



Welcome Back Croeso Nol

September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,
Croeso nôl! A very warm welcome back to all our families - we hope you had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. To all our new pupils and families joining the school community - we're delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you.
We have a fantastic year of learning, activities, and community events planned, and we're excited to get started. To help you plan ahead, please see below our Annual Calendar of Events with key dates for the school year - including parent and family events, sports days, parents' evenings, and Christmas concerts. We hope this will help you stay connected and involved in school life.
At Troedyrhiw Primary, we value the partnership between home and school. Your involvement in your child's learning makes a real difference. Whether it's attending events, supporting reading at home, or joining school activities, every bit of engagement helps your child thrive.
If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to have a chat, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or make an appointment with myself. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Here's to a happy and successful school year ahead!
Diolch yn fawr,
Mrs Roome
Headteacher

TERM DATES

	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM	TERM ENDS
AUTUMN TERM	Pupils return 03.09.25 (01.09.25 & 02.09.25 - INSET DAY)	27.10.25 - 31.10.25	19.12.25
SPRING TERM	05.01.26	16.02.26 - 20.02.26	27.03.26
SUMMER TERM	13.04.26	25.05.26 - 29.05.26	17.07.26 (20.07.26 - INSET day)

INSET days

01.09.25, 02.09.25, 03.11.25, 17.04.26, 01.05.26, 20.07.26

SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is **COMPULSORY** for all pupils. All families are expected to respect the school uniform policy. We offer support for families in need. Please let us know if you require help.

well-being support?

Our school well-being services can help. Need a phone call? Please contact school so we can arrange support. We can also signpost you to other support services.

Dress-Up Days / Trips

We are aware special days can sometimes cause financial difficulties. We have recycled fancy dress available for **FREE LOAN** if required. We will also try to subsidise costs of trips and give lots of notice to plan payments.

Big Bocs Bwyd

We are now having regular deliveries to our food pantry. Please feel free to come along and access. This is a 'Pay what You Can Afford' system, - monetary contributions allow us to restock.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

APPS YOU WILL NEED: PARENT PAY & SEESAW

We kindly remind all families of the importance of using our school communication apps to stay up to date with your child's learning and school events. These apps are the safest, most cost-effective, and efficient way for us to communicate important information with you.

As no printed newsletters are provided, it is the responsibility of parents and carers to regularly check the app for updates. Through the app, you will receive timely notifications about any changes to events, school news, class activities, and even direct messages from your child's teacher. You'll also find photos and updates on your child's learning journey in class.

If you are experiencing any issues with the app or need help accessing it, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We're happy to support you.

Please also note that staff are available to respond to messages during working days, up to 4:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.





SCHOOL NEWS



COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Healthy Schools

We are writing to remind you of our school's Healthy Eating and Drinking Policy, which is in place to support the wellbeing and concentration of all pupils during the school day.

As part of this policy, only plain water is permitted for drinking throughout the day. This means that flavoured water, squash, juice, or any other sweetened drinks are not allowed.

This policy is based on national guidance and is in place for important health reasons:

- To reduce sugar intake and protect children's dental health.
- To help pupils stay hydrated and focused without unnecessary additives.
- To support a consistent and fair approach for all children.

We are aware that, on occasion, some children bring drinks that do not meet this requirement, and we kindly ask all families to help reinforce this policy by checking bottles before school.

Please do not send flavoured water or squash in bottles, even if it appears similar to plain water.

Unless there is a documented medical reason, all pupils are expected to follow this policy. If your child has a medical condition that requires an alternative drink, this must be clearly outlined and approved in a Healthcare Plan signed off by a relevant healthcare professional.

We appreciate your support in helping us create a healthy school environment for everyone. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or require support in meeting this expectation.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Healthy Schools

Mrs R Evans (deputy headteacher) is also the school's COMMUNITY CHAMPION. Mrs R Jones will fulfill this role whilst Ms Evans is on maternity leave.

Ms Rebecca Roome is the Community Focus School Officer. Arrangements may be made to meet with her to discuss support families may need. Ms Roome is also available most Wednesday mornings - please book in advance.

EXCITING NEWS!!

We have successfully accessed funding to develop a Community Room that will be accessible to the community throughout the year, including school holidays. This will allow us to offer more events for the community. The refurbishment is likely to take the majority of the year (we have to wait our turn).

As soon as this is completed - we will update you.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. It is a legal responsibility for parents and carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time.

At our school, we have a soft opening policy from **8:45am to 8:55am** to allow families to drop off pupils calmly and efficiently. Please note the following procedures:

- **Foundation Phase pupils must be handed directly to a member of staff.** For safeguarding reasons, they should not be left unattended in the playground.
- Key Stage 2 pupils may enter the school independently only if parents have given consent for them to do so.

If your child is absent from school, it is essential that you inform us as soon as possible. You can do this by leaving a voicemail on the school phone or sending an email. If we do not receive a reason for the absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that:

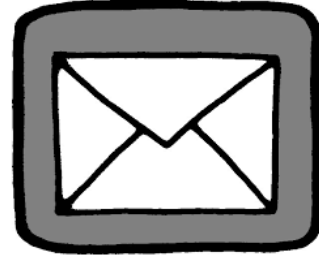
- **Unauthorised absences** include absences without a valid reason, frequent unexplained absences, or holidays taken during term time without prior agreement.
- **If a child accumulates 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days), this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.**

We understand that on occasion, absences may be unavoidable. However, missing lessons has a significant impact on your child's learning, confidence, well-being, and social connections. Catching up on missed work often requires reteaching, which can affect your child's progress and place additional pressure on them.

Regular attendance supports not only your child's academic development but also their emotional well-being and friendships. Being part of the daily school community helps them feel secure, included, and ready to learn.

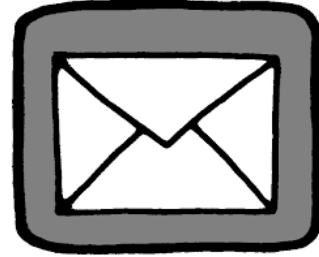
We appreciate your support in working with us to ensure all pupils benefit from consistent and full access to their education.





STAFF DETAILS - CONTACT DETAILS

Headteacher: Mrs J Roome	office@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk 01685 351816 office hours 9-4.30pm <i>If your query is confidential you may request the clerk to ask Mrs Roome to contact you directly.</i>
Deputy Headteacher / Community Champion: Miss R Evans	revans@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCO): Mrs H James (Key Stage 2) & Miss H Richards (Fphase)	Mrs James: hlewis@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk Miss Richards: hrichards@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
More Able & Talented Leader (MATCo): Mrs R Jones	rjones@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
All parents / carers are asked to download the SEESAW app. This will enable you to have direct contact with the class-teacher. You will also be able to view samples of your child's work / photographs of their learning experiences. Teachers will respond between the hours of 9 - 4 pm.	
Nursery: Mrs R Jones	rjones@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Reception: Mrs R Jones	rjones@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Year 1: Miss H Richards	hrichards@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Year 2: Mrs C Davies	cdavies@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Year 3: Mrs H Jacklin	hjacklin@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Year 4: Mr M Mee	mmee@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sc
Year 5: Mrs H James Miss A O'Brien (Thursday and Friday until December)	hlewis@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk aobrien@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk
Year 6: Mrs K Jones (until Easter) Miss R Evans	kjones@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk revans@troedyrhiw.merthyr.sch.uk



Class information

Nursery / Reception :

The nursery class will be named '**pabi cymreig**' meaning 'Welsh poppy' and Reception aged pupils '**clychau'r gog**' meaning bluebells.

Mrs R Jones will be the teacher supported by Miss K Jones and Mrs L Davies

Year 1:

This class will be named '**dosbarth eirlys**' meaning 'snowdrop'. Miss H Richards will be the class-teacher, supported by Mrs C King.

Year 2:

This class will be named '**dosbarth cennin pedr**' after the daffodil flower. Mrs C Davies will be the teacher, supported by Mrs J Hughes.

Year 3:

This class will be named '**dosbarth celyn**' meaning 'Holly'. Mrs H Jackin will be the teacher.

Year 4:

This class will be named '**dosbarth onnen**' meaning 'ash'. Mr M Mee will be the teacher.

Year 5:

This class will be called '**dosbarth helyg**' meaning 'willow'. Mrs James will be the teacher 3 days per week until December 31st and full-time in spring and summer. Miss A O'Brien will be the teacher on Thursdays and Fridays for the autumn term.

Year 6:

This class will be called '**dosbarth derwen**' meaning 'oak'. Mrs K Jones will be the teacher for the autumn and spring term. Miss R Evans will return from maternity leave for the summer term.



Year at a Glance

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INSET DAYS

1st September 2025
2nd September 2025
3rd November 2025
17th April 2026
1st May 2026
20th July 2026

September

Return to school -
Wednesday 3rd September
Friday 26th September -
Macmillan Coffee event
1.30 - 2.30pm

October

Monday 6th October - 9-10.15am -
Messy Monday Play Group (pre-
school / Mother and Toddler
Group)
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th
October - Parents' Evening (3.30 -
5.30pm)
Monday 27th October - Friday
31st October - HALF TERM



November

Monday 3rd November - NO
SCHOOL (INSET)
Friday 14th November -
Children In Need Dress Up Day
/ Family Fun Afternoon Event
(1.30 -2.30pm)



December

Thursday 4th December - Christmas fayre
Monday 8th December -
Nursery / Reception concert (1.30pm)
Tuesday 9th December -
Year 1 and 2 concert (1.30pm)
Thursday 11th December -
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 concert (10.15 & 1.30)
Friday 12th December Elf Day (dress-up)
Thursday 18th December - Christmas
Jumper Day / Christmas Parties
Christmas Jumpers may be worn every Friday
throughout December
Last day of term: Friday 19th

January

Monday 5th January -
Return to school
Friday 23rd January -
Family Event: Dydd Santes
Dwynwen (1.30pm)

February

Monday 2nd February - 9-10.15am -
Messy Monday Play Group (pre-
school / Mother and Toddler
Group)
Tuesday 10th February -
Safer Internet Day (2.30pm -
presentation to families)
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
-
Half Term

March

Monday 2nd March - 9-10.15am -
Messy Monday Play Group (pre-
school / Mother and Toddler
Group)
Friday 13th March - Mother's Day
Afternoon Tea (family event)
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th -
Parents' Evening (3.30 - 5.30pm)
Last day of term: Friday 27th

April

Monday 13th April -
Pupils return to school
Friday 17th April -
No School (INSET)



May

Friday 1st May - No school (INSET)
Monday 4th May -
Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 14th May -
Sports Day - TBC
Friday 15th - Family Event -
Wellbeing Walk & Picnic (1.30pm)
Monday 25th - Friday 29th -
WHITSUN (school closed)

June

Monday 1st June -
pupils return to school
Friday 19th - Father's day
family event

July

Monday 6th - Prize day - Year 1 - 10am
Monday 6th - Prize day - Year 2 -
1.30pm
Tuesday 7th - Prize day - Year 3 - 10
am
Tuesday 7th -
Nursery Graduation (1.30pm)
Wednesday 8th - Prize day - Year 4 -
10am
Wednesday 8th - Prize day - Year 5 -
1.30pm
Monday 13th - Year 6 Graduation &
Leavers Assembly (1.15pm)
Monday 14th July - Special Awards
Celebration: Invite only (2.15pm)
Friday 17th July - last day of term

Please use the school apps to stay updated on calendar events, as changes may occur

back to school checklist



Uniform

- ✓ red or white polo top
- ✓ red jumper / cardigan
- ✓ grey trousers, joggers or skirt
- ✓ plain black shoes/trainers

- ✗ No leggings
 - ✗ No logos/colours on shoes
- Please label all uniform

PE kit

- ✓ black or red shorts
- ✓ white t-shirt
- ✓ trainers

Black trainers should be worn throughout the day. Pupils may change footwear for PE to protect school shoes / trainers. PE trainers may be any colour. However, black trainers should be worn when not in PE. All pupils, except Nursery and Reception, will change for PE. Nursery and Reception may wear grey joggers on PE days and black trainers.

Stationery and tech

- ✓ Pencil Case
- ✓ Pens (blue)
- ✓ Pencils (HB)
- ✓ Colouring pencils
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Sharpener
- ✓ Eraser
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Headphones - those pupils who prefer to use their own for school devices
- ✓ school bag

