



TWYNYRODYN NEWS

July 2026

Croeso -Welcome to our July update



Congratulations to our two Year 5s who won 3rd place in the Little Artist competition in Merthyr. Their model of Cyfarthfa Park led to this win! So proud of you both!



ADHD Awareness Course



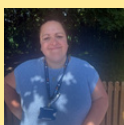
This month we welcomed the tutor Hazel Powell into Twynnyrodyn. This was the first of a series of parental training sessions aimed at supporting our pupils and raising greater awareness. This first parents' training course was aimed at raising awareness of ADHD. Thank you to all who attended. Watch this space for more courses coming after the holidays.

Cyfarthfa High School - School of Rock

Years 5 and 6 visited Cyfarthfa High School to watch their show, School of Rock. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the show, however it was also so very lovely to see past pupils shining and using their talents so wonderfully!

Citizens Advice Bureau

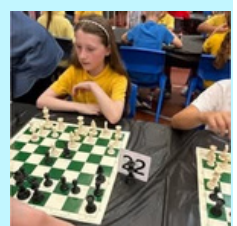
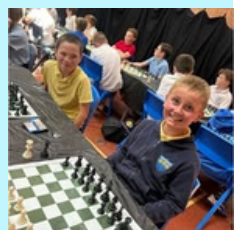
Hannah from the Citizens Advice Bureau has been visiting the school at 8.10am on the first Wednesday of the month. This trial has been extremely successful, and as such we will be continuing this partnership in the new year also. If you need any advice, benefits check, housing queries etc - then please pop in or make a private appointment to see Hannah later.



Dowlais Community Chess Championship



July saw Year 5 participating in a chess championship at Dowlais Community Centre organised by the Stephens & George Charitable Trust.



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VISITS & VISITORS



Twyn Fest

Thank you yet again to the PTFA and the volunteers for putting on a most wonderful festival for our pupils. Their effort and hard work does not go unnoticed, and we thank them for their continued partnership with the school. Plus what a lot of fun was had by all!



Phonic Visitors

Visitors from Hay on Wye Primary School and Dowlais Primary School visited this month to see how phonics is delivered as a Sounds Write Gold school.

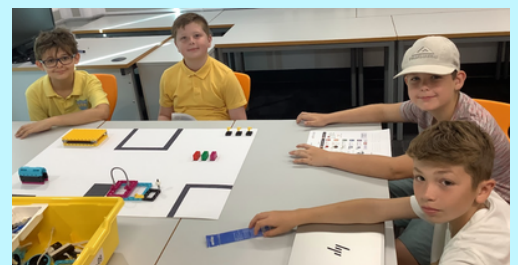
The pupils (and staff) were a credit and could explain their phonics learning well.



LEGO Coding Winners!

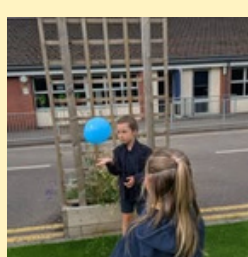
For the past year we have been participating in Lego Coding workshop, this resulted in our most advanced team moving forward to a Merthyr wide competition, supported by Tilbury Douglas.

Well, last week saw the Twyn Team take first place for their expert robotic coding at Merthyr College! Congratulations Team! You are certainly going to go far!



Gameathon

The pupils on the School Council and the Health and Wellbeing Committee have worked together to improve playtimes on our yard. They have decided that we need a variety of equipment to develop our fitness and to improve our wellbeing. With the help of Mrs Jones, they have organised a sponsored Gameathon where all children moved around the school playing a variety of different games. Congratulations! We raised a whopping £2781! Thank you for your help and support! The children are going to enjoy spending that!



Dai and Donna Roadshow



Dai and Donna, lost on their way to the airport, burst into our hall and interrupted our assembly! The dynamic duo then proceeded to work with all the classes on creating their documentary. This was brought to the school by Louby Lou's story telling and was a fantastic celebration to the end of our projects on habitats. Chaos, laughter and lots of fun!



Taster Violins

Year 4 have had taster violin lessons. Rhys has been volunteering at Twyn as part of his Welsh Baccalaureate. He has introduced the children to violins and has been providing introductory sessions to our pupils. The noise from the library has been very 'interesting!' The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions! Diolch yn fawr Rhys!





Recorder Concert Years 3/4



Mrs Andrews' class showed off their recorder skills with Mrs Lower. What an experience! You have grown in skills so much this term. What a pleasure it was to be able to perform to your parents too. Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to support us.

Football with Reception

Phil Llewellyn has been volunteering with our Reception pupils. Teaching them the basic football skills and nurturing their enthusiasm. Thank you Phil!



Year 5 Visit Ty Cwm

Year 5 were welcomed into Ty Cwm to play games with the residents there. Our children loved being part of the local community, playing games and sharing stories.

Our links with Ty Cwm are really starting to develop, and we love our visits there.





Goodbyes

Good bye and GoodLuck to our incredible Year 6, and Mrs Davies, Mrs Rogers, Miss Jenks and Miss Sullivan.

We wish you all the love and luck in this world!

#TeamTwyn



Goodbye & GoodLuck

Diolch Yn Fawr

As I come to the end of my second term as Headteacher, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our whole school community. To our pupils, thank you for your enthusiasm, kindness and smiles each day. To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and trust. To our dedicated staff, thank you for your hard work, commitment and care.

It has been a privilege to become part of such a special school community, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together so far. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership to ensure our children thrive, learn and grow.

REMINDERS/ NOTICES

Jewellery

There has been an increase in jewellery worn around the school. Please can you support us in encouraging the children to follow our policy for health and safety reasons. If worn, children will politely be asked to remove the jewellery.

Children need to be able to remove ALL jewellery for PE.

If you are getting your child's ears pierced, please kindly do so at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow the 6 weeks healing time.

- Only flat, stud earrings and a watch are allowed.
- No necklaces, bracelets or hoop earrings.
- No false nails.
- Pupils wishing to dye their hair, must ensure it is a natural hair colour.

School Uniform

We are very proud of Twynyrodyn Community School, and as such we wear our uniform to show pride in our school and to show that we all belong here.

Our school uniform is a yellow polo shirt, navy cardigan or jumper and blue trousers, skirt or joggers. The uniform does not need to have the school logo on it, however please write your child's name on every item.

Uniform grants are available for families in receipt of free school meals, the applications are now open. [The link is here](#). The school also has free spare uniform by the office. This is available for all - Please just help yourself!

Shoes (no crocs, flip flops or heels) need to be comfortable and your child does need to be able to fasten them independently please. Trainers are fine. Wellies and waterproofs will be needed for Forest School activities.

CHANGES

Fruit, salad or veg for snack

Pupils on our Health and Wellbeing Group decided that we should fully support the Healthy School initiative in schools across Wales. As such pupils are requested to only bring in healthy fruit, salad or veg for snack at break times.

Breakfast bars, crisps, yogurts, crackers are not permitted for snack times, although are permitted in packed lunches. This in line with guidance from the Welsh Government. If you wish to find out more [click here](#). (Pg 31)

Pencil Cases

Children DO NOT need pencil cases in school, and will not be permitted in classes (other than in Y6). This is due to the limited space on tables, and the fact that pupils' personal items are easily misplaced and children unsurprisingly become upset. There is no need as resources will be supplied by the school.

The School Day

Breakfast club

- Gates are opened at 8.10am.
- Gates are closed at 8.30am. A child must be present before 8.30am to be able to have breakfast - this is the authority's guidance.

Start Times

- School gates open at 8.50am.
- Pupils need to be in class by 9.00am.
- Gates are closed promptly at 9.00am

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely. If your child is ill, please ring the school or leave a message with the office. Holiday forms are available at the office when required. If you are picking your child up early, proof of appointment times will be required for our attendance records. School attendance is our priority, as it has the biggest impact on our children's learning



THE PAGE FOR YOUR FRIDGE

What's On!

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 only.

Autumn Term-

- 01/09/2026 INSET Day. School closed for children
- 02/09/2026 Return to School
- 03/09/2026 Audio Test Year 1
- 24/09/2026 Year 6 Transition Day to Cyfarthfa High School
- 30/09/2026 Deposit for Llangrannog due (Year 6 only)
- 01/10/2026 Parents transition meeting for Y6 at Cyfarthfa 4pm-6pm

Future

- 04/02/2027 CHS Cluster Disco (Y5 & Y6)
- 25/02/2027 CHS Cluster Eisteddfod
- 18/06/2027 Two night residential for Y6 to Llangrannog

INSET Days for 2026/27

- 01/09/2026
- 02/11/2026
- 04/01/2027
- 30/04/2027 (Cluster)
- 19/07/2027
- 20/07/2027

Holiday Dates 2026/27

- October Half Term - 23/10, return 02/11
- Christmas - 18/12, return 05/11 (INSET)
- February Half Term - 05/02, return 15/02
- Easter - 19/03, return 05/04
- Whitsun - 28/05, return 07/06
- Summer -16/07 (then 2 INSET)



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