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14th July 2026

JULY UPDATE

The end of term is nearly upon us and, of course, the end of another school year. As ever, it's been a very busy year for everyone on the staff and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest. We are saying a fond farewell this week to Mr Kiernan after 22 years at Maes yr Haul. He will be truly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we all wish him a happy and healthy retirement. In September, we will be joined by Miss Katie Thomas, and Mrs Holly Dewar, teaching in Years 3 and 4.

Of course, this is also the last week at Maes yr Haul for our present Year six pupils and on behalf of the whole school team, we hope they will look back on their years at Maes yr Haul with lots of happy memories. I would also like to wish them all every success as they begin a new chapter in their education journey at secondary school and look forward to being able to welcome the rest of our pupils back in September.

The children's work books will be sent home this week, although we will be keeping a small sample of books from individual children in every year group, which will then be returned at the end of next year.

Dates for 2026-27

The term dates for the next school year for all Bridgend schools is [here](#) (also 2027/28).

There will be six INSET days in 26/27 - the first of these will be on the first day of the Autumn term, so **pupils will return on Wednesday 2nd September**, same start and finish times as normal. Breakfast club will run as usual (doors open 8:20am)

Other confirmed INSET days so far are:

Thursday 6th May 2027

Friday 7th May 2027

There are three other INSET days, as yet not planned, but I anticipate that either one or two of these will be around October half term.

Lost Property

We still have a huge number of clean (many brand new) and unclaimed jumpers available in the foyer. Please do pop in and help yourselves, ready for next year!

Parent Consultations

The first of these will be on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th October 2026. The focus of these will be on pupil's wellbeing, settling into their new classes, their early progress and how parents can support their child's learning over the year ahead.

Photographer

Tempest will be visiting on Tuesday 13th October for individual photographs.

Other Dates

The year group staff will confirm things like PE days, trips for the Autumn term etc as soon as possible upon our return. Please keep an eye on your child's Google Classroom.

Last Day of Term

Children may bring in toys on Friday, (preferably quiet ones!) but nothing requiring a plug, or charging during the day please, and these are the children's responsibility for safe-keeping.

I wish you all an enjoyable, restful and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Best Wishes



Kevin Stroud
Headteacher