



TWYNYRODYN NEWS

June 2026

Croeso -Welcome to our June update



Year 6 Residential to Abernant

Our Year 6s experienced the true reality of outdoor living! Rain and gnats! They had a tremendous time taking part in the outdoor activities! Thank you Mrs J Williams, Mr S Olden and Mrs J Jones for supporting them with this trip!



Police and Fire came to visit Dosbarth Pabi

The children in Nursery had the Fire Brigade and the Police Service visit as part of their topic on vehicles.
It was truly great fun!



LOOK WHAT WE HAVE DONE!

Our School Values

The school asked the parents, governors and teachers to rank different values that they felt were important for our school. Pupils from the School Council then had the hardest job - they took the most popular values and debated their merits, reducing it down to 6!

I think they did an incredible job!



Our agreed School Values

Supporting wellbeing – caring for emotional and physical health

Including everyone – making sure every child feels welcomed, valued and supported

Growing confidence – helping pupils believe in themselves and their abilities

Acting with integrity – being honest and doing the right thing

Celebrating diversity – recognising and valuing different backgrounds, cultures and identities

Promoting equity – ensuring every child gets the support they need to succeed

Our PIPYN Celebration

We came to the end of our PIPYN course. Families have really enjoyed the different activities, especially the practical elements! Thank you to Pipyn and our families for a truly fabulous few weeks.

We are back on the waiting list for more sessions in the new year! Diolch yn fawr!



Aberystwyth Urdd All Wales Championship - Rugby U11s



Due to our excellent wins at county level, we were selected to represent the Merthyr area competing in the Urdd all Wales final!

The boys did incredibly well representing our school, however we were not the overall champions...this time!

Thank you to the families that made the trek to support us too, and to the parents who helped coach on the day!

Diolch o galon!



Years 1 and 2 visited Thomastown Park

As part of their project on habitats the three classes visited Thomastown Park. They were able to explore the age of the trees and identify different types too! Thank you to the PTFA for purchasing the equipment used in our investigations!



Twyn's First Chess Championship

This year pupils in Years 5 & 6 have been learning chess, the tactics and all the logical problem solving that goes with it. Robert Palser, our chess guru, has instilled great skills and enthusiasm! Mrs Jones organised a school championship to find our ultimate champion! A beautiful wooden chess set was donated by Persimmon Homes (thank you!). Congratulations to all involved for their hard work and determination. Well deserved winners too!



Dare Valley Park - Years 3 & 4

Years 5 and 6 visited Dare Valley Park in Aberdare. They got to explore the different habitats- in the pouring rain! They visited the lakes and were able to identify different trees.



More Rugby Tournaments...



Our boys participated in a festival ran by Apollo in Bargoed. They had a fantastic time and showed great team work, ball skills and sportsmanship!
Da iawn!



Our Y5 & 6 team went to Cardiff Arms Park for a rugby festival! What a day! Our boys even got to meet Gareth Edwards!

A fantastic day!

Keep Wales Tidy Grant and Planters

You may have noticed a few changes in our grounds lately, as we have received a Keep Wales Tidy Grant! Raised beds, polytunnels, wild flower turf, fruit trees and planters will appear over the next few months. Thank you to Rich from Keep Wales Tidy and to our parent volunteer Anthony (who seems to have avoided photos) - you have both worked tirelessly to improve our grounds for our children. Thank you also to Mr Peters and Rob for the donation of bedding plants to brighten up our yard too, and to Mrs Drew's green fingers!





Community Trip - West Midlands Safari Park

June saw the first ever community trip - Twyn on Tour! 5 buses, 270 people, 75 families and 60 pupils with staff, set off on a mighty journey to West Midland Safari Park! (Well one bus had a slight detour- but we don't talk about that!)

We had an amazing day seeing animals close up, getting drenched on the log flume and being spun around crazily!

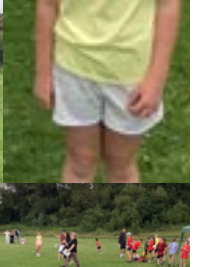
A very successful community trip!



SPORTS' DAY



After our first attempt at Sports' Day was rained off, we successfully managed our second date! This was the first time to host the day off site, using the 'Bowl' as our grounds for the day! School bunting was flying, house colours worn and parents were cheering! Well done to all our pupils for their skills and sportsmanship! Thank you also to the parents for supporting us on the day and the staff for organising this!





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What's On!

Summer Term - Looking ahead...

02/07/2026	PTFA Twyn Fest 2026!
06/07/2026	Sponsored Gameathon
09/07/2026	Transition / Moving up day
10/07/2026	Dai and Donna Immersion Day
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. This is for children in Twynnyrodyn who are in Y1-Y5.

Autumn Term-

01/09/2026	INSET Day. School closed for children
02/09/2026	Return to School
24/09/2026	Year 6 Transition Day to Cyfarthfa High School

Changes for Next year

This year we say goodbye to several members of staff. Thank you so much to Mrs Davies who is leaving us to join Panytsgallog Primary as their non-teaching ALNCo- we thank her for her dedication to our pupils and families. She will certainly be missed. Mrs Rogers, who taught Year 5, is also leaving us this summer, and we wish her luck in her new venture and thank her for supporting and challenging our pupils. Miss Jenks and Miss Sullivan are now returning to college and their studies- we wish them well and hope our paths cross in the future. Mr Olden will be taking up the ALNCo mantle, and know he will shine in this role. Mr Phillips, from Dowlais Primary, is also joining us for a year on secondment to cover Mrs Jones' maternity leave and Mrs O'Malley is supporting Year 5. So changes are afoot!

The school classes are also being re-organised over the summer, so that the classes will proceed in sequential order through the school. I know this might take a bit of getting used to, but we will get there!

The pupil Health and Wellbeing leaders have also decided that the school needs to promote more healthy living. As such they wish that snacks at breaktimes should only be fruit, in line with our healthy school ethos. They will be leading assemblies in September to explain this further, in September, please only send in fruit, salad or veg with your child for snack. Diolch.

Thank you for your continued support. What a month it has been!
Miss K. Watson and Team Twyn

