Pontarddulais Primary School
Year 5/6
Spring term Newsletter 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for your support during the Autumn term. In this letter, we hope to provide you with relevant information for the Spring term.
Regular homework will be given and there's an expectation that every child attempts the tasks within the time limit – the homework will usually be given on a Friday and the children will be expected to complete it by Wednesday – if there are any circumstances in which your child is unable to complete their homework, we would appreciate a note of explanation.

PPA & PE

The Year 5/6 arrangements for PE/PPA are as follows:
A three-week rolling programme for Mr. Humphreys – PE, Mr. Beynon – ICT and Forest Schools – Mrs. Santimano will be in place all year. i.e

	Mr. Cresser – Year 5/6	Miss Thomas – Year 5	Miss Thomas/Mrs. Rees-Evans – Year 6
Thursday 8th January	**Forest Schools**	**PPA – Mr. Beynon ICT/ Mr Humphreys - PE**	**PPA – Mr. Beynon ICT/ Mr Humphreys – PE**
Thursday 15th January	**PPA – Mr. Beynon ICT/ Mr Humphreys - PE**	**PPA – Mr. Beynon ICT/ Mr Humphreys - PE**	**Forest Schools**
Thursday 22nd January	**PPA – Mr. Beynon ICT/ Mr Humphreys - PE**	**Forest Schools**	**PPA – Mr. Beynon ICT/ Mr Humphreys - PE**

And then repeat…

- The children who have Mr. Humphreys for PE on a Thursday will need appropriate kit
- The children who have Forest Schools with Mrs. Santimano on a Thursday will need appropriate clothing and wellies

There will be a change next week for Mrs Evans'/Miss Thomas' Year 6 class – they will not have Forest Schools on Thursday 15th January as they are on the trip.

Year 5 RT will have PE with Swansea Superstars on a Tuesday afternoon. Pupils will need to bring suitable kit for PE sessions.

Shorts, T-shirt, trainers, tracksuits in colder weather
rugby/football jersey
No jewellery to be worn during sporting activities
Pupils should bring a note if they are to be excused from sporting activities.

Reading
We ask that the children bring their books and their reading records to school every day please.

Healthy Schools
In accordance with Welsh assembly guidelines, the children are encouraged to bring a re-usable water bottle to fill with water for hydration throughout the day. The children should bring fruit only for a snack at break time.

Theme
This term our theme will be 'Energy & Sustainability'.

Twitter/X – We tweet lots of pictures of our children participating in class and extracurricular activities.
@PontarddulaisSc

Career Pathways - We are always looking for parents to come in and talk to children about their careers. Thank you to those parents who have been able to support us so far. If you are interested, please speak to one of the Year 5/6 teachers.

Super Hero Spelling and Monster Phonics – Words will continue to be sent home weekly.

Parent Meetings
There will be parent meetings during the Spring term, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. An invitation will be sent to you in due course.

Residential
Further information on the residential trip to Llangrannog will be placed on the website and you will receive parent mails accordingly.

Many Thanks,
The Year 5/6 team