



TWYNYRODYN NEWS

May 2026

Croeso -Welcome to our May update

Cardiff Rugby Camp!

*Cardiff Rugby ran a free Fit & Fed one day Rugby camp for our pupils over Easter!
A great time was had by them all! Thank you Cardiff Rugby!*



THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Talk and Walk

Thank you to the Eco Committee for organising our Talk and Walk sessions. This was organised to improve our mental health by being outside, to encourage our pupils to get to know other classes, as well as raising funds towards a class set of litter pickers. We still have a little way to go, but we are getting there!
It was so lovely to see the older and younger children getting to know each other better!



Year 6 Lego Coding Workshop

Year 6 learnt to build and code LEGO robots as part of a series of coding workshops provided by Tilbury Douglas, and funded by the local authority.

The pupils' coding skills have really improved and they all succeeded with the challenges set! This has been part of a three day workshop.
Well done Year 6!



VISITS & VISITORS

Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

Year 5 have been developing their cycling skills and learning road safety.



Welsh U11s Champion

Congratulations to Noah, Jacob, Coban and Otis for their part in winning the Welsh Schools' under 11s football championship. They represented Caerphilly and districts schools for the win!
Bendigedig!

Sign Language Sessions



Year 6 took part in a sign language workshop with New Directions. They had a good attempt at learning the alphabet, their names, basic phrases and a song!
Da iawn Year 6!

Our Criw Cymraeg working with Ysgol Santes Tudful



Our Criw Cymraeg continued their work with Mrs Williams and Ysgol Santes Tudful. They have started to create videos to support our Welsh oracy.



Launch of Numeracy Story Sacks for our Nursery

At Twyn we had an innovative idea of developing pupils' mathematical language in a fun and engaging way. We approached Community Focussed School who thought this was a fantastic idea and have been able to fund this for us too!

As such, we now have 30 Numeracy Story sacks for our full-time Nursery to take home each week. Our Nursery and Reception pupils also participated in a fun story telling workshop to launch this initiative!

Nursery parents were invited along to this launch with us too!
Great fun!



Parent Pipyn Sessions

We are excited to be able to offer our first PIPYN parenting sessions this term. These have been so well attended! Thank you to the parents involved for fully supporting us with this initiative and for all your hard work with this project! Thank you also to PIPYN and to Mrs D Jones (our Family Liaison Officer) for organising this for us.



Signposted Cymru

Twyniodyn hosted a workshop led by Darren Thomas, an ex-veteran and charity lead with extensive experience in supporting individuals and families. Darren delivers engaging and supportive sessions aimed at helping parents better understand and manage their own wellbeing, as well as supporting their children. This is ongoing support.

The workshops are based around five key pillars:

- Counselling and Therapy
- Physical Fitness
- Social Integration
- Holistic Treatments
- Financial Advice and Support



The sessions provide practical strategies, access to support networks, and guidance on maintaining positive mental health. There is also the potential for signposting and access to professional counselling services where appropriate.

Thank you PTFA - Leavers' Hoodies

Thank you PTFA for our amazing Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies too! Such a beautiful keep sake for our children!

Cardiff Rugby

Molly from Cardiff Rugby is continuing to work with our Year 6s as part of a Health and Wellbeing plan. They have worked on communication, team work skills and nutrition - as well as being very active!

Thank you Cardiff Rugby.



Table Tennis Wales

Sam Havers, from Table Tennis Wales, has started teaching our Year 4 and 5 the beginning parts of table tennis. The association is working with our pupils for 5 weeks on their skills, and have also donated two table tennis tables for us to use!



Football with Phil

Phil Llewellyn, who runs a local football team, has been volunteering with our Reception children. They have all taken part in a football session with the mater himself, and will continue to do so for a few sessions. Their skills are definitely developing!



Football Tournaments

Our boys' team played against Pantysgallog Primary School. It is safe to say that we won that game - 7 - 2 to us! What is most pleasing though, is the sportsmanship they showed, the way they represented themselves and how they supported each other. Fantastic!



Our girls' team took part in an Urdd tournament in Aberdare. They improved the more games that they played. They showed great determination, resourcefulness and played well as an emerging team. Well done Team Twyn!

Thank You PTFA - Science Equipment

Thank you to the PTFA (again) for the recent purchase of science equipment for our school - from bug catchers, to microscopes, from life cycle games to minibeast habitats. This supports our curriculum learning as well as enhancing our forest school provision. This was made possible by your efforts, PTFA's hard work and a Tesco grant. - Diolch o galon!



Fire Brigade Visits



The Fire Brigade came to visit Year 2! They were able to try on the equipment and ask lots of questions!



Free Diversity Books!



We've been working together with other local schools to make sure our curriculum reflects the wonderful diversity of our community. As part of this, we're finding ways to include a wider range of stories, experiences, and perspectives in what children learn.

We're delighted to have received a generous donation of books from a Hay-on-Wye bookshop owner, Tom Owen, along with support from Hay Pride.

This collection includes 74 stories that celebrate different cultures, backgrounds, religions, and family experiences. The books are carefully chosen to be age-appropriate and to help children develop understanding, kindness, and respect for others.

We're very grateful for this thoughtful gift, which has added over £250 worth of books to our school. We'd love to invite you to come and take a look at the collection on Wednesday 20th May at 3pm in the Community Room.

Car Surveys

Our Nursery pupils have been surveying the staff cars, as part of their topic on land, air and sea.



REMINDERS/ NOTICES

Grant Win!



We have been lucky enough at Twyn to win a small grant for our outdoor area! We have been able to purchase more Forest School waterproofs, suitable for older pupils with Muddy Puddles clothing, as well as further staff training on using the outdoors to develop our curriculum with Learning Through Landscapes.

We have also been given a digital weather station to monitor our school environment. Diolch!

Changes to the Building...



The role play areas in our Year 1 and 2 classes (Dosbarth Grug, Dosbarth Rhosyn and Dosbarth Briallen) have all had a face lift! Our children are enjoying their new role play, as well as exploring the provision to support their learning.

Gates

The gates shut promptly at 9am, as learning for our pupils starts straight away.

If you come after 9am, you may still enter the car park, although please shut the gates behind you. The gates remain closed between 9am -2.30pm to act as an extra layer of safety for our youngest pupils.



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What's On!

Summer Term - Looking ahead...

22/05/2026	Half Term / Whitsun
01/06/2026	Back to school
01/06/2026	Year 6 residential - Abernant for 2 nights
08/06/2026	Twyn Chess Tournament - Year 5 & 6
10/06/2026	Year 3 & 4 visit Dare Valley Park
12/06/2026	Sports' Day (N-Y2 am and Y3-Y6 pm). We are hoping this year to hold the event on The Bowl Sports' field. Bring picnic blankets and camping chairs!
16/06/2026	Community Trip - West Midland Safari Park
18/06/2026	Sports' Day back up (incase it rains on the first day!)
19/06/2026	Dolygaer Transition day for Y6 - CHS
20/06/2026	(Saturday) Chess Tournament Cardiff
21/06/2026	(Sunday) Urdd Rugby Tournament Aberystwyth
02/07/2026	PTFA Twyn Fest 2026!
16/07/2026	Leavers' Play, Vertigo and Y6 Leavers' Disco
17/07/2026	Last day of school
20/07/2026	Food and Fit sessions being held at Twyn for 12 days. Fun free sessions based in our school during the beginning of the summer. Sign Up Here
-	This is for children in Twynyrodyn who are in Y1-Y5.



Thank you for your continued support.
Miss K. Watson and Team Twyn

If you haven't completed the parent questionnaire on our values and vision -
please could you do so here...

