



Penguin Class

Penclawdd Primary School : Spring Term 2026



Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for all that 2026 has to offer! We are very excited for all the fun we are going to have!

We have loved hearing all the children's stories about Christmas. It's clear to see they all had a wonderful time!

We have welcomed a few new Penguins to the family too, which is very exciting! We are enjoying getting to know them.

If you have any questions, or need anything, please let me know.

Themes and Interests

As you know, we operate "In the moment planning." This approach to learning allows the children to explore their own interests, sparking great curiosity and engagement. Also this term, we will be exploring "People who help us" This will touch upon people in the community who help keep us safe and those who look after us. The change of season is always a great talking point too – looking at the changes in weather and colours alongside animals and habitats. This is always so popular in Forest School!



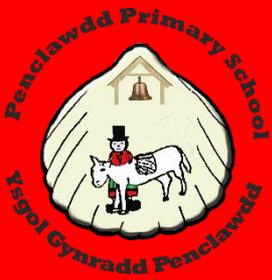
Engage/ visitors

People who help us – a day celebrating our unsung heroes!! Date to be confirmed.

Easter Bonnet parade – date to be confirmed

**Our January Right of the Month is:
Article 28 : The Right To Education**





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Literacy

Our main focus this term will be Oracy. We encourage the children to talk talk talk! We also encourage them to ask questions and be curious. We want rich conversations learning all about ourselves and each other. We will also touch on writing - the children are so creative and love to be writing, drawing and painting! Every morning, we will be doing disco dough, ribbon rhumba alongside phonic activities.

Cymraeg

Cymraeg – Welsh – is an integral part of our morning. Lots of instructions are in Welsh, we sing lots of songs about how we feel, what the weather is like all in Welsh. We are very passionate about being Welsh and we try to use the language as much as we can. We also read Welsh stories to encourage our sense of belonging.

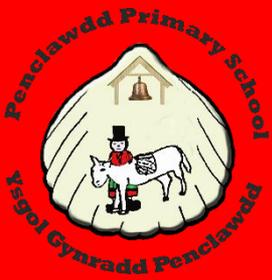
Reading Books

Reading books come home once a week on a specific day. Please only send in your child's reading book on the allocated day – it will be on the front of the reading record. Reading is a wonderful activity to do together and supports language and oracy skills.

Numeracy

We will be focussing on numbers - counting forwards and backwards, beginning to recognise them and write them! We will also be looking at shapes and capacity.





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Forest School

Our Forest School is on a Monday. We absolutely love to be outside and the benefits to the children are huge. Please can all children have a puddle suit and wellies in school throughout the week. We are outside most days and it's handy to have these in school for such occasions.

PE

Our PE day is a Friday. Please can all children come to school in joggers / leggings and trainers. We have so much fun during our PE sessions – we build obstacle courses, play games to enhance co ordination, use the parachute to play games and so much more. We have some sturdy athletes already!!

Health & Wellbeing

It is incredibly important that the children feel safe in school and are happy coming into class. Everything else will follow naturally. We check in with the children every day and are here to help them in anyway we can.



Fruit/Veg Snack - Healthy School Reminder

Please can all children have a healthy fruit snack each day. Please cut grapes into quarters. No crisps or chocolate and also NO NUTS! We only have 10 mins for snack time – please send in a reasonable amount of food.

We have toast on Wednesday!!

Home Learning



We ask that you read with your child and talk lots!! I occasionally send little bits of homework home.

To support your child's learning, these are the songs we sing in class.

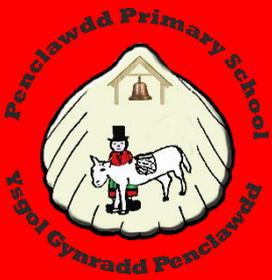
[A - Z Phonics Letter Sound Songs](#) | [Alphabet Letter Sound Songs](#) | [Jolly Phonics Song With Lyrics](#)

[Let's Count up to Ten - Counting Song](#)

[Caru Canu](#) | [Lliwiau'r Enfys \(Welsh Children's Song\)](#)

Seesaw

I have an afternoon for PPA a week, this is when I tend to upload most photos. I endeavor to post daily but it does depend on the day. If you have any problems or questions, please pop me a message.



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Reminders

Day	Activity	Information
Monday	Forest School	Puddle sui and wellies to stay in school
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Toast	We provie toast – please send in a small snack in addition if you wish.
Thursday		
Friday	PE	Comfy clothes and trainers



Diary Dates

January	25/1/26 – St Dwynwens Day
February	9/2/26 – Children’s Mental Health Week 10/2/26 – Safer Internet Day 13/2/26 – Dydd Mwysig Cymru
March	2/3/26 – St David’s Celebration 5/3/26 – World Book Day 9/3/26 – British Science Week 20/3/26 – Red Nose Day 23 – 24/3/26 – Parents Evening