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15th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see all the children settling into their new classes during the first few weeks of term. We have welcomed new reception children across Cradoc and MSI Campus and new children across other classes. We hope you enjoy learning and making friends at our school.

We also welcome Mr Eddie Morgan our new caretaker who takes over from Mr Andy Hockey. We want to wish Mr Hockey all the best in his phase retirement but we will see him around on the occasional days in the near future.

The class teachers are developing the events and activities for the term but we do have some dates for you to put in your diary as the term begins. We are looking forward to seeing parents in school as we invite you to different events and activities as part of our developing parent engagement programme.

Mrs Sarah Court

Headteacher

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### **Parent engagement opportunities**

#### **Pop in and see your child's classroom**

We know how important it is to be able to see where your child is learning, we would like to offer you 15 minutes after school to pop in and to look around the classroom with your child.

**When:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 MSJ and Cradoc Campus

**When:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 MSI Campus

Collect your children, then enter school via the hall door and go to your classroom. We will sound a bell at 15:45 so that you know this is the time to exit the building and lock up safely for the end of the day.



**Time:** 15:30 – 15:45

### **Labelling clothing**

Please make sure your child's name is on every item of clothing, including shoes.



## Celebrations

Well done to those classes that took part in the Adobe Express competition, they have been successful in winning a pizza party and Mrs Perry will be organising their winning treat shortly.



Our school website is currently being updated. Check it out on School website: [Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan](http://Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan) - [www.golwgpenyfan.sch.uk](http://www.golwgpenyfan.sch.uk)



## Parent Forum

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be changing the date for this meeting to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you would to be a representative for your child's class, please let the office know.

Venue: MSJ Campus

Time 9:30 – 11:00

### Agenda so far

- Reviewing terms of reference
- Attendance policy developments with an LA officer attending



## Opportunity to learn alongside your child – Autumn term

We would like to give you an opportunity to come into school and learn alongside your child. We will be offering an opportunity for you to sign up for a session after half term to come into your child's class and learn together for a session. More information to follow shortly.

## Communication and Contacting each campus

Our home school communication policy is now in place to support our school community with expectations. To support this, we would like to provide you with information regarding each campus office opening hours:

### Cradoc Campus – 01874 622555

[office.cradoc@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office.cradoc@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk)

Cradoc Campus office daily hours: 08:45 - 12:00 13:00 - 15:30

### Mount Street Infant Campus – 01874 623038

[office.msi@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office.msi@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk)

MSI office daily hours: 08:45 - 12:00 13:00 - 15:30

### Mount Street Junior Campus daily hours

[office.msj@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office.msj@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk)

MSJ office daily hours: 08:45 - 12:30 13:15 - 15:30



## Positive relationships and behaviour developments

Each class will be doing daily check ins with their class and in KS2 we are using class dojo as a positive reward system. Each child has a character and will earn points linked to our Beacon Vision and Values. Classes will work towards a team point goal for a termly reward. We are currently using Class Dojo in class only.



We will also be celebrating every week with our Beacon Award, children will achieve the award linked to our Beacon Vision and have a certificate and headteacher sticker to celebrate their achievements.

### **Belonging, Engaging, Aspiring, Creative, Opportunities and Nurturing.**

Across the campuses we have been developing our trained staff and environment opportunities to support well-being and mental health. This includes qualified Thrive L1 practitioners, Emotional Literacy Assistants and Mediated Learning Support Approach. If you have any questions about how our staff can support your child's needs, please speak with your class teacher.

Each classroom has a dedicated quiet space for children and we provide opportunities for all children to practise self-regulation such as mindfulness and yoga.

What might this look like?

Soft furnishings/bean bags/soft lighting/comfy spaces/soft lighting

### **Thrive – [www.thriveapproach](http://www.thriveapproach)**

The Thrive Approach helps children develop emotionally by focusing on positive relationships, play, and key developmental experiences to build confidence, self-esteem, and emotional resilience. It uses research from brain science, child development, and attachment theory to understand how children learn and feel, and then provides practical strategies for school staff and parents to support individual emotional growth through structured activities and regular assessments.

We will be sharing more information about our 'Thrive' journey with parents and carers and inviting you into school to learn more this term.



### **Parent Autumn term – settling in and progress meeting**

**Each class will have set days available, due to staff working days and we will release these on the electronic form shortly.**

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Timings will range from 15:45 – 17:30



Please sign up for your session using the electronic link we will share shortly. At these sessions you will have an opportunity to see your child's books and discuss how they have settled into their new class.

## How do I make contact with the school and my class teacher?

At Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan we are committed to maintaining an open and approachable environment where everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts and concerns. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Our current communication policy is available on the school website.

You can contact your child's class teacher for any initial concerns or questions at pick up or drop off time, leave a message via the office (in person, email or phone) You can also arrange to meet with your class teacher at a convenient time.

Messages can be passed to staff or senior leaders on duty at the start or end of the day or phoned/emailed into school.

## Inset Days (Autumn Term 2025)

Please note there are 2 inset days this term and school will be closed to pupils:

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

The Secondary School Admission Round for Powys learners born between **01/09/14 - 31/08/15** opens on **Monday, 1 September 2025**.

The closing date for the admission round is **Friday, 31 October 2025**.

**Applications are made online on the Powys County Council website.**

**As Autumn approaches, please bring in coats and wellies into school everyday. Please ensure all items of outdoor clothing are labelled with your child's name.**

**Pupils on the Cradoc campus, please ensure your waterproof trousers/suits are now in school.**



## How to report your child's absence

It is very important that if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you let the school know as soon as possible. You can ring the office of your child's campus or email the office using the contact opposite.

The school has a responsibility and duty of care to ensure the safety of every pupil and the school will contact you if we don't hear from you by 10:00 on the morning of the first day of absence. Please support the school by ensuring you let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent.

## SCHOOP

Please remember to use SCHOOP to access school information. You can arrange for notifications to be sent to you via the SCHOOP app and choose which channels to follow. We do also have a Service Children's channel for our Armed Forces families to join.



## Swimming

The staff are looking at swimming organisation for the new school year and we will shortly update you with this information. We are planning on everyone being able to swim again across the year.

Please make sure your child has:

Swimming costumes/goggles/towel/bag for equipment (no hats please due to allergies)

Autumn Term: MSJ Campus (starting week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September)

Spring Term: MSI Cradoc and Cradoc Campus



## Service Children

Hello! My name is Amanda, and I'm very excited to introduce myself as the new Service Children Champion. In my role, I'll be working across **MSJ, MSI, and Cradoc**, supporting our wonderful service children and helping to ensure they feel settled, supported, and celebrated in school life. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the children and working closely with staff and families as I settle into this new role. The school will be working towards the Silver Award for SSCE Cymru this term. Outside of work, I love spending time with my family, getting outdoors for a good hike, and paddleboarding whenever I get the chance! If you see me around school, please do come and say hello—I'm always happy for a chat.

## Healthy Snacks and water bottles

Across the campuses we encourage you to ensure your child has a healthy snack for their morning session. An example of this could be:

- A piece of fruit/selection of fruit cut up
- Some cut up vegetables

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school with water, we encourage children to have water across the day during learning, as well as at breaktimes and lunch. Children can refill their water bottles in school across the day.



## Harvest Celebration

This year we will be supporting the Brecon Food Bank and we have been asked if the following can be donated:

### Mount Street Infant Campus

Cup-a-soups/packet soups

Tinned potatoes

Children Bath Foam

### Mount Street Junior Campus

Tinned Soup

Instant Mash

Children's toothbrushes and paste

### Cradoc Campus

Tinned Meat

Tinned vegetables

Children's shampoo

We are very thankful for your donations and they can be brought into school **on Monday 13th October.**



## Dates for diary

SEPTEMBER 2025		
Date	Who	Activity
Wednesday 17th September	MSJ and Cradoc Campus	Parent Classroom drop in 15:30—15:45
Monday 22nd September	Cradoc Campus	Flu Vaccinations—please complete online form on SCHOOP
Tuesday 23rd September	Mount Street Campuses	Flu Vaccinations—please complete online form on SCHOOP
Wednesday 24th September	Mount Street Infant Campus	Parent Classroom drop in 15:30—15:45
Wednesday 24th September	All campuses	Friends AGM AT Cradoc Golf Club. 19:00 for 19:30 start
Friday 26th September	Parents	Parent Forum at Mount Street Junior Campus 9:30
Thursday 2nd October	Mount Street Infant Campus	Floride Varnishing - please complete forms & send back in
Week beginning 13th October	All campuses	Harvest Celebrations. More details to follow
Week beginning 20th October	All campuses	Parent Meetings. More details to follow.
27th—31st October	All campuses	Half Term

### Term Dates 2025 - 26

#### Autumn Term:

- Monday 1 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025
- Half Term - Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025**
- Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025

#### Spring Term:

- Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026
- Half Term - Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026**
- Monday 23 February 2026 to Friday 27 March 2026

#### Summer Term:

- Monday 13 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026
- Half-term - Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026**
- Monday 1 June 2026 to Friday 17 July 2026

#### Inset Days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 17th July 2026



