

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Autumn Term / Tymor y Hydref

Half Term : Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October /
Hanner Tymor : Dydd Llun Hydref 27 – Dydd Gwener Hydref 31
End / Diwedd: Friday 19th December 2025 / Dydd Gwener 19 Rhagfyr 2025

Week Beginning - Monday 15th December – Week 1

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		Christmas Dinner (More information to follow)
Friday		Christmas Jumper Day

Week Beginning - Monday 22nd December – Week 2

Monday		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Autumn Term 2025



Programme of activities and opportunities with this issue!
Link to Enrichment Timetable - [Ysgol Cwm Brombil](#)

School Photographs

We are delighted to announce that the school photograph of your child is available to purchase from Orion photography. The team were very complimentary of our students and have produced some extremely professional portraits.



ORION
PHOTOGRAPHY

To access your child's portrait, follow the link or the QR code on the card your child brought home and enter their personal code. The website is:

[Orion Photography](#)

Performing Arts Trip to London

We left school for London at 6 in the morning, but despite a cold and early start to the day we were all in high spirits and already had the show tunes blaring through the speakers before we'd even left Port Talbot! Our first stop was a workshop with the Disney Teaching Artists where we learnt to some of the choreography straight out of the West End production of Hercules. We got to learn lots about the musical theatre world and loved the opportunity to perform as a group by the end of the session. We then went to see Hercules in the Theatre Royal – what an amazing show!! The end of the day was spent visiting the biggest shops we could find in London, the M&M store and the Lego Store, and a well earned trip to Pizza hut after all that singing and dancing. On Friday we got to do some London sight-seeing. We started the day with a visit to the London Eye, followed by the London Dungeon Experience. The mood was tense, even the teachers were scared, but thankfully we all survived the gun powder plot, the plague and Sweeney Todd's barber shop (to name a few!) and made it back to the bus ready to head back to Wales.

We would like to thank all staff who came with us on the amazing trip and can't wait for the next one!





Reporting your child's absence

In order to improve our efficiency tracking absences, we have enabled the reporting absence option on ClassCharts. When you go into the ClassCharts Parent app for your child, you will now see an absences tab on the top. (scroll across if it is not immediately visible).

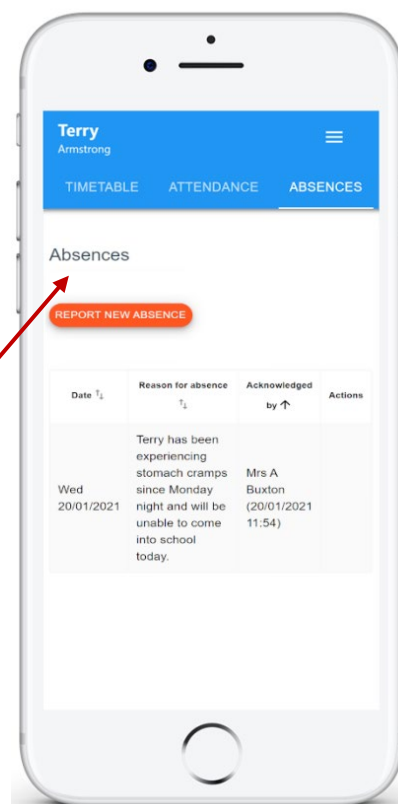
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the "Report new absence" button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the form provided.

You can also include up to 5 files in your absence report as supporting evidence. To do this, click on the "Attach supporting Evidence" button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the Submit button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be edited and deleted until it has been acknowledged by a member of staff.

A screenshot of the absence reporting form. It has a white background and a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields: 'Date of absence' with the value '26/01/2021' and a calendar icon; 'Reason for absence' with the text 'Terry missed the bus today.'; a grey box with the text 'Please report your child's absences as soon as possible'; an 'Attachments' section with a red button labeled '+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE'; and a note stating 'You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.' At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'SUBMIT' and 'CANCEL'. Red arrows point from the instructions to the 'Date of absence' field, the 'Reason for absence' field, the '+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE' button, and the 'SUBMIT' button.

Art & Photography

Our Year 10 Art and Photography pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit to Cardiff Museum, where they explored the Artes Mundi exhibition and the vibrant “Welsh Story of Hip Hop” showcase. The trip continued with a photography tour around Cardiff city centre, giving pupils the chance to capture the city’s architecture, street art, and graffiti while developing their creative and technical skills. It was a fantastic day of cultural discovery and hands-on learning.



A Routine That Makes a Difference

School routines help pupils feel secure, motivated, and connected. When those routines are disrupted — especially before the Christmas break — it can be difficult to re-establish them in January.

By attending school right up to the end of term, pupils keep their learning rhythm, maintain friendships, and arrive in the new year ready to continue their progress. Thank you for helping us keep pupils in class and in routine.

We appreciate the support of all families in prioritising attendance through to the final day of term — it truly makes a difference. **Remember, success doesn't take a holiday – even at Christmas!**

If you are experiencing any challenges with getting your child to school, please contact us. Our attendance and pastoral teams are always ready to support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

95% = **10** days off
attendance

= 50 hours
of learning lost

The infographic features a calendar icon with several days highlighted in yellow. Below the text are four circular icons: a stylized 'b' logo, a hand holding a pencil, a group of people, and a brain.

Health & Social Care Christmas Activities

Year 9 Health & Social Care students put their learning into action this week by organising and leading a series of festive Christmas activities for our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. The younger children had a fantastic time, and their smiles said it all! A huge well done to Year 9 for delivering such a fun and successful event.





Sporting Success

Football

Great afternoon out for our Year 7 football boys where we managed to get 3 teams from our wider playing squad some game time and an opportunity to represent the school. They did so with an excellent attitude and should take pride in their performance



It was a frosty afternoon for our Year 7 & 8 girls' football team yesterday, but that didn't stop them from putting on an impressive performance. The squad showcased some excellent play throughout the match, capped off by a stunning "worldie" strike from Warlow. Well done to all the girls for their determination and skill!



Rugby

What an afternoon of rugby this was! A team full of character and quality. Super proud to watch you play today and get the rewards in the last seconds in an intense game.



Netball

Coedcae Away! Our Year 7 and 8 teams enjoyed a fantastic trip down west to take on Coedcae. The girls played some excellent netball, showing great teamwork and support for one another throughout. Well done to everyone involved!





YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – AUTUM TERM 2024
MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 12th

PLEASE NOTE!! – AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AND TRAINING WILL FINISH BY 4PM AND PUPILS HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN TRANSPORT HOME.

ALL CLUBS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AS FIXTURES WILL TAKE PRIORITY

FOR SPORTS FIXTURES PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIXTURE BOARD ON FRIDAY FOR MATCHES THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE COMPLETION TIMES OF THESE FIXTURES WILL VARY AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU.

WEEK 1 and 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	RUGBY (until further notice)	7 AND 8	3G
	NETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTS HALL
	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM/MULITGYM
TUESDAY	NETBALL	9, 10, 11	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON	ALL YEARS	SPORTS HALL
	GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL YEARS	3G/GRASS
THURSDAY	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	ALL YEARS	BACK GYM/MULITGYM

WEEK 1 and 2 (LUNCH TIME)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	S+C	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM
TUESDAY (WEEK 2 ONLY)	BADMINTON/PICKLEBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON/S+C	9,10,11	SPORTSHALL/BACKGYM
THURSDAY	BASKETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL

For lunchtime activities pupils can wear school uniform or GET CHANGED if they choose.

Pupils do not wear PE kit to school unless they have a practical PE lesson on the same day.

All clubs are also subject to cancellation when other school commitments are required priority.

Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

You can keep up to date with so many things that go on every day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil by following our school Instagram: We also have Instagram account of other departments and clubs in in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts (links in the logos) and give them likes!



MAINTAIN DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

Dental Care



Electric toothbrush better for plaque removal ✓

Medium-bristled brush best for removing plaque and debris ✓

Replace toothbrush every 3 months ✓

Brush for at least two minutes twice a day ✓



Pea sized amount of toothpaste ✓

Do not rinse mouth after brushings ✓

Toothpaste should contain at least 1,350 parts per million fluoride ✓



Regular flossing reduces gum disease, tooth decay and bad breath ✓

Use a fluoride mouthwash at a different time to brushing your teeth ✓



Have a healthy lifestyle, including eating well, not smoking and limiting your alcohol and sugar intake. It's good for your whole body, including your teeth, gums and mouth.

School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

All pupils Year 7 to 11		
Blazer	Black school blazer	Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.
Shirt	White shirt with collar.	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Trousers	Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.	Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.
Skirt *	Plain black school uniform style skirt.	Skirts should be an appropriate length.
Tights	Plain black tights	Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer.
Shoes	Black shoes with black laces.	Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS
Tie	School tie.	Available from Bergoni.
Jumper	Black with badge.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.
Outdoor coat/Jacket	Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.	Available from any retailer.
Socks (only if not wearing tights)	Ankle height, plain black or white.	Available from any retailer.

**Please note hoodies are not allowed in school.
Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.**

Physical Education

Unisex T Shirt	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Rugby Jersey	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Shorts	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Socks	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Unisex ¼ zipped top	Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni
Plain black tracksuit bottoms	Optional available at any retail store
Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)	Available exclusively from Bergoni

**Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school.
Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.**

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via the pupil entrance in the senior phase school, inside the canteen area.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
 - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
 - Beans
 - Beans and Sausage
 - Spaghetti
 - Tinned Veg
 - Potatoes,
 - carrots,
 - peas,
 - sweetcorn
 - Tuna
 - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo,
 - Shower gel,
 - Conditioner,
 - Toothpaste
 - Toilet rolls

*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



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This weeks business in the spotlight:

Mollam Wealth is a local Financial Planning Practice who specialises in pension & investment planning, as well as giving advice on mortgages and life insurance.

Navigating the world of finance in this day and age can be a minefield but having an expert adviser on your side can help you make those important decisions with confidence.

The team at Mollam Wealth can help you understand what your pension benefits actually mean. They can help you decide whether bringing various pension together is right thing to do, and if you're self-employed and haven't started your pension savings yet, they can help you with that. Paul and the team at Mollam Wealth are always happy to have a no obligation conversation about your individual needs.



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Term dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term, half term 1 2025-26	
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All pupils attend school
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Last Day of half term 1 for pupils
Friday 24 th October 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term holiday - Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Term starts
Friday 28 th November 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 1 st December 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 13 th February 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 28 th February 2026	
Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26	
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 30 th March 2026 - Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26	
Monday 13 th April 2026	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term - Monday 24 th May 2025 - Friday 29 th May 2026	
Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26	
Monday 1 st June 2026	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of half term 6 & end of the school Year

