



April 2026 Newsletter

TROEDYRHIW COMMUNITY PRIMARY

Welcome back to the summer term

A warm welcome back to the summer term –we're delighted to see everyone return refreshed and ready for a term full of sunshine (hopefully), learning, and memorable experiences. Please make a note of important dates and key events planned for this term.

INSET days

Reminder that school is closed to pupils on the following days:
Friday 17th April
Friday 1st May
Monday 20th July

Funky Fundraiser Day

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

On **Friday 24th April** our pupil led Funky Fundraisers will be bringing back the Break the Rules day.

On this day, pupils are invited to break the rules - 50p for each rule they wish to break.

This may include - wearing non-uniform OR crazy hairstyles OR flavoured drinks.

The Funky Fundraisers will send out further information but for now - **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sports Fun

Sports Week will take place from **Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May**. During that week we ask all pupils to wear their PE kits / joggers to school each day.

Sports Day will be at the Willows on Thursday 14th May.

Parents / carers / family members are invited to join us that day.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will start from 10am until approx 11.45am. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start at 1.30pm until approx 3pm.

Parents are kindly asked NOT to take pupils from the sports field. All pupils should take their own drinks. These rules are in place for Health & Safety and Safeguarding reasons as we are using a public venue.





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Graduation and Prize Days

Our annual Graduation Days for Nursery and Year 6, along with our Prize Days for each year group, are wonderful opportunities to celebrate how our learners Believe, Achieve and Shine Bright throughout the year.

During these events, children are recognised for their hard work and personal successes, with certificates awarded to celebrate the progress and achievements they are proud of.

We warmly invite families to attend these special occasions and share in the joy and pride of their children's achievements.



Graduations

Nursery: (full-time pupils who are entering Reception class in September 2026) - **Tuesday 7th July 1.30pm**

Year 6: Monday 13th July 1.15pm



Prize Days

Reception - Tuesday 7th July - 10am

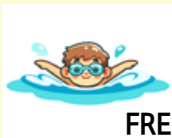
Year 1 - Monday 6th July - 10am

Year 2 - Monday 6th July - 1.30pm

Year 3 - Monday 6th July - 11.15am

Year 4 - Wednesday 8th July - 10am

Year 5 - Wednesday 8th July - 1.30pm



Swimming Lessons

FREE swimming lessons are being provided for all pupils in Year 5 and 6.

Transport will take pupils for daily swimming lessons at Aberfan Swimming Pool, starting **Monday 8th June to Friday 19th June**. All abilities will be catered for.

Pupils will need to bring in their swimming kits on a daily basis. If your child doesn't have a swim suit / towels and you need help providing them, we can do this discreetly. Please either direct message the class-teacher or Mrs Roome. This should be done by Friday 22nd May to allow time to purchase suitable swimming equipment.

Is your child scared of swimming? Are you anxious about swimming lessons for your child? If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Roome who will be happy to discuss and offer support.

Swimming is an important life skill and we want to help ensure all children learn to swim.





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School Uniform

We kindly ask all pupils and families to continue supporting our school uniform policy.

To make this as easy as possible for everyone, our uniform shop is open **every Wednesday afternoon**, where families can access free recycled uniform as well as request additional sizes that may not be available on the rail. We can also open the shop on request.

Please remember that pupils should wear **plain black shoes** at all times (no logos, stripes or coloured marks). If any family needs support with school shoes, please speak to us—we are able to help provide plain black footwear where needed.

As we move into the warmer months, children may choose to wear grey shorts / red check dresses as part of the summer uniform.

Please ensure all clothing follows our school colours:

Red or white polo shirt
Grey trousers, shorts or skirt (no leggings)
Red jumper or cardigan

For safety, pupils may wear **one pair of small stud earrings**, but these must be **removed for PE** lessons. No other jewellery should be worn.

Thank you for your ongoing support—working together ensures every child feels included, confident and ready to shine

Healthy Eating Policy

All pupils are asked to bring in **water bottles** that are labelled. They may access these throughout the school day and are able to refill their bottles when required. Sugary and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.

Packed lunches - please help encourage your child to eat healthily by providing a healthy packed lunch. Chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted.

If you have any concerns about your child's eating or if they have special dietary requirements, please contact the school so we can work together to support them.



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School Communication

We would like to share a gentle reminder about communication with school staff and the process for raising any concerns. Our aim is to work together positively to support all children.

Respectful Communication

We are proud of our school community and ask that everyone—staff, pupils, and parents—treat one another with respect at all times. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all communication remains courteous and appropriate. Please note that verbal or written threats towards staff will not be tolerated.

Contacting Teachers

To help staff manage their workload and maintain a healthy work–life balance:

Please use Seesaw to contact teachers

Messaging hours are 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday (term time)

Please avoid contacting staff via Seesaw outside of these hours or during school holidays

Messages sent outside these times will be responded to during working hours.

Raising Concerns

If you have a concern, we encourage you to follow the school's complaints procedure, which is available on our website.

In brief:

1. In the first instance, please speak with your child's teacher to discuss your concern
2. It is helpful to have a clear idea of the outcome you are hoping for
3. If you feel the matter has not been resolved, you may contact the Headteacher
4. If your concern is about the Headteacher, please write to the Chair of Governors (the school office can provide contact details)
5. Where the complaint is not about the Headteacher, it will be investigated and a response provided. The nominated governors will investigate complaints against the headteacher.
6. If you remain dissatisfied, the complaint can then be referred to the Governing Body (and separate governors if against the headteacher).
7. The Local Authority can offer advice on the complaints process but is not able to deal with complaints directly, so it is important that the school procedure is followed.

A quick note on communication

We understand that parents may sometimes seek additional information or guidance when raising concerns. However, we kindly ask that communication remains clear and focused. In some cases, messages that include extensive references to laws or policies—often generated using online or AI tools—can unintentionally add complexity and may not always be accurate or relevant to the situation. Keeping communication concise and centred on the specific concern helps us respond more effectively and promptly.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us in a positive and respectful way.



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and as a community we all play a vital role in keeping children and adults safe. It's important that genuine concerns are reported directly to the appropriate services, such as Social Services or the Police, so that children and families can receive the right support quickly.

We kindly ask families to avoid sharing unverified information or engaging in gossip, as this can cause unnecessary worry and confusion. The balance is key: safeguarding concerns must be reported, but information should always be accurate, responsible and purposeful.

Concerns may include issues such as domestic violence, neglect, or financial hardship that is affecting a child's wellbeing. Reaching out early can make a significant difference, and families should never hesitate to seek help for themselves or others.

Our school follows its Safeguarding policy at all times. Mrs Roome is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and our Deputy Head, Mrs Harris is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Jones, senior leader is also a member of the safeguarding team.

If you are unsure, need advice, or want to discuss a concern, please speak with us—we are here to help and to guide you in taking the right steps.

Thank you for working with us to keep every child safe and supported.

Attendance

Every Day Matters: Let's Give Our Children the Best Start

Good school attendance is essential for every child's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging. **When pupils miss school, it can affect their friendships, confidence, inclusion within their class, and the progress they make in their education.** Being on time each morning also helps children settle calmly, join in fully, and feel part of the school community.

Holidays during term time are not authorised and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Persistent lateness may also lead to an FPN, as it affects learning time and disrupts routines.

We know that getting children to school every day can sometimes be challenging, and we are here to help. If your family is experiencing any difficulties with attendance, please speak with us—working together can make a real difference.

At the end of the summer term, attendance reports will be sent to all families. Where attendance is a concern, parents and carers will be invited to a meeting so we can discuss the reasons, offer support, and agree a clear plan to improve attendance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child attend, achieve and belong.



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Summer Trips

We have provisionally booked a Key Stage 2 summer trip to Heatherton World of Activities on **Tuesday 23rd June**. This will only go ahead if we have enough numbers. Please note, summer fun trips are not compulsory and therefore charges do not fall under the schools charging policy. Any pupils wishing to attend this trip will be charged the full amount.

Deposits and interest to be received by Friday 17th April - £10.

Remaining balance of £20 to be paid in full by Friday 5th June

Total cost of trip is £30 per child (deposits are non-returnable).

Summer Fayre

This year's summer fayre will take place on Thursday 2nd July at 1.30pm. All pupils may be collected by an adult to attend the summer fayre. Further details to follow.

Father's Day Celebration

We will be hosting our afternoon to celebrate the 'male role models' in our lives on Friday 19th June. This will take place in each class from 1.30 - 2.30pm. One family member, male or female, is invited to join their child in class and participate in games activities.

Please note that there are swimming lessons for Year 5 and 6 pupils at this time so these classes will not participate in this event.

Year 6 Prom

We have provisionally booked the Year 6 prom to take place on Wednesday 8th July. Further details will be sent as soon as possible.

Food and Fun

The FREE summer play scheme will be taking place again this year.

The dates are Monday 20th July to Tuesday 4th August.

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are eligible to attend.

Pre-registration is essential. If you have not already expressed an interest, please contact the school office:

Email: office@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk.