

10.10.25



Hello everyone,

Apologies for not sending out a newsletter earlier however as you will know we had an Estyn inspection during the week of the 22nd September. I cannot tell you how proud I was of the children during this week (and every week) who were so welcoming, polite and engaged in their learning. The inspectors were hugely impressed with how motivated they were to learn and how well they behaved. I would also like to mention how wonderful all the staff were, the inspectors recognised how dedicated they are to the children and families of Terrace Road. I would also like to thank the parents and carers who attended the Estyn meeting on the Monday, your input was very much valued by the Estyn team. Overall, it was a very positive experience and I look forward to receiving the report in November which will be shared on the school website.

Aside from the inspection it has been a great start to the new academic year. We have welcomed a number of new staff, teachers and teaching assistants who have settled in extremely well.

Our topic this term of 'Castles to Coast' is proving to be an exciting choice, Sky phase are in the middle of planning a medieval festival, which looks to be an exciting event.

We have had a number of trips so far to Oystermouth Castle to support our topic this term. The children had a wonderful time and learnt so much about the life and times of the people who lived in the castle.

Just a reminder that Wednesday 22nd October is an INSET day (staff training) so the school is closed to all children.



Message from our Reading Champions

Dear families,

We are pleased to announce that we took a total of £522.59 at our September book fair. We have raised over £200 in free books for our school which we are going to use to buy new books for our Reading Buddies sessions. Our book fair will return in March 2026. Thank you for your support - we are so grateful.

Reading Champions



FREE



HALLOWEEN EVENT



25 OCTOBER



1.30 SPOOKY NATURE HUNT



3PM PARTY AND FANCY DRESS PARADE

Cwmdonkin Park

Kindly supported by



Attendance and punctuality

As it is a new academic year, I want to stress to you the importance of school attendance. Our overall whole school attendance last year was 90.3% which is an improvement on the year before however it is not where we would like it to be, and what is recommended by the Welsh Government. We would like our attendance ideally to be 95%. Research shows that children whose attendance is 95%+ throughout their schooling make better progress. If your child is ill then of course they should not come to school until well enough to do so but taking time off school for reasons like a birthday or a holiday will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child has 10 or more unauthorised absences from school (that is 5 whole days as one absence counts as half a day) a penalty fine could be issued. All holidays taken in term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

We want the children to be in school learning, forming friendships and having fun. If your child is unwell enough to be absent from school then it is a parent/carer duty to let the school know, this can be done by calling the school, e mailing the school or messaging the teacher on Seesaw. If we have no reason for a child's absence then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Miss Hammond in the office will attempt to make contact if we have not heard from you by telephone or text. It is important to respond to these as the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Also just a reminder that school starts at **8.50am**, this means your child should be on the premises at this time or before, otherwise they will be marked at late on the register. We have a breakfast club, the doors are open from 8.10-8.30am. School finished at **3.20pm**. Please make sure you are there to pick up at this time.

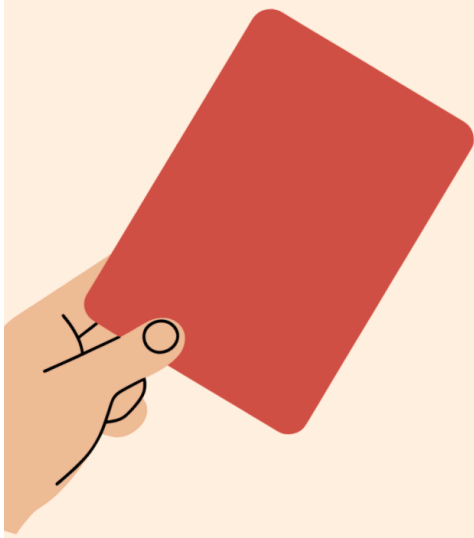
I am very hopeful this year we can better the 90.3% attendance, wouldn't it be brilliant if it were 95%+

Class	Week beg 6.10.25
Reception/Year 1 Badgers Miss Goss	90%
Year 1/2 Squirrels Mrs Evans	92%
Year 2 Hedgehogs Miss Parton	90%
Year 3 Foxes Mrs Darbyshire and Mrs Stanhope	92%
Year 3/4 Robins Mrs Taylor	95%
Year 4 Eagles Miss K George	93%
Year 5 Hawks Miss Hurley	83%
Year 5/6 Swans Mrs Williams and Miss Davies	96%
Year 6 Ravens Mrs James and Miss H George	90%
Total	91.5%

Well done those classes that achieved 92%+ for this week, and especially Robins and Swans for getting 95%+ fantastic attendance. Wouldn't it be amazing if all classes could achieve that.

Show Racism the Red Card

Friday 17th October 2025



**Wear the colour red
to school!**

We will be accepting
donations of £1 on this
day. However there are no
obligations to give, joining
in and showing support is
what matters most!

**Thank you for
your continued
support to make
our school a safe
and welcoming
place for all of our
pupils**





Dylan Thomas Community School

Year 6 Open Evening



Dylan Thomas Community School
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THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2025

Appointments from 4:30PM - 5:45PM

Dylan Thomas Community School is a popular and thriving school in the heart of its community. The vision of the school is for pupils and staff to live, learn and achieve as a community and to create successful, well rounded young people ready for the world of further, higher education and work.

Our school is renowned for its excellent levels of pastoral care, support and pupil wellbeing and is a school that impacts positively upon each and every pupil during their time here.

You will need tickets for this event!

To book an appointment please contact Lucy Henwood at our school office on 01792 610300

The evening will commence with a brief presentation from the Acting Headteacher, followed by an opportunity to meet key staff who will be involved with your child's development and meet current pupils who already thrive in our school.

Our Senior Leadership Team will also be on hand to answer your queries regarding your child's place with us in September 2026.

Dylan Thomas Community School

— Living, Learning and Achieving as a Community —

Save the date

Date	Event
14.10.25	Hedgehogs and Foxes trip to Oystermouth Castle
15.10.25	Shwmae day
15.10.25	Parents' evening – Families
17.10.25	Show Racism the Red card day
17.10.25	Welsh Water assembly and workshops (Land Phase)
21.10.25	Halloween Disco
21.10.25	Hawks' class trip to Oystermouth Castle
21.10.25	OPAL development day
22.10.25	INSET day (school is closed to pupils)
24.10.25	Cath delve – Education Consultant visit to the school (Playful Learning and Pupil voice)
24.10.25	Half term holiday
3.11.25	Back to school
4.11.25	Governing Body Finance Sub-Committee meeting Governing Body Health and Safety/Premises Sub-Committee meeting
11.11.25	School Photo Day
14.11.25	Children in Need
11.11.25	Governing Body Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting
24.11.26	Learning Celebration week
2.12.25	Governing Body Annual General Meeting
3.12.25	Sea Phase Christmas Concert
3.12.25	OPAL Development Day 2
10.12.25	Land Phase Christmas Concert (am)
11.12.25	Land Phase Christmas Concert (pm)
16.12.25	Sky Phase Christmas Concert pm and after school
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19.12.25	Christmas holidays begin
5.1.26	Back to school
4.2.26	Parents evening (families)
11.2.26	Design to Smile
11.2.26	Parents evening (only children in the school)
13.2.26	Half term holidays begin
23.2.26	Back to school
2.3.25	St David's Day celebration
3.3.26	Governing Body Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting
10.3.26	Governing Body Finance Sub-Committee meeting Governing Body Health and Safety/Premises Sub-Committee meeting
11.3.26	INSET day (school is closed to children)
18.3.26	Parents open day – maths/numeracy focus
23.3.26	Learning Celebration week
24.3.25	Termly full Governing Body meeting
27.3.25	Easter holidays start
13.4.25	Back to school
15.4.26	Autism Acceptance Day
22.4.26	OPAL Development Day 3
4.5.26	May Bank holiday (school is closed)

5.5.26	Finance Governing Body meeting to set the budget for 2026-2027
22.5.26	Half term holidays begin
1.6.26	Back to school
1.6.26	Group photos
9.6.26	Governing Body Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting
10.6.26	OPAL Parents play day
15.6.26	Science week
16.6.26	Governing Body Health and Safety/Premises Sub-Committee meeting
17.6.26	INSET day (school is closed to pupils)
6.7.26	Learning Celebration week
7.7.26	Termly Full Governing Body meeting
17.7.26	Summer holidays begin

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Evans Headteacher