

Ysgol Gynradd Porthcawl Primary School

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Dates to Apply for Admission to School

For Pupils starting Nursery, Reception & Comprehensive
2026 / 2027

Full time Nursery – Starting September 2026

For children born 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

Applications Open: Monday 5th January 2026 at 10am
Closing Date: Friday 3rd April 2026 at 4pm
Notification to parents: Friday 29th May 2026

Reception Class – Starting September 2026

For children born 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022

Applications Open: Monday 10th Nov 2025 at 10am
Closing Date: Friday 13th February 2026 at 4pm
Notification to Parents: Friday 29th May 2026

Secondary School Admission – Starting September 2026

For children born 1st September 2014 – 31st August 2015

Applications Open: Monday 13th Oct 2025 at 10am
Closing Date: Friday 16th January 2026 at 4pm
Notification to Parents: Monday 2nd March 2026

Link to apply via the BCBC website: [Apply for admission to school](#)

Telephone: 01656 643643

Email Address: pupilservices@bridgend.gov.uk

Parent Voice Group – First Meeting of the Year

We're excited to invite you to the second Parent Voice Group meeting of the school year on Tuesday, February 3rd, from 2:00–3:00 PM at school.

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts on what's working well and where we can improve. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping our school community.

During the session, Mr. Richards will also provide an update on the progress we've made toward the goals set from our last meeting in November



Hwb Information and Parent Support Session

We've received requests from parents for more guidance on how to log in to **Hwb** and explore everything available on the platform. To help, we've gathered all the key information and "how-to" videos in one place on our school website. You can access it here:

[Hwb platform information and how to videos | Porthcawl Primary School](#)

In addition, we will be holding a parent information session after school, led by our ICT Lead, Miss Bowen, and Mr. Richards. During this session, we'll demonstrate how to log in to Hwb and guide you through the different sections that can be used to support your child's learning at home.

 **Date:** Tuesday, 20th January

 **Time:** 3:30 p.m.

 **Location:** In school

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 a disco run by Friends of PPS after school.





Free school meals

If you live in Bridgend County Borough and receive any of the following benefits, you can claim free school meals for your school-aged child:

- income support
- income based jobseeker's allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit (not working tax credit) if your annual income does not exceed £16,190
- guarantee element of pension credit
- working tax credit 'run-on' (the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for working tax credit)
- universal credit (not in work)
- universal credit (in work) where your earnings do not exceed £7,400 from your employment or self-employment

Click here to apply: [Free school meals \(FSM\)](#)

If eligible, your child may be entitled to a **Schools Essentials Grant**, which is issued once a year, it's:

- £200 for children in year 7, and
- £125 for children in all other eligible years

Click here for more information: [School Essentials Grant](#)

Swimming -year 3-6

Next half term all pupils from year 3 to year 6 will take part in swimming lessons at Pyle leisure centre. Their will be 5 lessons over a week and the dates for each class are in the diary dates. Any questions please let us know.

Weekly Attendance (96% target)

Class	Attendance
Taf	94.7%
Garw	91.2%
Ewenni	98.1%
Teifi	91%
Conwy	91.1%
Llynfi	87.1%

Diary Dates:

Monday 12th January

Charlie from Ospreys in to work with Llynfi -5 weeks

Monday 19th January

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

Tuesday 20th January

Parent Hwb session 3.30

Tuesday 20th January

Friends of PPS meeting in school 4.15

Tuesday 3rd February

Parent Voice group 2-3

Tuesday 10th February

Taf Class Trip – Castell Coch

WB Monday 2nd March

Welsh week and Eisteddfod

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March

Teifi Class Swimming Lessons

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

Conwy Class Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 10th March

PPS 'World' book day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March

Llynfi Class Swimming Lessons

Monday 16th March

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

Wednesday 25th March

Garw Class Trip – Noah's Ark Zoo

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
(Letters to be sent nearer the date)

Monday 6th July – Wednesday 8th July

Llangranog Residential – Year 6

Eco Swap Shop

Our Eco Swap Shop is open and has many new items. We have had some very kind donations recently including wellingtons and coats. If you would like to visit the swap shop at any time come through the main entrance and we will take you over. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the swap shop.