



Tyfu gyda'n gilydd, dysgu am byth
Growing together, learning forever

5th September 2025

RE: WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to all our school families, those returning and those joining us for the first time. It's been lovely to see our new and existing pupils settling into their new classes and into the routines of the school day. This first letter is mainly just to offer a diary dates and reminders on some aspects of school life – further information is available on our website (www.maesyraul.com) so please do take a look there if you want to clarify anything, or get in touch and staff will be happy to answer any questions.

Please let the office staff know if you have moved, or have any change of contact details.

The children should all have a “Be the best that you can be” postcard to bring home today – this sets out our school behaviours and expectations using the same language that we use in school. Hopefully this will be helpful for you to keep and refer to at home.

Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

A reminder that all pupils are now entitled to ‘universal’ free school meals, the [BCBC dinners menu](#) is available through our website. For those having packed lunches, please provide a balanced packed lunch in containers that the children are able to handle independently and require minimal support from staff ([see WG Healthy Lunchboxes leaflet](#)). Glass containers, cans, fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed. Please also avoid products that include nuts (e.g. fruit bars containing nuts, hazelnut spread) to help us avoid risks to pupils with nut allergies (this does not extend to products marked ‘may contain nuts’).

In line with government expectations, pupils are allowed and encouraged to [bring water \(only\) to school for in-class use](#), ideally in a reusable water bottle. All class sinks have drinkable water supplies. Pupils may [only bring fruit or vegetables for their morning snack](#). Staff are likely to speak to pupils if this is not being followed to politely remind them of expectations.

Arriving at school.

The doors for (free) breakfast club are open from 8:20am – 8:30am after which the doors will be closed. Please speak to office staff if you would like to access this as children need to be registered in advance. The normal school day begins at 8:50am, so pupils need to be at their classroom door for this time, ready to come straight in. If you arrive late for any reason, please come to the main Reception.

Can I please stress that pupils (and adults!) **must not cycle / scoot within the school grounds** for the safety of the hundreds of pedestrians using the site at that time. Also, please help us to ensure that children do not use the climbing / fitness equipment at the start and end of the day, as there is no supervision in place.

After School Clubs

We will send out more information on after school clubs shortly. **If anyone is able to support us with rugby, please get in touch** as we may not be able to run this (and hence matches too) this year without external support.

'Simply Out of School' club also runs every day until 5:30pm and is run by a private company based in our main hall. To make enquiries about this, please ring 01656 372910 or email admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk

Lost Property

Please put your children's name on... everything! Despite our best efforts, we continually have large amounts of (un-named) lost property including coats, lunch bags, shoes(?), water bottles and of course uniform, especially jumpers. Please ask at the office if you want to look through the lost property as we do need to clear these out periodically.

Forthcoming dates

The October half term is from Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October.

Our first parent consultation evenings will be on **Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November**. The focus will be on how your child has settled in, any particular points to discuss for the year ahead and teachers will offer some guidance on how you can further support your child's learning at home (booking details will be provided closer to the time). In the meantime, should you wish to speak to your class teacher, staff are often available after school, or please contact the office and they will get aim to get back to you within 48 hours. Unless urgent, please can I ask parents to avoid discussions with staff at the start of the day, as their priority needs to be getting the children in, settled and registered.

The Autumn term ends on Friday 19th December.

Further term dates are available at:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/term-dates/>

Our remaining INSET dates for this year will be:

Friday 13th February 2026 (provisional)

Thursday 7th May 2026 (polling day)

Friday 8th May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026 – the last day of school will be Friday 17th July.

Kind Regards



Kevin Stroud

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