

Ysgol Gynradd Porthcawl Primary School

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Estyn Update – February 2026

Last month we had an Interim Visit from Estyn. The inspection team took the opportunity to observe teaching and learning, talk with pupils and staff, and look at samples of pupils' work.

We are proud of everything we do at PPS and it was a great opportunity for us to show off all the amazing things we are doing as a school. A link to the letter is here –

[Interim visit letter Porthcawl Primary School 2026](#)

A summary of some of the key findings are below-

- Regular dialogue between leaders and staff ensures that nearly all pupils are challenged appropriately in lessons.
- Most pupils have a good understanding of their strengths and areas for development and are developing their ability to choose tasks at an appropriately challenging level. Staff encourage younger pupils to reflect upon the skills they are developing through exploration and play. A strong focus on developing technical language enables pupils to talk about their successes with increasing confidence.
- The school has introduced new strategies to support assessment. These are beginning to support pupils' self-assessment and reflection.
- Classroom environments are attractive and well organised. This supports nearly all pupils to engage purposefully in tasks, work independently and sustain concentration for extended periods. Improvements to the outdoor provision provide enhanced opportunities for independent skills development through play.



PPS Eisteddfod 2026

Thank you to everyone who has given in their competition entries-they are amazing! We will announce the winners next week.

We will also have the Chaining of the Bard at our Eisteddfod next Friday 6th March. Pupils in Reception to year 6 will be able to come to school dressed in a Welsh costume or in clothes with a Welsh theme on Friday. Nursery class is on Thursday the 5th March.



PPS World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Tuesday 10th March**.

Pupils will be able to come into school dressed as their favourite character and bring in their favourite book to show the class. We will also complete many book related activities and there will be a disco run by Friends of PPS after school.



Friends of Porthcawl Primary School presents....

WORLD BOOK DAY DISCO

Tuesday 10 March 2026

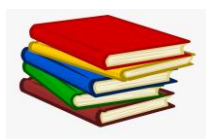
Nursery - Year 2 - 16:15 - 17:00

Year 3 - Year 6 - 17:15 - 18:00

Entry and snack bag - £3

Please pay at the door Tuck shop available - Cash only

Please note that nursery children will need to be accompanied by an adult



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Parents Evening - Week Commencing 23rd March

The parent evening booking system will be open on Friday the 6th March, a text will be sent with a link to book an appointment.

Thank you to Mr Gubb!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Gubb, Ella and Cooper's Dad. He came into school over half term to help Mr Osborne. We really appreciate him giving up his time to make the school look great!



Weekly Attendance (96% target)

Class	Attendance
Taf	85.3%
Garw	91.1%
Ewenni	91.1%
Teifi	92%
Conwy	92%
Llynfi	96%



Diary Dates:

WB Monday 2nd March

Welsh week and Eisteddfod

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March

Teifi Class Swimming Lessons

Thursday 5th March

Nursery Class – Pupils can come to school dressed in their St David's Day outfits or Welsh themed clothing

Friday 6th March

Reception to Year 6 Classes – Pupils can come to school dressed in their St David's Day outfits or Welsh themed clothing

Friday 6th March

Nursery Trip - The Meadows Wildlife Park

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

Conwy Class Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 10th March

PPS 'World' book day

Friday 13th March – Running for 12 Weeks on a Friday

Kerbcraft Road Safety Training – Ewenni Class

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March

Llynfi Class Swimming Lessons

Monday 16th March

Nursery Open Day 11am – 12pm & 13:30 – 14:30pm

Thursday 19th March

Parent afternoon – Easter problem solving – 2 – 3pm

Friday 20th March

Easter through the Keyhole – year 2 and year 6

Hope Chapel

Week Commencing 23rd March – 27th March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 25th March

Garw Class Trip – Noah's Ark Zoo

Friday 27th March

Friends of Porthcawl Primary School Sip and Paint 6pm – 8pm

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Half Term

Tuesday 21st April

Llangrannog Parent Information Meeting at 3:30pm

Wednesday 29th April

Conwy Trip Sony UK

Wednesday 13th May

Year 6 Leavers Photographs & Class Photographs

Wednesday 20th May

Ewenni Class Trip – Roman Museum Caerleon

Friday 22nd May

Inset Day

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Half Term

Monday 6th July – Wednesday 8th July

Llangrannog Residential – Year 6