around 90,000 visitors each year, will once again be held at the end of May.

Event Information

Location: Margam Country Park, Port Talbot, SA13 2TJ

Email: helo@urdd.org

Website:

<https://www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/eisteddfod-yr-urdd-dur-mor-2025/>

Dates

- 26th May 2025 - 31st May 2025