

# Llanfair Primary School

## April 2025 Newsletter



### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 1st April	Corn Du (Reception/Y1) Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd April	Pen Y Fan (Y1/ Y2) Class assembly
Friday 4th April	Wear purple to school to support military children in education.
Wednesday 9th April	Year 1,2,3 trip to Cosmeston lake
Thursday 10th April	Easter fun day
Friday 11th April	Year 6 cycling proficiency
Friday 11th April	End of Spring term
Monday 28th April	Nursery closure morning
Monday 28th April	Summer term starts for pupils in reception to year 6
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 7th May	Year 4 trip to Techniquet
Thursday 8th May	Scholastic Book Fayre arriving at school
Thursday 8th May	Y6 trip to Crucial Crew
Thursday 8th May	VE Day—80th Anniversary
Friday 9th May	VE Day—80th Anniversary School celebration (please see additional information in the newsletter)
Thursday 15th May	Tempest photography—class photos
Friday 23rd May	Inset Day
Monday 26th May	HALF TERM
W/C 9th June	Tray and Display children's work event
Wednesday 18th June	SPORTS DAY
Wednesday 25th June	Sports Day reserve
Thursday 26th June	Year 6 transition at Cowbridge Comprehensive School and Llantwit Major Comprehensive School
Tuesday 1st July	Year 3 and 4 trip to Atlantic College
Friday 4th July	PTA Splash Out event
Wednesday 9th July	Y6 leavers party
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 Leavers assembly
Thursday 1st July	Summer Party (PTA event)

\* anything amended/ extra that has been added to the original dates for the diary which was sent at the start of term

The Vale of Glamorgan council are not renewing the contract with the current email providers for all schools in the Vale.

The school email address [llanfairps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:llanfairps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) will be discontinued on July 1st. Please use

[office@llanfairps.com](mailto:office@llanfairps.com) for all email enquiries.

Please save this email address in your contacts.



## Financial Pressures—Budget Cuts

As I have previously made you aware, schools across the country are facing severe financial pressures, and unfortunately, our school is no exception. This year, we are once again facing a significant budget deficit—the worst we have encountered since I have been at the school.

Despite these challenges, we remain fully committed to delivering the high-quality education your children deserve. However, in order to manage our budget effectively, there will inevitably be changes and adjustments to the way we operate.

One such change which will happen immediately will involve how we provide short-term class cover when teachers are required for essential meetings or training. Moving forward, our highly skilled and competent Level 3-trained Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) will step in to teach classes for short-term absences. Please be assured that all work will be carefully planned, set, and evaluated by the class teacher to ensure continuity of learning.

We understand that any change to your child's education may raise concerns and we want to assure you that every decision we make is with their best interests at heart. Like many other schools, we are doing everything possible to maintain the highest standards of teaching and learning within the constraints we face.

Your continued support is invaluable to us during these difficult times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Inset days

The remaining inset days for the academic year will be taken on:

- **Friday 23rd May**
- **Monday 22nd July.**

### Sports Day

**Sports day this year will be held on Wednesday 18th June with a back up date pencilled in for Wednesday 25th June.** The foundation phase sports day will start at 9.30am with nursery pupils participating first.

The afternoon session will see the Years 3 to 6 compete. Pupils will take part in a range of races throughout the afternoon. The event will start at 1.30pm.



### Comic Relief



Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief this year. The school raised **£ 238.50** in total which is fantastic!



On **Friday 9th May**, the school will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a full day of activities themed around the end of the Second World War. Throughout the day, a carousel of activities will be led by teachers from Reception to Year 6, each offering a range of engaging and educational experiences.

At lunchtime, we will host a street party, with the catering department providing a special menu for us to enjoy outdoors (weather permitting).

In celebration, children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue or in a 1940s-inspired costume. We look forward to a memorable day of learning and celebration!

## PTA Spring Ball

On Saturday, 22nd March, the PTA hosted the Llanfair Spring Ball, raising an impressive total of £7,259.57 which is a fantastic amount for this event. As mentioned in a previous email, we would like to extend our thanks to all the businesses and individuals who generously donated prizes for the raffle and auctions, as well as to those who dedicated their time to making the event such a success.



### *A special thanks to...*

Julian Hitchcok and team from The Bear Hotel for all their support, enthusiasm and unimaginable generosity.

Lady Rock Band for generously donating their time and talent to provide an incredible evening of entertainment!

Rhian at Wild and Fabulous for the stunning flower centerpieces! If you'd like to take one home, they'll be available for a donation at the end of the evening.

David Adams for securing an incredible array of raffle prizes from local businesses.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for supporting us this evening and raising money for Llanfair primary school. It is very much appreciated.

Also a special thank you to all those that have provided a Raffle or Auction Prize.





*A big thank you  
to all those that  
have provided a  
raffle, auction or  
hamper prizes*

Julian and Esther Hitchcock  
Town and Country Collective  
Steve Williams, @ [www.mowers-online.co.uk](http://www.mowers-online.co.uk)  
Kim Davies @ Vale Reflexology  
Chris Anderson, Wales Rugby and Cardiff Blues  
Antonella Cullen, Obscene Desserts  
Baked Desserts by Vicky Morgan  
Kara Oakley, Vale Play  
Margaret Nelson

Vale Wellness  
Fontagary  
Dan Biggar  
Josh Navidi  
Skogstad  
King Fox  
Cowbridge Travel  
AJ Jewellery  
Love Lagree  
Pat Mcgrath Make -up  
Warners Automotive  
House of Human  
Potential  
St Hiliary Vineyard  
The Pencil Case  
Eastgate Barbers  
The Cutting Club  
The Noble Grape

WH Smith  
Elephant and Bun  
IG Nicholas Buchers  
The Cowbridge Bookshop  
Stwff-Stuff  
Goose Island  
Melanie's  
Hopkins Solicitors  
Bee & Bloom  
Marley's  
Swansea Building Society  
Hobbs Hairdressers  
Sam Smith Travel  
Arthur John & Co  
Primrose Ironing  
Cowbridge Gadget Master  
Top Dogs Grooming  
Specsavers

Woodsman  
No 39  
Talia  
1 Townhall Square  
The Hair Business  
Rohan  
Jenny Lambert  
Cocoa & Co  
Clay and Craft  
David Barnes Dry  
Cleaning  
Blossom Hair  
Nook Hair  
Cowbridge Farmer's  
Market  
Forage  
Topstak  
Jenny Lambert  
Vale Gymnastics



### Easter activities 2024

To celebrate Easter we will be having an action packed Easter fun day on **Thursday 10th April**.

Pupils can come to school dressed in Easter themed fancy dress or colours that represent Easter for example: green, yellow etc.

#### **Bonnet parade**

The pupils in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 will be taking part in an Easter bonnet parade in the morning. It would be great if all of the pupils took part. Winners will receive a small prize.

#### **Whole School**

Pupils will need to bring **2 boiled eggs** to school.

**Egg rolling competition:** One of the eggs will be used for the egg rolling competition (please make sure these are hard boiled)

**Egg decorating competition.** Children can bring in a decorated egg from home to enter the competition.

There will be prizes for both competitions.

On this day children will also take part in an Easter egg hunt at school.

### **Year 6 Enterprise**

As part of the Year 6 enterprise project to raise money for their end of year party, the pupils are working hard to raise funds and the next exciting activity is an Easter raffle and guess the name of the Easter Bunny.

Raffle tickets will be available for £1.00 each and pupils/parents are welcome to purchase more than one. Ticket sales will begin on Tuesday 25th March, and the lucky winner of the Easter hamper will be announced on 10th April. The Year 6 pupils will be selling the raffle tickets in school during first break and also at the end of the school day on the yard.

The prize is an Easter hamper full of chocolate goodies, making it a fantastic prize just in time for Easter!



## After school Clubs Summer term 2025

A list of the extra curricular clubs for the summer term and a Google form to book will be sent out next week.

## School Essentials Grant: help with school costs

Families with children in reception to year 11 on lower incomes and [get certain benefits](#) can apply for:

- £125 per learner and extra funding for your school
- £200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school) and extra funding for your school

Parents and carers can claim once per child per school year.

### What the grant is for

The School Essentials Grant can help cover the costs of:

- school uniform, including coats and shoes
- school activities, including learning a musical instrument, sports kit and other equipment for after school activities
- classroom essentials, including pens, pencils and school bags
- specialist equipment for new curriculum activities such as design and technology
- IT equipment: laptops and tablets only (School Essentials should only be used in limited situations where a school is unable to loan equipment to the family)
- equipment for out-of-school hours trips such as outdoor learning (for example, waterproofs)
- non-uniform essential items such as clothing to support access and involvement in residential outdoor education
- uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to: scouts, guides, cadets, martial arts, sports, performing arts, or dance

For further information on eligibility or the application process, please visit

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/School-Essentials-Grant.aspx>

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I just wanted to take a moment to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break I hope you get the chance to unwind, spend time with loved ones, and maybe even enjoy a little sunshine!

The children have worked so hard this term, and I'm sure they'll be excited to reunite with their friends and teachers when Summer term starts on Monday, 28th April. We've got a lot of fun activities lined up for the next term and I'm looking forward to seeing their energy and enthusiasm in the classroom.

Thank you for all your support this term. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out anytime.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Easter!

Best wishes,

Mr R Jones and Mrs J Shewell

