



TWYNYRODYN NEWS

September 2026

Croeso -Welcome to our WELCOME BACK



Headteacher's Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff! A huge welcome to new families that have joined us too - Welcome to Team Twyn! We hope you've had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

It has been wonderful to see the school full of smiles, chatter and excitement again. We're really looking forward to another happy and successful year together, filled with learning, new experiences and plenty of special memories along the way.

Summer Changes

You may notice a few exciting changes around school this term! Our classes have been completely reorganised so they now flow sequentially through the building, making the school feel clearer and more connected. Staff have worked incredibly hard over the summer to create warm, welcoming spaces for our children — and we'd love you to come and see them for yourself at our Meet the Teacher sessions on Thursday 10th at 3:05pm and 3:30pm. Our corridors have had a fresh new look too, while the hall now has a fantastic feature-wall backdrop and working spotlights, kindly donated by a theatre. We've also created a new school-based nurture room, giving us a calm, supportive space for more personalised interventions and wellbeing support.



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VISITS & VISITORS

Food and Fun!

This summer, for the very first time, we were thrilled to host Food and Fun at Twynyrodyn! A huge thank you to Mrs Wells, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Drew and Mrs Johnson for making it all possible — you are absolute stars! 🌟

There were giggles, great food, skateboarding, basketball, history workshops, mini Olympics, arts and crafts, pizza making and so much more. What a fantastic opportunity for our children to have fun, try new things, spend time with friends and enjoy it all completely free of charge! A big thank you, too, to all of the children and families who attended and helped make our first Food and Fun such a success.



NOTICES

Meet The Teacher

There is an open invitation to come and meet your child's teacher and see their new classroom on Thursday 10th September.

There are two sittings to allow you attend the classes of your children, if you have three children then just pop along afterwards to the last.

This is a chance to see their learning environment, discuss the topic and learn about the routines etc.



Y3 Swimming

In October we have booked a two week block of swimming for our Y3s. We believe swimming is a life skill and have reintroduced it and funded it at Twynyrodyn, for that reason. We are very excited as it has been a while since we have been swimming as a school! During those two week blocks the children will need a towel, swimming costume / trunks and goggles every day.



Sports Coach

There will be a sports coach from Fit4Fun called Mike working with Year 6 every Monday morning. In the afternoons he will be delivering sessions to other classes in a 6 weekly block - starting this half term with Dosbarth Helyg (Mrs Lucas' class).

Forest School

A huge part of our ethos is the Forest School Provision, where children are encouraged to explore, take measured risks, use their imagination and work collaboratively. We have found huge benefits to these sessions - including a huge improvement in children's mental health and their ability to work co-operatively. As such ALL of our children will visit the forest every week.

We risk assess the provision daily to ensure safety. We use the provision in all weathers (except extreme wind- for obvious reasons!)

Your child will need waterproofs and wellies, and hats, scarves and gloves as the weather gets colder. Please can we ask that you put your child's name on EVERYTHING!

We have an amazing Forest School provision thanks to dedicated staff, donations from the PTFA and children who adore it!



Class	Teachers	Forest School Day
Dosbarth Pabi	Mrs Wells Nursery	Friday Morning (Come in Forest school clothes)
Dosbarth Pabi	Mrs Jones Reception	Friday Afternoon
Dosbarth Grug	Mrs Roberts Y1	Wednesday Afternoon
Dosbarth Rhosyn	Mrs Fleet Y1&2	Monday Afternoon
Dosbarth Derwen	Mr Olden/Mr Phillips Y2 & 3	Tuesday Afternoon
Dosbarth Bedw	Mrs Andrews Y3 & 4	Wednesday Afternoon
Dosbarth Ceirios	Mr Jones Y4 & 5	Friday Afternoon
Dosbarth Helyg	Mrs Lucas Y5	Thursday Afternoon
Dosbarth Masarn	Mrs Williams Y6	Thursday Afternoon

REMINDERS/NOTICES

Jewellery

A gentle reminder about jewellery. 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.

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.

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.

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



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What's On!

Autumn Term-

01/09/2026	INSET Day. School closed for children
02/09/2026	Return to School
03/09/2026	Audio Test Year 1
10/09/2026	Y Nyth Parent invite (9.10-9.40)
10/09/2026	Children's Commissioner Visiting
10/09/2026	Meet the teacher - 3.05/3.30pm in your child's classes
21/09/2026	School Photographs
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
02/10/2026	Harvest Celebrations
12/10/2026	Two week swimming sessions for Year 3.
02/11/2026	INSET Day
04/11/2026	Flu Nasal Spray
10&11/11	Parents' Evening Meetings
13/11/2026	Children in Need / Twyn's Got Talent
20/11/2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
08/12/2026	N/R Christmas Concert 1.30pm
09/12/2026	Y4/5/6 Christmas Concerts 1.30pm
10/12/2026	Y1/2/3 Christmas Concert 1.30pm

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 05/01 (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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