

Tycroes Primary School

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Friday 26th September 2025

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Message from Mrs Watts

Thank you so much for your company at the Harvest Celebration. We hope you enjoyed sampling what the children had been cooking! Thank you also for joining us to raise money at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – together we raised approximately £180 from the refreshments and non-uniform donations!

Just a reminder that the collection for Mr Williams on Parent Pay will close later this week, should you wish to contribute. Diolch.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Watts

Pantomime

The junior children (Year 3 to Year 6) have an opportunity to go to the pantomime 'Aladdin' at Swansea Grand Theatre on Weds 17th December. The cost of the trip is £20 per ticket, (£15 for Free School Meals). Please complete the Form to reserve a ticket for your child/ren. **The Form closes at 10am on Wed 1st Oct.**

The link is <https://forms.office.com/e/B1KDUjQRvA>

Attendance

Over the next week, Mr Evans will be monitoring attendance to identify children below 90% and will be contacting you to discuss this. Attendance is a priority on our School Development Plan (priorities are visible on the entrance doors of the school). It's important to remember that even at 90%, this still means that your child will miss almost four weeks of school across the year which is significant.

<https://www.cararthenshire.gov.wales/council-services/education-schools/miss-school-miss-out/>

Dates – Autumn Term

Wb 6th Oct Baseline assessments (Y2-Y6)
13/14th Oct Parents' Evenings (not Y5)
14th/15th Oct Parents' Evening (Y5)
Wb 20th Oct Tycroes Tidy-Up Week
23rd Oct Autumn Discos pm (TBC)
24th Oct Non-Uniform Day & Break Up
3rd Nov Back to school
12th Nov Flu Nasal Spray
14th Nov Wear blue for Diabetes Day
21st Nov Children In Need
28th Nov Christmas Fayre
3/4th Dec Junior Carol Service (3rd afternoon, 4th evening)
9th/10th Dec Infant Concerts (9th afternoon, 10th evening)
10th Dec Christmas Dinner Day
16th Dec Infant Pantomime Trip
17th Dec Junior Pantomime Trip
19th Dec Break Up

Rights and Values

Our Value of the Month is Friendship.

Our Right of the Month is:

'All children have the right to meet with friends'

Neurodiversity and Autism Support

There are two websites which we would like to signpost you to which may be helpful for parents of children who are neurodivergent. The first is Autside which offers online family seminars and courses on a range of topics including understanding autism, sensory differences, managing anger, anxiety, communication and Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA). A list of free Family Seminars is available below. Neurodivergence Wales also offers a wealth of resources for parents at <https://neurodivergencewales.org/en/parents-carers/>

Autside FREE Family Seminar Schedule		
Email teamautside@autside.co.uk to book a space		
Date	Time	Seminar Topic
• 16.09.2025	9.30-12.30	Understanding Autism
• 18.09.2025	17.00-19.00	Understanding Autism
• 20.09.2025	9.30-12.30	Understanding Autism
• 23.09.2025	9.30-12.30	Understanding ADHD
• 30.09.2025	9.30-12.30	Communication
• 07.10.2025	9.30-12.30	Sensory Processing
• 14.10.2025	9.30-12.30	Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns
• 16.10.2025	17.00-19.00	Understanding ADHD
• 21.10.2025	9.30-12.30	Cognitive Styles
• 25.10.2025	9.30-12.30	Understanding ADHD
• 04.11.2025	9.30-12.30	Autism and Extreme Demand Avoidance Profiles (EDA/PDA)
• 13.11.2025	17.00-19.00	Managing Meltdowns
• 18.11.2025	9.30-12.30	Supporting Siblings
• 22.11.2025	9.30-12.30	Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns
• 25.11.2025	9.30-12.30	Eating, Sleeping and Toileting
• 02.12.2025	9.30-12.30	Dealing with Christmas

Next attachment

'Tycroes Tidy Up' Week – week of 20th October

As part of our efforts to try and involve parents/carers in the wider life of the school, we are going to be holding a 'Tycroes Tidy Up' week where we are hoping that you can offer your skills and expertise to help us improve the school ground and décor! This was originally planned for next week, but we are postponing this until the last week of the half term, 20th – 24th October. We would appreciate help with the following jobs:

- Gardening/weeding and general grounds tidy up
- Clearing rubbish/old or broken equipment into a skip
- Clearing the shed
- Basic painting (indoor classrooms – not at height!)
- General handywork!
- Making refreshments for the volunteers!

! Mr Evans will be coordinating, so please keep an eye out for further information. Any time you can spare to help us will be gratefully received, and you can help us make Ysgol Tycroes a bright and inviting place for everyone! Diolch.

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL! *'Everyone different, belonging together!'*



Seren Yr Wythnos & Siaradwr Cymraeg



Aman Peter & Leo- Jay
Tywi Sakura & Jayden-James
Cennen Aurora & Leo
Fferws Evie & Alyssia
Marlas Khadine & Evie
Dulais Hollie & George
Gwili Thea & Archie



Congratulations to Harrison
on winning the Headteacher
Award this week!

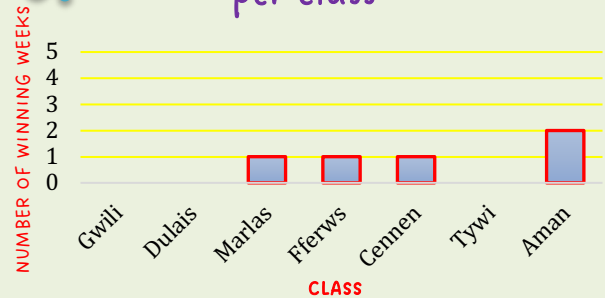
Whole school
attendance is
95.3%

Attendance

Gwili	95.2%
Dulais	92.7%
Marlas	95.4%
Fferws	95.3%
Cennen	95.2%
Tywi	95.7%
Aman	97.9%

Da iawn
Dosbarth
Aman! 😊

Number of winning weeks per class



Weekly round
up!
What have we been
doing?
@YsgolTycroes



The Infants have
been busy this
week! 😊