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22nd May 2025

RE: MAY UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach half term, it's been a very busy week with our 'Frozen' musical this week performing to a full house every night. The children have been truly exceptional – lots of amazing talent on show and a real testimony to the many months of hard work and commitment from staff, families and pupils to get us to such a wonderful finale. My special thanks to our 'musical director' Miss Sally Hopkins for making it all possible – creating a musical to this standard with a cast of almost 100 pupils is a remarkable achievement and a real credit to everybody involved. It's also been a real delight for staff to see how well the pupils have taken to the challenges of such a performance and the positive impact it's had on their confidence and resilience.

The same is also true for many of our children who take a keen interest in sporting activities – it's always a real pleasure to hear of the achievements of so many of our pupils in their activities outside of school, such as dance, martial arts, swimming etc. Of particular note this week has been the success of the Bridgend District Schools rugby team who yesterday won the DC Thomas Cup final in a close match winning 25-20. One of our year 6 pupils, Marty was in the squad and scored two tries, so we look forward to congratulating him in assembly tomorrow.

Providing extra-curricular activities has always been voluntary for staff and I am fortunate that, in having a large staff, we've always been able to offer a good range of activities. However, for a variety of reasons, this has been increasingly difficult over recent years to the extent that some of our sporting activities, particularly those where there are also opportunities for inter-school competitions, such as rugby, netball, cross-country. All schools are increasingly struggling with reduced budgets and increased cost of transport resulting in fewer and fewer schools being able to travel for matches and despite our best endeavours and contributions from parents, this is getting more difficult for us too.

I am keen to try and ensure that we can maintain all of our current clubs next year, but the reality is that without additional support from outside of school, I suspect that won't be possible. We are going to explore options with secondary school colleagues, professional organisations etc but if parents may be able to help out, especially if they are involved in coaching, clubs etc already, please let us know – we'd very much like to hear from you!

Summer Term Dates 2025

(Year group trips have not been included here)

Monday 2nd June	First day of half term.
Tuesday 3rd June	Photographer – classes, sports clubs
Wednesday 11th June	Sports Day
Thursday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20th June	PFA Summer Fete (2 – 5pm)
w/b Monday 23rd June	Year 4 Swimming (every morning)
Friday 27th June	Year 6 to Bryntirion Comp (CATs test)
w/b Monday 30th June	Year 4 Swimming (every morning)
Monday 30th June	‘Moving Up’ Afternoon. (Year 6 all day at Bryntirion).
Tuesday 1st July	Eco-Committee Jumper Sale 3pm
w/b Monday 7th July	End of Year Reports will be sent out during this week.
Friday 11th July	‘Moving Up’ Morning. (Year 6 in Maes yr Haul as usual)
Wednesday 16th July	Leavers Celebration 2pm
Wednesday 16th July	PFA Discos
Friday 18th July	Last day of Summer Term

Staying safe in the summer weather.

Hopefully, we will continue to enjoy some lovely sunny weather next half term, but of course this is when it can get hot especially in the middle of the day, so please consider providing your child with a (named!) sun hat that they can wear whilst outdoors during the school day. We would also suggest that parents apply sunscreen for their children before coming to school and your child may bring a small bottle of sunscreen for their own child’s use during the day. If necessary, and as part of our duty of care, staff may assist children with this and we will assume your consent unless you have notified us in writing to the contrary. Further information is given in our [sun protection policy](#).

Dates for 25-26

There will be six INSET days next year, four of which are already confirmed as follows:

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Thursday 7th May 2026 (polling day)

Monday 20th July 2026

Lost Property

We have gained a huge number of unclaimed coats and jumpers over the last term, many of which are in ‘as new’ condition – please feel free to come and ‘peruse’. The Eco-Committee will be holding a jumper sale in early July, following which much of what remains will be disposed of as we simply cannot keep it all. There is also a box full of water bottles and lunch boxes without names that remain unclaimed. Please take the opportunity this coming half term to put your child’s name on.... everything!

Kind Regards



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