

Ysgol Gynradd Porthcawl Primary School

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Summer Term Dates

The start of Summer Term is here, and we have lots of exciting events planned for this term! All events will be included in the diary dates but here are some of the big events to put in your diary.

- Friday May 15th – **FoPPS Colour run** – whole school
- Friday May 22nd – **Inset Day**
- Tuesday June 30th – **Nursery Sports Day** – 10am
- Wednesday 1st July – **Sports Day**
Reception- Year 2 – 10am
Year 3-Year 6 – 2pm
- Friday 10th July – **Summer Fair** – 3.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July – **End of year production** –
Year 3-6 – 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 17th July -**Leavers Assembly** –10am- Year 6
– all parents and carers are welcome.

We will send out more details about each event closer to the time. Tickets for the end of year production will be available soon. If we are forced to postpone Sports Day because of the weather, we will aim to move it to the following day. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Closing the gate into the main entrance

As an extra safety measure, you may have noticed we have started to close the gate into the main entrance of the school.

The gate will be closed but not locked to allow entry to the main office during the school day. If you do come into school during the day, could you please ensure you close the gate behind you. Thank you!

Parent Pay

We are making a change to the way school payments will be made.

In an effort to make our processes more efficient, secure, and convenient for everyone, we will be moving to a system of direct payments into the school's bank account, we will no longer be using ParentPay from May.

This means that, instead of using our current payment method of ParentPay, all future payments (including fees, trips, and other school-related costs) should be made via bank transfer. Full details, including the school's bank account information and clear instructions on how to make payments, will be provided on each trip letter.

We believe this change will streamline the payment process, provide clearer records, and reduce administrative delays.

If you have any questions or anticipate any difficulties with this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to support you and ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.
Thank you.



Suggestion box

At PPS, we are always looking for ways to improve. After listening to ideas shared in the Parent Voice group, we've made two changes this week. Firstly, Parents' Evening meetings have moved from the hall back into classrooms.

We have also introduced a suggestion box in the main entrance. If you have any ideas on how we can continue to improve as a school, please pop a suggestion in the box or join us at our next Parent Voice group in the summer term.



Community Focused Family Engagement Officer

My role is to build strong connections between families, schools and the wider community, to support children's learning and wellbeing.

I will be based in the school all day; and I will be available for families to drop in and chat.

I plan to run workshops to help support families with routines, toileting, behaviour, Internet Safety etc

I plan to arrange Learning cafes, a Reading café and Stay and play sessions.

Jacqui MacGibbon

Find me on the school gate every Tuesday morning.

Contact the school or send me an email to arrange a time for a chat.

jacqueline.macgibbon@bridgend.gov.uk

Grand opening of the Nature Sculpture in the Wilderness Lake

In January, pupils in **Years 4, 5 and 6** designed and created beautiful clay tiles, which have now been installed in the new Butterfly Garden at Wilderness Lake.

We are delighted to have been invited to the grand opening, alongside the Mayor and the artist, Nigel Talbot. The event will take place at **10:00am on Thursday 30th April at Wilderness Lake**. Pupils will walk to the venue at 9:30am.

Parents and family members are very welcome to attend and share this special occasion.

Parent Governor Election

This week we have sent out the ballot papers for the role of parent governor at PPS. Ballot papers must be returned to school **NO LATER THAN 10.00a.m. ON THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026**. Thank you for your interest in the management of our school.

Class	Attendance
Taf	97%
Garw	89.3%
Ewenni	99%
Teifi	94%
Conwy	97.2%
Llynfi	93%



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 29th April

Conwy Class – Year 4/5 - Trip Sony UK

Thursday 30th April

Grand opening of Butterfly Sculpture -year4,5 and 6

Wilderness Garden

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 13th May

Year 6 Leavers Photographs & Class Photographs from Nursery to Year 6

Friday the 15th May

Colour Run – 2-3pm Whole School

Tuesday 19th May

Football Tournament – Penybont Football Club – Selected Year 5/6 Pupils

Wednesday 20th May

Ewenni Class - Year 2 Trip – Roman Museum Caerleon

Thursday 21st May

Crazy Hair Day – Whole School - Nursery to Year 6

Friday 22nd May

Inset Day

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Half Term

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th June

Nursery Class – Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th June

Year 3 – Teifi Class Trip to The Egypt Centre Swansea

Friday 12th June

Netball Tournament at Litchard Primary School – Selected Year 5/ 6 Pupils

Monday 15th June

Nursery Stay and Play – 1:30 – 2:30pm

Monday 22nd June

Nursery Stay and Play - 1:30 -2:30pm

Monday 29th June

Nursery Stay and Play – 1:30 – 2:30pm

Tuesday 30th June

Nursery Class Sports Day – 10am

Monday 1st July

Sports Day Reception to Year 2 -10am, Year 3-6 -2pm

Monday 6th July

Nursery Stay and Play – 1:30 – 2:30pm

Monday 6th July – Wednesday 8th July

Llangranog Residential – Year 6

Friday 10th July

FoPPS Summer Fair

Wednesday 15th July

KS2 Show -Year 3-6 – 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 – Prom

Friday 17th July

Year 6 – Leavers Assembly 10.00 am