



SEPTEMBER 2026

NEWS LETTER

HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the new, and welcome back existing families. The first three days have been wonderfully settled and staff were thrilled to open the doors to the children for the 2026-2027 academic year. Pupils present on day one were dressed incredibly smart in their uniform albeit a little tired. One thing we all miss from summer is a lie in! Once learners warmed up, they demonstrated great enthusiasm and were keen to start their activities.



Rewards and Celebration



This year, we are revamping some rewards. Our children will be celebrated for many different reasons including good attendance, good effort and learning attitudes and excellent behaviour. In the past we have celebrated all of the above but this year we are seeking to really incentivise and encourage positivity. Weekly, staff in school will look out for key behaviours to reward. Each Friday, 3 children per class will be selected as Behaviour Award winners and be treated as a VIP for the following whole week. You will also receive a call home. So if you see our school number please answer, it isn't always bad news!

UNIFORM

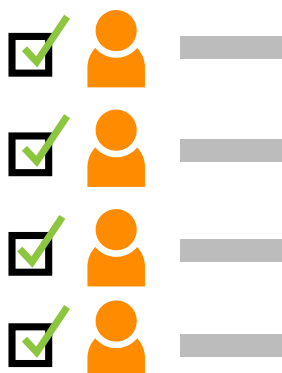
I have to applaud the efforts of all families the first week. Uniform standards were excellent. Please maintain this by always dressing your children in the correct uniform and PE kit and ensure if you are entitled, you maximise on the School Essentials Grant which is available to those who receive certain benefits. Here's the website:
<https://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant-help-school-costs>.



SEESAW AND MYCHILDATSCHOOL APP

Communication is crucial between home and school is crucial. Whilst we would love to individually speak to all parents and carers at the door, this isn't efficient. Our two main sources of communication is through Seesaw and the MCAS app. Seesaw shows messages, letters and allows for instant home-school messaging. Please be mindful that teachers will only respond during working hours. You can always email, mailbox@hafodywern-pri.sch.uk. Occasionally, we share information on our school facebook page: Hafod Y Wern CP.

ATTENDANCE



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This year our target attendance is 95% or above. Whilst we understand the value of family holidays, and that illness or exceptional circumstances may result in attendance decline, 95% is a perfectly reasonable target for 189 available school days. It is approximately 2 weeks off, whilst this will cause lost learning, it can be supported with catch up. Anything more than this will create gaps in skills and knowledge. Any holiday requests where existing attendance is below 96% or will take a pupil below 95% will be unauthorised. Persistent absences or for those parents who do not provide reasons for absences will result in: letters home, Education Social Worker referrals and possibly fixed penalty notices. It could go as far as being taken to court for educational neglect. Let's make sure this does not happen.

Incentives For Good Attendance

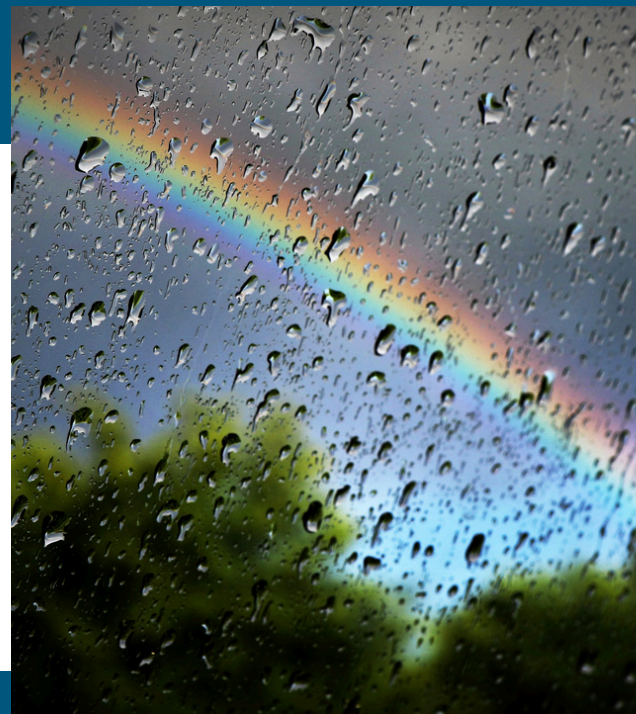
Children have been set a challenge to enter Clwb Cant y Cant – 100% club.

Weekly we will celebrate children who have attended school all week. Every half term children whose attendance is on track 96% and above will be invited to have a special treat for example an School Hall cinema experience or park visit. At the end of the year those learners with 100% attendance will receive cinema vouchers and 1 entry into our star prize raffle with a chance to win a brand new tablet. Education matters, attendance matters!



COATS ETC.

The weather is typically Welsh and after a hot summer we expect a wet autumn. Please ensure your children are wearing appropriate footwear and have suitable coats for the cold and wintry months. We have some spares and may be able to sign post you to help if needed. Please also ensure your children have their names on all clothing. If names are present, lost and found items will always be returned.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

Get Help Now

Anyone can be a victim of domestic abuse no matter your background or current circumstances.

We understand the causes and effects of domestic abuse and the impact it can have on peoples' lives so whatever your situation, our team will listen and work with you to provide support, information, and advice.

We will always put your wishes and safety first.

Confidential Helpline

0333 360 0483

Out of Hours

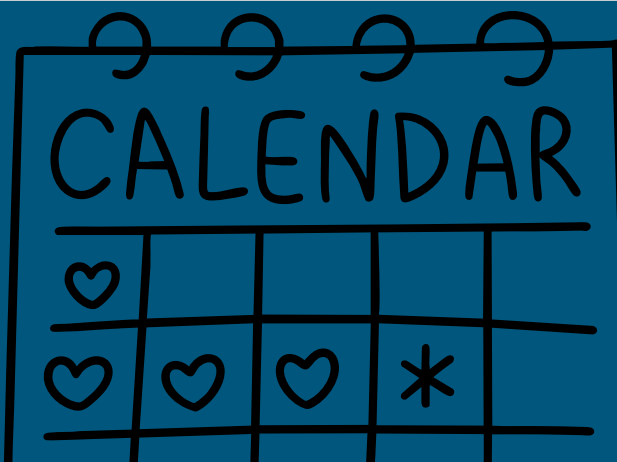
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TERM DATES

School Opens	School Closes/ INSET day
	Inset 1 - Tuesday 1st September 2026
Autumn 1 Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
	Inset 2 - Monday 2nd November 2026
Autumn 2 Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
	Inset 3 - Monday 4th January 2027
Spring 1 Tuesday 5th January 2027	Friday 5th February 2027
Spring 2 Monday 15th February 2027	Friday 19th March 2027
	Inset 4 - Monday 5th April 2027
Summer 1 Tuesday 6th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
MAY BANK HOLIDAY School closed	Monday 3rd May 2027
Summer 2 Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 16th July 2027
	Inset 5 - Monday 19th July 2027
	Inset 6 - Tuesday 20th July 2027



NEW

Apply Now

EE Nursery places FOR JANUARY 2027

Brand new to Hafod Y Wern this year, we have approval for Funded Early Education starting January 2027. Children whose 3rd birthday falls between September 1st to December 31st will be eligible for a 10-hour funded place for the Spring and Summer term, from January until July. We have some limited availability for morning and afternoon sessions apply now to avoid disappointment!



**APPLY BEFORE OCTOBER
23RD!**

