

Radnor Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Radnor

Newsletter 1

11th September 2025



Together we can do our best!

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School Updates

As many of you will have noticed, work on the SRB, is continuing at pace and, despite some of the unexpected surprises that inevitably come with a project of this scale, excellent progress continues to be made. We are now beginning to see the finish line in sight and are incredibly excited about the opportunities this development will bring for our school community.

While much of the attention naturally focuses on work being undertaken outside, I would like to take a moment to celebrate some of the significant work that has taken place inside the building. Our lower-floor classrooms have been completely refurbished, with fresh decoration, new flooring, modern lighting, fitted blinds and brand-new furniture throughout. These transformed learning environments are already having a wonderfully positive impact on the children, creating bright, welcoming and engaging spaces where they can thrive.



Dosbarth Enfys

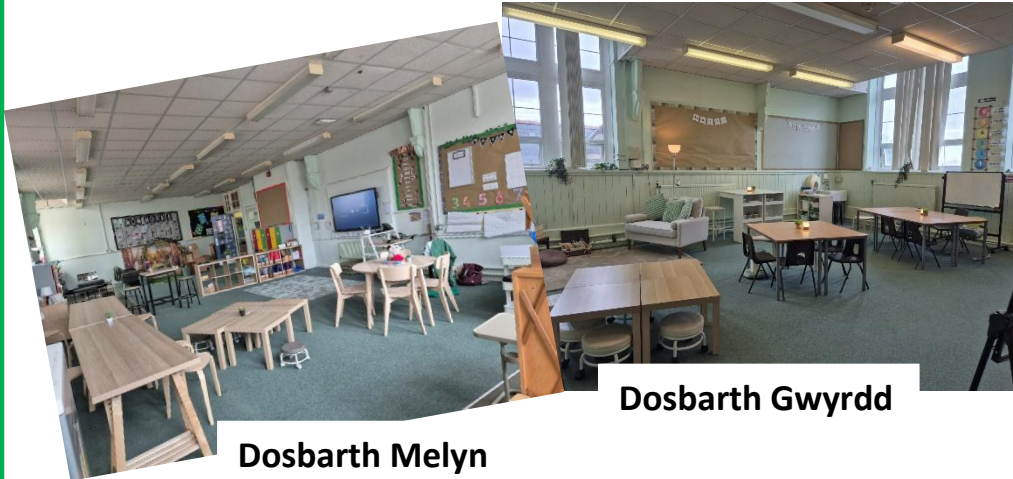


Dosbarth Coch

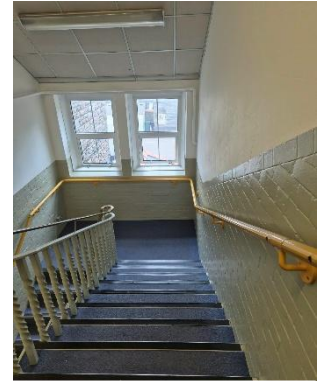


Dosbarth Oren

While much of our focus has understandably been on the SRB project, improvements have also been taking place across the wider school. I would like to thank all staff who have supported these developments, particularly Mr Mehmood, our caretaker, whose hard work and dedication have helped to make a real difference to our learning environments. The staircase leading to our upper classrooms has been freshly painted and now provides a brighter, calmer and more welcoming space for our children and visitors. We have also invested in flexible seating options across all Key Stage 2 classrooms, further enhancing our inclusive learning environments and ensuring that our spaces meet the needs of all learners.



Dosbarth Gwyrdd



Stairwell



Dosbarth Glas



Dosbarth Indigo



Dosbarth Fioled

We are also pleased to celebrate the completion of improvements to the outdoor area linked to these classrooms. A new canopy, due to be fully completed early next week, will provide valuable outdoor learning opportunities throughout the year, whatever the weather. In addition, a new sail is currently being installed over part of the astroturf area on the main playground and is also due for completion early next week. This will further enhance our outdoor learning provision and, during the warmer summer months, provide an additional shaded area for children to enjoy safely and comfortably.

Work has now also commenced on the creation of a new outdoor garden area, located where the former shelter once stood. We look forward to seeing this exciting space develop over the coming weeks and the opportunities it will provide for learning, exploration and wellbeing.

We fully recognise that the building works have been extensive. However, once fully completed, the project will provide significant benefits for all our pupils, both within our mainstream provision and within the soon-to-be-opened specialist resource base.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support, patience and understanding throughout this period of change. Your encouragement and cooperation have been greatly appreciated, and we look forward to sharing further milestones with you soon.

Child Protection and Safeguarding



Radnor Primary School Safeguarding Team

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility... At Radnor Primary School safeguarding children is at the heart of everything we do. We are passionate about providing a safe, secure and welcoming environment for all children in our school.

Do you need someone to talk to?

Are you worried about something or someone?

Do you need help?

We are here to help



Mrs Williams
Headteacher
DSP - Designated
Safeguarding Person



Mr Roderick
Deputy Headteacher
DDSP



Miss Wainwright
Deputy Headteacher & ALNCo
DDSP

DDSPs - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Persons



Miss Pritchard
Senior Leader
DDSP



Mr Morgan
Senior Leader
DDSP



Mr Tuberville
Chair of Governors

If you have any concerns that a child is at risk of harm or receive a disclosure you must contact a member of our safeguarding team as quickly as possible

Healthy

Respectful

Inclusive

Resilient

Kind

Eco-
friendly

The safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils is of paramount importance to us. On occasions we may need to share information about your child with other agencies to safeguard their welfare.

We have a comprehensive Safeguarding/Child Protection policy.

The designated Child Protection Officer is Mrs Williams (Head Teacher).

The deputy designated Child Protection Officers are Mr Roderick and Miss Wainwright (Deputy Head Teachers), Mrs Pritchard (Senior Leadership Team) and Mr Morgan (Senior Leadership Team).

Contact Information and Permissions

We also ask you to inform the office if:

- There are any changes to be made to your personal information E.g. address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc.
- You wish to updated permissions for the taking and use of photographs/videos, for permission for routine visits /activities, and for the participation in the bike bus.

Contact can be via telephone: 029 2038 7506 or email: radnorprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Let's Get Attendance Back on Track – Everyday Matters!

We continue to focus on getting our school attendance back on track.

Why is attendance important?

- We care about your child's education;
- Poor attendance will have a negative effect on your child's learning;
- We want our children to make the most of their experiences in school

What do I do if my child is unwell?

Please contact the school EACH DAY your child is ill. If you have not contacted the school, we will send a message to ascertain the reason for the absence.



Punctuality – Being in school on time!

For the children, being in school on time provides a GREAT START to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities. It helps your child make friends which leads to improved self-confidence and therefore SUCCESS. It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it is ok to be late!

We close the large school gate promptly at 8:55 a.m. to enable school to start smoothly; if you arrive after this time and come in via the smaller gate, your child will be marked late.

Please ensure your child arrives to school by 8:55am

P.E Days

The children are asked to wear their P.E kit into school on the days they have P.E and remain in it for the entire day.

Class P.E days are as follows:

Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd	Dosbarth Glas	Dosbarth Indigo	Dosbarth Fioled
Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Friday	Monday Thursday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Thursday	Monday Tuesday	Tuesday Friday

The P.E kit does not have a school logo and is as follows:

- **Navy bottoms:** shorts, cycling shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms.
- **Navy jumper:** sweatshirt or hoodie
- **Trainers**
- **Plain white t-shirt**



Following consultation, we will be introducing the coloured t-shirts to match the house colours for September 2027. Our new Reception class will be implementing this from September 2026, and this is also open to remaining pupils in the school.

As we are in the coming into the winter months it would also be advisable for pupils to ensure they have a waterproof coat too.

Llongyfarchiadau! – Congratulations

★★ Seren Y Wythos ★★

Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd	Dosbarth Glas	Dosbarth Indigo	Dosbarth Fioled
Whole Class Award	Whole Class Award	Whole Class Award	Franklin	Pedro	Osian	Autumn	Kaylum

★★ Siaradwr Cymraeg Yr Wythnos ★★

Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd	Dosbarth Glas	Dosbarth Indigo	Dosbarth Fioled
Nia	Elsie	Farah	Maxi	Josh	Lucia	Elliot	Hugo



This week's Headteacher's Hero is
Tom in Dosbarth Oren.
For being selected for Cardiff and Vale
Football Development squad

Ardderchog; we are so proud of you!



Transfer to Secondary Education: September 2027

If you have a child currently in year 6 you will need to apply for a place in a secondary school this autumn.

- Applications opened on Friday 4 September 2026. **The closing date for applications is Friday 30 October 2026.** Applications received after this date will be considered after all the on-time applications have been assessed. Many schools fill up in this first round of allocations, so it greatly increases your chance of being allocated one of your preferences if you apply on time.
- We strongly recommend that you apply for 5 different schools (or 3 if solely applying for Welsh medium education) and that you include your catchment area school.
- Whilst living in a catchment area can help your child's chances of receiving an offer of a place at the school (if applied for), there is no guarantee this will be possible.
- You will be allocated the highest preference that the council can. Some schools will be oversubscribed in which case we will use the published oversubscription criteria to allocate places up to the number of places available at that school. If you fall outside this number, we will look at your next preference. Therefore, it is important to express as many preferences as you can (up to the maximum of 5) as you may be able to secure a school in the first round that will not be available in subsequent rounds.
- Be sure to answer all the questions in the application process fully. These answers (such as details of older siblings, or medical/social issues your child may have) can influence your eligibility for a school place. If you don't tell us, we don't know.
- Cardiff community schools do not operate a feeder system. Attendance at particular primary has no bearing on how likely we are to be able to offer a particular secondary school. This may not be the case for our co-ordinated admissions partner schools (see below) please check their oversubscription criteria as they differ from the Council's.
- If you are applying to Bishop Llandaff CW High School, Corpus Christi RC High School, Mary Immaculate RC High School, St Illtyd's RC High School or St Teilo's CW High School, you will need to apply online AND complete and return their supplementary form – this form collects important information that the schools need to assess your application correctly. Supplementary forms are available via the individual schools' websites. A link is provided during the main council portal application where appropriate.
- You can make changes to your application up to the closing date, but if you do be sure to press 'Submit' on the final page when you are happy with your application. Applications left unsubmitted at the point the system closes cannot be accepted.
- If your child is the subject of a statement of special educational needs or is undergoing a formal assessment you are still required to submit an application for your preferred school places. You will be notified of your child's proposed school place by the Achievement and Inclusion Service as soon as possible.
- If you would like support with your application, assistance is available at Council Hubs or via your Primary School. You can find the locations and opening hours of the hubs at www.cardiff.gov.uk/hubs What happens next?
- You will receive the outcome of your application on **Monday 1 March 2027**. You will need to accept or reject an offer of a place by **Monday 15 March 2027**.

Bringing your Four-Legged Friends on the School Run

It is always lovely to see families and their dogs as part of our school community at the beginning and end of each day. We know that many of our children enjoy seeing and greeting our four-legged visitors on the school run.

However, we are mindful that some children can feel anxious or frightened around dogs, regardless of how friendly or well-behaved they may be. For these children, walking past dogs at the school gates can be a worrying experience and may make arriving at school more challenging.

To help ensure that all children feel safe, comfortable and confident when entering and leaving school, we kindly ask that anyone bringing a dog to school positions themselves a little distance away from the school gates and main entrance routes. This will allow children who are nervous around dogs to access and leave the playground without worry.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Year 5 Shine in Conflict Resolution Workshops

Year 5 impressed us during our Conflict Resolution workshops with their thoughtful contributions and mature attitudes towards discussing disagreements. The children learned about the difference between positive and negative conflict, exploring how conflict can sometimes help us solve problems and strengthen relationships when handled appropriately. They also practised resolving conflicts in an assertive and respectful manner, using a range of strategies to communicate their feelings and listen to others. We were delighted to see the children confidently putting these skills into practice, and we look forward to continuing our work on conflict resolution later in Year 5.

Requests for Verification of Identity

We would like to inform you that as a school we are unable to sign or countersign passport application forms for pupils or their family members. We are also unable to countersign or witness other official documents, including citizenship applications and similar legal paperwork.

This policy is in place as these processes require individuals to verify personal information and it would not be appropriate for school staff to provide this as part of their professional duties.

If you require a countersignature, please refer to the UK Government's guidance on eligible signatories. This includes certain professionals and community members who have known you personally for at least two years and are able to confirm your identity.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Dates for your Diary 2025-2026

Please see below a list of important dates for this academic year. These dates will be added to the school calendar on the website next week and will also be accessible via class dojo. Please ensure you check these dates regularly as there may be additions.



SEPTEMBER:

- **Tuesday 1st September – INSET DAY 1 – School closed for children**
- **Wednesday 2nd September – INSET Day 2 – School closed for children**
- **Thursday 3rd September – Dosbarth Melyn, Gwyrdd, Glas, Indigo & Fioled return to school.**
- **Friday 4th September – Dosbarth Enfys, Coch and Oren return to school**
- Friday 4th September – Transfer to Secondary Education, September 2027 applications open.
- Monday 14th September – Friday 25th September – Baseline Assessments for all children, to include Personalised Assessments in Reading and Mathematics for Y3-Y6
- Tuesday 15th September – 3:30pm Meeting for Year 6 parents/carers about Llangrannog
- Thursday 17th September – 3:30pm Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers about Atlantic College
- Thursday 24th September – 3:30pm Bike Bus Introduction meeting for parents/carers
- Friday 25th September – Bike Bus 1
- Monday 28th September – Thursday 1st October – Y6 Cycle Training

OCTOBER:

- Monday 5th October – Harvest Festival – Food Bank Donations
- Friday 9th October – Bike Bus 2
- Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October – Y6 Road Safety Team Visit
- Wednesday 14th October – Booking system opens for Parent/Carer Meetings
- Friday 16th October – Show Racism the Red Card – Wear red
- Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October – Showcases – Parents/carers invited into Classrooms

	Monday 19th October	Tuesday 20th October	Wednesday 21st October	Thursday 22nd October	Friday 23rd October
9:30 – 10:15		Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Fioled	Dosbarth Glas
2:15 – 3:00	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd		Dosbarth Indigo

- Wednesday 21st October – 10:30am Year 5 and Year 6 at Sherman Theatre – Balloon Girl
- Thursday 22nd October – 6pm Book system opens for After School Clubs via parent pay
- Friday 23rd October – Bike Bus 3
- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – HALF TERM**
- Friday 30th October – Transfer to Secondary Education, September 2027 applications close.

NOVEMBER:

- **Monday 2nd November – Children return to school**
- Thursday 5th November - 6pm Book system closes for After School Clubs via parent pay
- Friday 6th November – Bike Bus 4
- Monday 9th November & Wednesday 11th November – Parent/Carer Meetings with teachers
- Wednesday 11th November Reception 2027 Open sessions. Visits to the school between 9:30am and 11am and 1:30pm and 2:30pm
- Week Beginning 16th November. After School Clubs start on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4 weeks.

- Tuesday 17th November – Bike Bus 5
- Monday 23rd November – 10-12am Y6 Crucial Crew to Wales Field Hospital
- Wednesday 25th November Reception 2027 Open sessions. Visits to the school between 9:30am and 11am and 1:30pm and 2:30pm
- **Friday 27th November – INSET DAY 3 – School closed for children**
Week beginning 30th November – Y6 Enterprising fortnight – week 1

DECEMBER:

- Thursday 3rd December - 1:45pm Dosbarth Enfys Christmas Performance
- Friday 4th December – Bike Bus 6
- Wednesday 9th December Reception 2027 Open sessions. Visits to the school between 9:30am and 11am and 1:30pm and 2:30pm
- Thursday 10th December – 2pm Dosbarth Coch and Oren Christmas Performance
Week beginning 7th December – Y6 Enterprising fortnight – week 2
- Week Beginning 14th December – After School Clubs Finish
- Tuesday 15th December – Y6 Enterprise sale for children
- Wednesday 16th December 2pm Dosbarth Melyn Christmas Showcase
- Thursday 17th December 10:30am – Radnor Arc (SRB) Christmas Showcase
- Friday 18th December – Bike Bus 7 Christmas Bling your ride.
- **Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

JANUARY

- **Monday 4th January 2026 – INSET DAY 4 – School closed for children**
- **Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school**
- Wednesday 6th January Reception 2027 Open sessions. Visits to the school between 9:30am and 11am and 1:30pm and 2:30pm
- Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January Y2 Personalised Assessments in Reading and Mathematics
- Thursday 21st January – 6pm Booking system opens for After School Clubs
- Thursday 28th January – 6pm Booking system closes for After School Clubs

FEBRUARY

- Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February – Showcases – Parents/carers invited into Classrooms

	Monday 1st February	Tuesday 2nd February	Wednesday 3rd February	Thursday 4th February	Friday 5th February
9:30 – 10:15		Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Fioled	Dosbarth Glas
2:15 – 3:00	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd		Dosbarth Indigo

- **Monday 8th – Friday 12th February –HALF TERM**
- **Monday 15th February - Children return to school.**
- Week Beginning 22nd February - After School Clubs start on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 8 weeks.
- Wednesday 24th February– Booking system opens for Parent/Carer Meetings

MARCH:

- Thursday 4th March – World Book Day
- Monday 8th March – Wednesday 10th March -Y6 Residential to Llangrannog
- Tuesday 9th March– Booking system closes for Parent/Carer Meetings
- Monday 15th March & Wednesday 17th March – Parent/Carer Meetings with teachers
- Thursday 18th March – Year 4 and Year 5 Spring Performance
- **Monday 22nd March to Friday 2nd April – Half Term**

APRIL

- **Monday 5th April - Children return to school.**
- Wednesday 14th April to – Friday 16th April – Y4 Residential to Atlantic College
- Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd April – Showcases – Parents/carers invited into Classrooms

	Monday 19th April	Tuesday 20th April	Wednesday 21st April	Thursday 22nd April	Friday 23rd April
9:30 – 10:15		Dosbarth Oren	Dosbarth Enfys	Dosbarth Fioled	Dosbarth Glas
2:15 – 3:00	Dosbarth Coch	Dosbarth Melyn	Dosbarth Gwyrdd		Dosbarth Indigo

- Week Beginning 26th April - After School Clubs Finish
- **Friday 30th April – INSET Day 5 – School closed for children.**

MAY

- **Monday 3rd May – BANK HOLIDAY**
- Wednesday 19th May – Sports Day at Thompson Park. Dosbarth Melyn, Gwyrdd, Glas, Indigo and Fioled am. Dosbarth Enfys, Coch and Oren pm
- **Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – HALF TERM**

JUNE

- **Monday 7th June - Children return to school**
- Week Beginning 7th June - After School Clubs start on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 5 weeks.
- Monday 7th June – Thursday 24th June Personalised Assessments in Y2-Y6
- Wednesday 16th June – 9:30am Reception 2027 Information Session for parents/carers
- **Friday 25th June – INSET Day 6 – School closed for children**
- Friday 25th June – Afternoon stay and play sessions for Reception 2027 children.
- Wednesday 23rd June – Reserve Sports Day at Thompson Park

JULY

- Week Beginning 5th July - After School Clubs Finish
- Friday 9th July – End of year reports shared with parents/carers
- Wednesday 14th July and Monday 19th July– Teachers available to meet parents/carers to discuss end of year reports
- Thursday 15th July – 1:45pm Year 6 Leavers Performance