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October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy and successful autumn half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that our school community has achieved. Our learning concept this term, enterprise and creativity has seen exciting visits in our local area and creative classroom projects linked to lots of different themes. It has been wonderful to see our pupils embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and pride. Across the campuses we have also been promoting our Welsh language, including assemblies led by Criw Cymraeg.

We appointed Head People across the campuses from Year 6 and we look forward to seeing them develop their leadership role across the year.

MSJ Campus - Robyn and Amit

Cradoc Campus - Emily and Albie

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their hard work and to our families for their continued support. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest over the break and returns ready for another fantastic half term ahead.

Mrs Sarah Court

Headteacher

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Parent Meetings

We're really looking forward to seeing you at parent meetings this week! It's a lovely opportunity to catch up and celebrate your child's progress. Appointments are 10 minutes long and can be booked easily through the SCHOOP app.



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**

**Ysgol Golwg
Pen Y Fan
Breakfast
Club**

**8.00am to 9.00am
Monday - Friday**

START YOUR DAY THE FUN & TASTY WAY!

- ! Held in MSI and MSJ hall
- ☑ Enjoy a delicious breakfast
- ☑ Take part in fun morning activities
- 💷 Cost: £1.50 per child per day

Perfect for early risers & busy mornings

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

YSGOL GOLWG PEN Y FAN



Monday – Friday | 3:30pm – 5:15pm

Fun Activities

Tasty Snacks

Infant children are safely walked over by staff

Pricing:

- £6.50 per child per day
- £5.50 per additional sibling per day

Location: Mount Street Junior School

Open to all pupils from Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan

A safe, fun, and engaging way to end the school day!

More information:
Please contact your campus office



BONFIRE MENU

Hot dogs
(Pork or Vegan Sausage)
• Served with
Mini Hash Brown Puffs
Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
Pudding:
Vanilla & Caramel Ice-cream swirl
or
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Our school website is currently being updated. Check it out on School website:

[Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan](https://www.golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk)



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

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

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

Mount Street Junior Campus daily hours

office.msj@golwgpenyfan.powys.sch.uk

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





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A HUGE THANK YOU!



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff, pupils, and parents who helped make our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon such a joyful and uplifting occasion. Your kindness, generosity, and community spirit truly shone through.

Thanks to your amazing support, we raised an incredible £649.67 for Macmillan Cancer Support – a charity that makes a real difference in the lives of so many.

We're so proud to be part of such a thoughtful and supportive school community.



Powys update on the new school build

We're pleased to share an update on the plans for a new primary school building for Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan. Powys County Council is committed to delivering a new, purpose-built school on the former Brecon High School site, designed to accommodate up to 360 pupils.

This project is part of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme, a national investment Initiative delivered in partnership between the Welsh Government and Powys County Council. Funding through the programme is subject to a three stage business case process.

Progress to date:

- A Strategic Outline Case (SOC), which is the first business case, was developed and approved earlier this year by both Powys Cabinet and Welsh Government.
- Architects were appointed in early 2025 to carry out a feasibility study and help shape the project brief.

We are now preparing to undertake a procurement exercise to appoint a contractor. The appointed contractor will have a full design team and there will be plenty of opportunities for learners, staff, governors and members of the community to engage in the design process following their appointment. We'll continue to provide regular updates and have launched a dedicated webpage where you can follow the project's progress.



We're pleased to introduce Sophie, our dedicated School Nurse at Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan. Sophie plays a key role in supporting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils across both campuses. She works closely with staff to manage medical conditions, provide health education, and promote positive physical and emotional wellbeing within the school environment.

Sophie is also a valuable point of contact for parents and carers. She can offer advice on a wide range of health-related concerns, from managing allergies and long-term conditions to supporting emotional health and accessing wider services. Whether it's a quick question or a more complex issue, Sophie is here to help and always happy to chat.

Sophie can be contacted on 01874 615675 and Sophie.morgan-lane2@wales.nhs.uk

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.

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.

POWYS SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2025



Is your child born between **1 Sept 2014 – 31 Aug 2015**?
It's time to apply for their **Secondary School place!**

- Applications Open: 1 September 2025
 -  Deadline: 31 October 2025
 -  Offer Day: 2 March 2026
- Powys County Council handles admissions
please apply online



As Winter 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.



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.

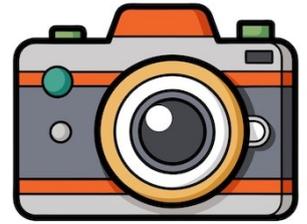


School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be on:

Cradoc Campus & Mount Street Infant: Tuesday 4th November 2025

Mount Street Junior Campus: Wednesday 5th November 2025



All children will have their photograph taken but there will be no obligation to buy.

For families with pupils in both the Infants and Juniors MS Campuses, please bring your children to MSI campus at 9.00am for their photo. A parent will need to stay and take the other child(ren) back to the Junior campus afterwards.

We are not able to accommodate siblings/family members outside of 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.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We kindly ask families with outstanding payments for Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club to settle these balances as soon as possible.

ParentPay is used to make payments, and we ask that parents ensure there are adequate funds to cover all wraparound childcare. If you require any advice on ParentPay please contact Miss Griffiths in the Mount Street Junior office.

Please note: there will be no After Club available on 12th or 19th December 2025

Dates for diary

October 2025		
Date	Who	Activity
Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd October	All Campuses	Parent Consultations Please book on SCHOOP
Thursday 23rd October	All Campuses	Friends of Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan Non-uniform day. £1 donation suggestion
Friday 24th October	All Campuses	INSET DAY School closed to pupils
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	All Campuses	Half Term

November 2025		
Date	Who	Activity
Monday 3rd November	All Campuses	INSET DAY School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th November	Cradoc and Mount Street Infant Campus	Individual School photos
Wednesday 5th November	Mount Street Junior Campus	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 5th November	Service Children (KS2)	Senedd Trip
Tuesday 11th November	All Campuses	Remembrance Service These will take place in school (pupil-only event)
Wednesday 12th November	Mount Street Campuses	Flu Vaccination mop-up
Friday 14th November	All campuses	Children in Need Day Wear something spotty! £1 donation suggestion
Thursday 20th November	Cradoc Campus	Flu Vaccination mop-up
Thursday 20th November	All campuses	Stick 2 Percussion workshop
Friday 21st— 27th November	All campuses	Book Fair in school. Times to be confirmed



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 6th March 2026

Friday 17th July 2026



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REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Remembrance commemorations, we would like to invite all pupils to make a poppy during half term to contribute to a special school display on each campus. This will be a meaningful way for our school community to reflect on the importance of remembrance and to honour those who are serving and who have served. Poppies can be made from any materials (paper, card, fabric, or recycled items) and we encourage creativity and personal touches. If you want a knitting pattern for a poppy, then please contact the MSJ Campus office.

Please send your child's poppy into school by Wednesday 5th November so we can include it in our display.

Thank you for supporting this important and thoughtful project.

Some ideas...



DIY Ropsy Remembrance Wreaths

POPPY APPEAL 2025

Visit your campus office to buy Poppy Appeal items and show your support

Suggested donation £1

