



Dates for the Diary..

- 4.11.24 & 5.11.24 Mrs. Hughes' parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 6.11.24 PS3 Theatre Na Nog trip (Swansea).
- 6.11.24 Mr. Cottle's parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 11.11.24 Colofoto Individual and siblings in school photos, staff and governor photos.
- 12.11.24 Mrs. Evans' parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 12.11.24 Odd sock day- anti bullying awareness.
- 13.11.24 Mr. Brown's parent consultations 9am-5pm.
- 15.11.24 Children in Need day.
- 16.11.24 Bridgend schools cross country at Porthcawl Comp..
- 22.11.24 PS1 Party for parents.
- 2.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 3.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 children's Christmas concert (10am).
- 3.12.24 Years 3-6 children's Christmas concert (5pm).
- 4.12.24 Years 3-6 children's Christmas concert (2pm).
- 6.12.24- Christmas Immersion Day- wear Christmas outfit e.g jumper.
- 10.12.24 Xmas disco (in school hours). Wear party clothes to school.
- 11.12.24 Do Re Mi Jambori Nadolig.
- 12.12.24 Christmas dinner and 'Save The Children' Christmas jumper charity event.
- 16.12.24 Nursery-Year 2 Christmas assembly with Rev. Walker.
- 17.12.24 Christingle service at Mawdlan (Years 3-6) at 1:30pm with Corneli Primary.
- 18.12.24 School choir- ASDA.
- 19.12.24 School choir- ASDA.
- 19.12.24 Last day of school for children- Christmas holidays.
- 20.12.24 INSET day school closed for pupils.
- 6.1.25 INSET day- school closed for pupils.
- 7.1.25 Children return to school from the Christmas holidays.

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 3

Welcome...

I hope you had a wonderful half-term holiday with your little one/s. Welcome back to a new half term, one of my favourites!

We start our countdown to Christmas. So much excitement is ahead of us... our Christmas Immersion Day being one of them! Sion Corn (Father Christmas) will be popping in to have snack with the children, some naughty Elves will be up to no good too. It's the most magical time of the year!

Christmas request...we would love our school hall Christmas tree to be decorated with an ornament made by your child. Please spend some time with your little one making an ornament no bigger than an adults hand.

Please send it to school **by Monday 25.11.24**.

Asda's Cashpot for Schools scheme is giving money to our school. So far you have raised £303.35.

It ends 30.11.24. If you have connected your rewards app to our school, every time you spend in Asda, you raise money for our school. If you have not already done so, we ask you do, as every little helps! Scan the QR code to find out more! **#registerafonyfelinprimary #27daysleft**



SCAN ME

Governor vacancies...

Do you want to be involved in our school? A governor is a voluntary role that supports and challenges the school's leadership team to drive school improvement. They are not involved in the day-to-day running of the school but attend 4 full-governing body meetings a year and maybe some committee meetings. We have 2 parent vacancies. See Mrs. Pryse, Mrs. Jones or the school office for more information.

PTA...

The PTA are offering the 'Letters from Santa' service again this year. For a £2 donation, your child

will receive a personalised letter from Father Christmas with a free candy cane. These will be delivered by Santa himself on 6th December 2024, when he visits school, for our Immersion Day. See overleaf for examples of letters to Santa! Please send letters to post in the post box (main reception area) in school by **no later than 22.11.24**.

The PTA will also be collecting new and preloved toys to support those in need in our school. Can you help?



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: October's attendance was **89.6%**, which is lower than September!

Our October class attendance are:

Little Acorns... 87.2%

Hollies... 87.1%

Willows... 90.8%

Birch... 90.8%

Cedars...88.8%

Oaks... 92.7%

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

Penblwydd Hapus i...

Kodi J, Dee-Jay C, Parker-Jai D, Ivan C, Logan C, Mayah Rose M, Elias-John J, Ash S, Evangeline R (September birthdays); Jackson L, Carter B, Mason S, Hollie Louise E, Tristan-Lee B, Isabella G, Mia G, Scarlett-Rose M, Mason B, Isabelle F, Hunter Woody J, Antony N, Daisy S, George G (October birthdays).



Your views...

Please scan the QR code and complete the survey.



#yourviewsmatter

Criw Cymraeg...



Noson Tan Gwyllt
Bonfire night

Bydd yn ofalus
Be careful

To the parents/carers of all **current Year 6 pupils**, you are required to submit an admission application for a Year 7 place at Cynffig or another comprehensive for September 2025 for your child/ren.

For children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, who will be starting a Year 7 class in September 2025, the admission round is as follows:

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am on Monday, 14 October 2024
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm on Friday, 17 January 2025

A Y7 place application **must be submitted** to secure your child's place. There is no automatic admission to a comprehensive school.



To the parents/carers of all **current full-time Nursery pupils**, you are required to submit an admission application for a Reception place at Afon Y Felin Primary school for September 2025 for your child/ren.

For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, who will be starting a Reception class in September 2025, the admission round is as follows:

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am on Monday, 11 November 2024
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm on Friday, 14 February 2025

A Reception place application **must be submitted** to secure your child's place. There is no automatic admission to our infant school, regardless of the school that a child currently attends as a Full-time Nursery pupil.



To the parents/carers of children **currently in part-time Nursery provision** and requiring a full-time Nursery place for September 2025, you are required to submit an admission application for a Nursery place at Afon Y Felin Primary school for September 2025 for your child/ren.

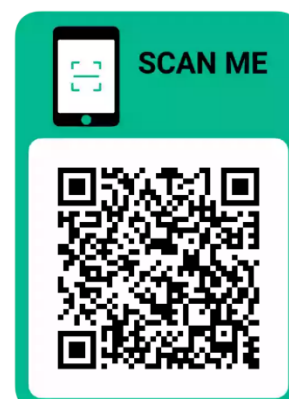
For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, who will be starting full-time Nursery in September 2025, the admission round is as follows:

Action	Date
Applications open	10am on Monday 5 January 2025
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm on Friday 5 April 2024

A Nursery place application **must be submitted** to secure your child's place. There is no automatic admission to our primary school, regardless of the school that a child currently attends as a part-time Nursery pupil.

All above applications can be applied for online:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-admission-to-school/>



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Gofynnwch am / Ask for: School Transport Team

Ein cyf / Our ref: RJD9/2025

Eich cyf / Your ref:

Dyddiad / Date: 30 September 2024

Dear parent/carer

Home-to-school transport (from September 2025)

For many years the council has provided one of the most generous school and college transport offers in Wales. However, due to the unprecedented pressure on the council's budget, and in order to make significant financial savings, the council's Cabinet approved changes to the current Home-to-School/College Transport Policy in September 2024.

The new [policy](#) is available on the local authority website and will apply from September 2025.

The local authority will notify individual parents/carers in due course whether the policy change will affect their child(ren) from the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

From September 2025, if school transport eligibility is removed from your child, there is no appeal process and there will be no phased implementation or protection in place for any pupils.

Cabinet has agreed to the implementation of the following four policy changes:

Change 1 - Withdrawal of transport for all pupils benefitting from an identified and available (safe) walking route to school in line with statutory distances of two miles for primary school pupils and three miles for secondary school pupils.

Change 2 - Removal of the 'sibling' and 'in-receipt' protection for pupils.

Change 3 - Removal of all transport for Nursery pupils (excluding Welsh-medium and faith-based education).

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr Bridgend County Borough Council



Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont, CF31 4WB / Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

Change 4 - Removal of all Post-16 transport (excluding Welsh-medium and faith-based education).

A summary of the eligibility of all pupils from September 2025 is as follows:

- For all primary school pupils (Reception to Year 6), transport will only be provided if they attend their catchment English-medium school or nearest Welsh-medium or faith school and live two miles or more from the school, or the walking route from the pupil's home is considered by the **local authority** to be unavailable.
- For all secondary school pupils (Year 7 to Year 11), transport will only be provided with free home-to-school transport if they attend their catchment English-medium school or nearest Welsh-medium or faith school and live three miles or more from the school, or the walking route from the pupil's home to the school is considered by the **local authority** to be unavailable.
- For Nursery pupils, transport will only be provided if they attend their nearest Welsh-medium or faith school and live 1.5 miles or more from the school, or the walking route from the pupil's home is considered by the **local authority** to be unavailable. There is no provision for pupils attending **any** English-medium schools.
- For Post-16 (sixth-form) pupils, transport will only be provided if they attend their nearest Welsh-medium or faith secondary school and live three miles or more from the school, or the walking route from the pupil's home to that school is considered by the **local authority** to be unavailable. There will be no provision for pupils attending **any** English-medium school or **any** further education college.

As I am sure you will understand, the decision to make these changes has not been taken lightly. It is important that parents/carers understand the impact of these changes. For more information, please see the council's [website](#).

As always, I am grateful for your understanding in respect of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Lindsay Harvey
Corporate Director (Education, Early Years and Young People)

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Cyfnwidi testun: Rhwch 18001 o flaen unrhyw un o'n rhifau ffôn ar gyfer y gwasanaeth trosglwyddo testun

Text relay: Put 18001 before any of our phone numbers for the text relay service

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg. Rhwch wybod i ni os mai Cymraeg yw eich dewis iaith

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Please let us know if your language choice is Welsh

Shhhhhhh, PTA Letter to Santa...

The PTA are excited to announce that they will be offering their Letters to Santa service again this year. below template can be used. Alternatively, you may want to create your own. See some examples on the last page. Please ask your child to write (or you add after) the names of two friends and what they have been working hard on e.g. tying shoe laces.



Dear Santa Claus,



Love,



Letter to Santa examples...

