

Pontarddulais Primary Newsletter

Newsletter – Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy half term for our school. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Apologies for the length of this newsletter, but it contains lots of important information and updates. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 23rd February 2026.

PTFA

Pontarddulais Primary PTFA AGM

Did you know that the PTFA have fundraised over £7000 over the past two years - this money has gone directly back to your children's classes for new books, as well as purchasing new playground equipment and markings and much, much more.

We would like to continue to fundraise and provide new and exciting equipment for every child. This can only be done with the help of volunteers, and as the current committee's children are coming towards the end of their Primary journey, we are looking for new members to continue this success.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 23rd February 2026 at 3:30pm (please meet outside the Reception class ramp)

We will be looking at new events for the coming year so if you have any ideas on how we can raise even more funds for your children please pop along.

You only have to give an hour of your time to make a huge difference.
We hope to see you all there.

Pontarddulais Primary PTFA

Topics

For information on Year group topics, please visit our school website on the following link: <https://www.pontarddulaisprimaryschool.co.uk/class-pages/>

National Numeracy Project

Pupils will begin to bring home Maths Scrapbooks for their homework after half term. This is an opportunity to work with your child on their Maths homework. Three parent

workshops were carried out in February regarding this. Details of the workshop can be found on the following link:

<https://www.pontarddulaisprimaryschool.co.uk/national-numeracy-project/>

Instagram

We have now launched our school Instagram account @PontarddulaisPrimary. The account will remain private. We are only accepting follower requests from parents who have provided their Instagram handle. If you have not informed us of your handle, please see us on the door at the beginning or at the end of the day. We are excited to share the pupils learning and experiences with you.

Pupil consent link: <https://forms.gle/r5CjZSgb7MLoFd7t8>

St. David's Day

St. David's Day homework has been sent out to all year groups. We will be celebrating as a school on Monday 2nd March 2026. Pupils are invited to attend school in their traditional Welsh costumes or Welsh colours.

Pontarddulais Parent Council

We are looking to set up a **Parent Council** at our school and would like to invite parents and carers to express an interest in being involved.

The aim of the Parent Council is to:

- Strengthen communication between parents and our school
- Share ideas, views, and feedback on school matters
- Help ensure parent voices from across all year groups are heard

Members of the Parent Council would be asked to:

- Attend meetings (likely once per half term)
- Act as a link between the school and parents in their child's year group
- Share information with parents and gather feedback to bring back to meetings

No previous experience is needed — just an interest in working positively with the school and other parents for the benefit of our children.

If you would like to be involved, or would like more information before deciding, please let us know by completing the survey on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/f9Wmc2zKxQTY7LQaA>

Parent Engagement Survey

Thank you for all of the responses that we received.

This helps us to ensure that we are considering your needs in future communication and engagement activities.

The majority of responses highlighted satisfaction in the communication received from school, with information generally being clear. However, we have noted that some parents would like more notice when activities and events have been planned and that more specific information is sometimes needed to determine if the event is relevant to your child. We will endeavour to do this going forward.

Most parents felt that we encourage involvement in school life, but we are always keen to improve on this.

For the majority of parents they are most interested in activities to engage more with learning, with some parents wishing for more workshops and online events. We understand that the biggest barrier is work schedules and time constraints and as a result we will be mindful of this in future, where possible offering opportunities for recorded information to be shared that can be accessed at your convenience. We are also looking at ways to improve direct communication with class teachers and will update you will this in the near future.

Parental Consultations

All teachers from Rec to Y6 have now sent out bookings for Parental Consultations. If you have not had a link to book, please inform the class teacher or the office. More information from Nursery will follow.

Parent Drop in Meetings

Following our successful parent/carer CAMHS In-Reach workshops, we are looking at building on this by holding monthly/termly parent/carer coffee afternoons. This would be a place where parents and carers would meet to make connections, support each other and potentially hear from external support agencies such as the Swansea branch of the National Autistic Society and the Swansea Parent Carer Forum.

The coffee afternoons would take place within school, supported by Mr Wilson, our school ALNco, Mrs Russ, our Family Liaison Officer, and Ms Stone and Ms Oakman, our school Emotional Literacy Support Assistants. These afternoons would not be for discussing individual children's needs with school staff but will aim to connect parents with others who may be going through similar difficulties, as well as allow school staff

to signpost parents/carers to strategies, resources and external agencies that may help.

Before the first coffee afternoon is arranged, and guest agencies are invited, we would like to gauge interest in the concept, so we can plan how these sessions will run. Please complete the form below:

[Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon – Fill in form](#)

Instagram

As you are already aware we have recently set up a school Instagram account. We have decided to keep the account private.

Here is the link to follow to give consent for your child to appear on the account:

<https://forms.gle/QwcV1wzVgwn7MGBB7>

We are collecting your Instagram handles to accept followers. Please come and see us on the door at the beginning and end of the day. If you have an unusual handle, please let us know, otherwise you may not be accepted to follow us.

Any questions, please let us know.

School Calendar of Events

The school calendar of events has been updated on the school website. You can subscribe to the calendar and sync it to your own device by following the link:

<https://www.pontarddulaisprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2026/02/>

Residentials

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a reminder that full payment for the forthcoming residential trips must be made by **Friday 27th February 2026**.

Please ensure that payment is completed by this date to secure your child's place on the trip. If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulties with payment, do not hesitate to contact the school as soon as possible. A kit list and consent forms have been sent home. Please return these as soon as possible if you haven't done so yet.

Diary Dates and upcoming events.

Dates for your diary:

13th	February	Last day – end of half term
23rd	February	Pupils Return to School
2 nd	March	St. David's Day
4th	March	Y5 and Y6 Llangrannog Residential
6 th	March	World Book Day 2026
11th	March	Y4 Llain Residential
20th	March	Comic Relief
23rd	March	Parental Consultation Week
27th	March	Last day – end of term
13 th	April	INSET Day
14 th	April	Pupils Return to School
22nd	May	Last day of term
1st	June	Pupils Return to School
2nd	June	Colorfoto Class Photos & Y6 Leavers
9th	June	Sports Day (Nursery TBC)
22nd	June	Sports Day (Reserve day)
29th	June	Transition week
6 th	July	Reports to go out.
17th	July	Last day for children
20th	July	INSET day

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mr G Davies

Headteacher.