



Ty Gwyn Education Centre Autumn Term Newsletter 2026



Welcome to the newsletter and the summer term!

The school year has rolled around very quickly and we are well into the new school year. It's a busy time in school but extremely important your child attends every day and is ready to learn. We have an increasing number of children too tired to learn in the day and you can help by ensuring there is a good routine and reasonable bedtime – without devices!

There is good advice on promoting sleep for teens here:

<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/teens-and-sleep> Its as important as food and drink!

Attendance

Every child should be in school every day, with the only exceptions being genuine illness or priority appointments (not routine appointments). We will be monitoring this daily, please ring in if there is a reason for absence (as above). We have and will continue to issue Fixed Penalty Notices where there are 10 or more unexplained absences. Days off are not authorised for birthdays, shopping, sibling events or term time holidays.

Phones and Vapes

A gentle reminder that phones are not permitted in school, likewise vapes and chargers of any kind. We really appreciate your ongoing support with these matters and the encouragement for students to not bring these items into school. Vapes are dangerous and illegal, you could be called to collect the vape if it is not handed in, we will not accept vaping at any time.

We will contact you regularly and where there are areas where we can work together to support your child, we will ask you to be our partners in this and follow up with your child.

Victoria Cox-Wall

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Check the website for lots of updates, contact details, you can send messages directly via the contact form. There are always good news stories and updates, as well as exam dates and sources of help.



Thankyou to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, though it is the afternoon for us! We raised £30 and it was so lovely to welcome several families and friends to school.



Our theme was "mad hatters tea party"! Large, small and very understated!

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Staff Changes

We said goodbye at the end of the summer term to Mr Mark Bright after many years of successful teaching, we wish him well on his retirement.

This means we won't be teaching Construction courses ourselves any more and a small number of pupils will follow this course with our alternative provision partners.

School Events



Roald Dahl Day 2026



Ty Gwyn is proud to announce the achievement of the Rights Respecting School Gold Award for our recognition, promotion and upholding of children's rights in school, our community and across the globe. We are the only PRU in the UK to currently hold this level of award.



Harvest Festival Collection

Between now and half term we are collecting tinned and dry goods for our annual Harvest Festival Collection which we donate to our local foodbank in Pontypridd. Last year we donated over 40 bags of goods to help families in need. We appreciate all donations and are asking for one item only, if you can spare it. Please send to school with your child on their transport. With our thanks!

Family Engagement Officer Support

We have recruited to this post and Charlotte will be starting soon! She can support pupils and their families or carers with attendance and wellbeing concerns. Food parcels can be arranged for any families who require one. Feel free to email admin@tygwyn.rctcbc.cymru until her email is up and running. The phone numbers will also be updated shortly, thank you for your patience.