Newyddion Cwmfelin News

Eager to Learn. Proud to Achieve.

Awyddus i Ddysgu. Balch i Gyflawni.

Autumn Term 1
2026

From the Head....

A very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin the Autumn Term. It has been a real pleasure to see our children return to school following the summer holiday, and what a fantastic start we have had. The excitement around the school has been wonderful, with children eager to reconnect with friends, meet their new teachers and settle into their new classes. Staff have worked hard to re-establish classroom routines and expectations, helping to ensure a positive and calm start to the year. We also welcome our new Nursery children and parents and look forward to working with you all.

Thanks to all who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings and we hope that you found the information beneficial. As we begin a new term, the staff at Cwmfelin continue to work hard in order to provide exciting and challenging experiences for our pupils, promoting resilience and independence in a caring environment. We are looking forward to working with our parents to ensure that our children are 'Eager to learn. Proud to achieve,' and become the best that they can be.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Cofion gorau / Best wishes
Mrs Edwards

Parking and Site Safety

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe. We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately at drop-off and collection times and to avoid stopping in the bus stop or on the zig-zag markings outside the school. Please also be mindful of our neighbours and local residents when parking near the school. When crossing the main road, we encourage families to make use of our School Crossing Patrol Officer, Mr Morgan, who is there to help everyone cross safely. At the end of the school day, once children have been handed over by staff, please ensure they remain with a responsible adult at all times and are supervised as they leave the school grounds. Working together in this way helps to keep all members of our school community safe.

The designated safeguarding officers for the school are:

Mrs J Edwards, Mrs A Morris and Mr J Desmond

Should you have concerns about the safety/welfare of any child, please speak to one of our officers. Alternatively, you can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Team on:

01656 642320

Communication with parents/carers

We aim to share information with parents/carers in a timely manner and there are two main forms of communication. Whole school information, reminders and school trip details will be sent via our School Gateway app. We also use this app to make online payments for trips and visits. Please ensure that you have downloaded this app in order to receive the most up-to-date information and contact Ms Delve in the office should you experience issues with set up.

We also use Seesaw to share photographs of your child's learning, trips/visits, key events and achievements. Log in details have already been shared so please ensure that you use the QR code to join the Seesaw app. If you have any questions, or are unable to log in, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We operate an open-door policy and encourage parents to contact us with questions, concerns or matters you would like to discuss. By working together, we can usually resolve issues quickly and effectively. If you wish to discuss anything relating to your child, we kindly ask that you speak with their class teacher in the first instance. Teachers are available at the end of the school day, or an appointment can be arranged through the school office if a longer discussion is required. Members of staff, including myself, are also available on the yard most mornings and are always happy to talk with you. Class WhatsApp groups can be useful for sharing general reminders and keeping in touch. However, we kindly ask that concerns or school-related issues are raised directly with the school rather than discussed within group chats. Official information will always be shared promptly through our school app and other school communication channels, ensuring all families receive accurate and up-to-date information. Thank you for your support.

School uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and the sense of identity and belonging it creates within our Cwmfelin community. We would like to remind parents and carers that our school uniform colours are **red and grey.** In particular, please note that trousers, skirts, leggings and tights should be **grey, not black**. We have noticed that black uniform items are still being worn and would appreciate your support in ensuring that children come to school in the correct school colours as outlined in our school uniform policy. School shoes should be sturdy and predominantly black. Converse-style footwear, Nike Pro shorts and leggings are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards of presentation and ensuring that all pupils feel proud to be part of the Cwmfelin community.

Healthy schools

- We continue to promote healthy habits at Cwmfelin and children are expected to bring a daily fruit snack and a bottle containing water only. Squash or flavoured water is not permitted.
- Due to pupils with allergies, we are also a nut-free school and products containing nuts are not to be put into lunchboxes, including Nutella sandwiches. This also applies to packed lunches prepared for school trips.

School office information

The school office is closed each day between 12:30pm and 1:00pm. During this time, office staff are unavailable and may not be able to respond to enquiries or admit visitors. We kindly request that parents and carers avoid visiting the office during these times and plan collections, payments or enquiries outside of the lunchtime closure period.

Many of our commonly requested forms, including Breakfast Club registration, holiday request forms and other key documents, are available to download directly from the school website. Before contacting the school office, please take a look at the website, as the information or form you require may already be available there. This helps us to respond more efficiently to enquiries and ensures you can access documents quickly and conveniently at any time.

Cwmfelin Primary School - Forms & Letters

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure that you leave a message on the school answerphone **before 9:30am** on the day of their absence. This helps us to account for all pupils quickly and ensures that we can follow our safeguarding procedures effectively. By reporting absences promptly, you also help to reduce the time spent contacting families to establish the whereabouts of absent pupils.

Good attendance is essential to your child's learning and progress. We encourage parents and carers to be open with the school regarding any planned absences, including term-time holidays. Where possible, please submit a holiday request form at least two weeks in advance. If the school is unaware of a child's whereabouts, the absence may be recorded as an unauthorised absence ('O' code), which could result in further action, including a Fixed Penalty Notice. Thank you for working with us to support good attendance and ensure our attendance records remain accurate.

A full list of term dates can be found on our website:

Cwmfelin Primary School - Newsletters

A reminder that our school calendar is available to view on the school website using the link below. Parents and carers can also subscribe to the calendar, allowing Cwmfelin events to sync directly to their own phone or device calendar.

The calendar is compatible with both iOS and Android devices and updates automatically whenever new events are added or changes are made, helping you stay up to date with important school dates throughout the year.

Cwmfelin Primary School - Cwmfelin Calendar

A reminder of our new class names:

Dosbarth Coedwig (Nursery/Reception)

Dosbarth Nant (Reception / Year 1)

Dosbarth Afon (Year 2)

Dosbarth Mor (Year 3)

Dosbarth Bryn (Year 4)

Dosbarth Mynydd (Year 5)

Dosbarth Dyffyn (Year 6)