

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 22nd December - Week 2

Monday		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 29th December - Week 1

Monday		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Pupils to return back to school on Tuesday 6th January

Thank You & Final Push for Attendance

A huge thank-you to all families who have supported strong attendance this term — your commitment makes a real difference to pupils' learning and wellbeing.

As we enter the final days before the break, a reminder that school is **still in full learning mode** and reward activities are taking place for pupils with good attendance and positive engagement. Every day counts — right to the end.

We wish all our pupils and families a wonderful Christmas break when it arrives. Let's finish this term together, strong and proud!

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

95% = 10 days off
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= 50 hours
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The graphic features a red background with a white dotted pattern. At the top, the words 'ATTENDANCE' and 'MATTERS' are written in large, bold, white and yellow-outlined letters. Below this, 'IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR' is written in white. The statistics '95% = 10 days off attendance' and '= 50 hours of learning lost' are displayed in yellow and white. A white calendar icon with a red cover and black rings is positioned on the right. At the bottom, there is a yellow curved banner containing four circular icons: a stylized 'b' logo, a hand holding a lightbulb, a group of three people, and a head with a brain.

BBB #2

DECEMBER 2025



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It has been lovely to continue developing relationships with our wonderful pupils and getting to know new military children at YCB this term!

Mrs Stanton and Mrs Sims would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely Christmas holiday and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!



Well done to all of our amazing pupils who entered the Neath Port Talbot Military Child Art competition and VE/VJ day Art competition in November. We are thrilled to announce the following prize winners:

Military child:

1st place – Heidi Davies Year 11

Runner Up – Amelia Courtney Year 9

VE/VJ Day:

3rd Place – Florence Smith Year 8

All of the artwork submitted looked fantastic on display at Aberavon Shopping Centre for the Mayor's Armed Forces Day event.



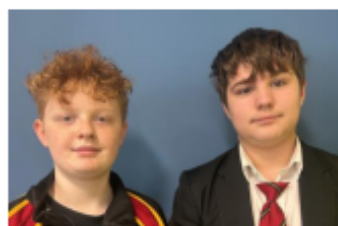
Brombil Barracks has now achieved the Gold Armed Forces Friendly Schools Award from SSCE. This means the pupils and staff have been recognised for our commitment to becoming a supportive community for our service families. Staff would like to thank the pupils for their commitment and the sense of belonging the group has developed! We would like to thank the SSCE for the award and the help of Julie Stapleton from NPT for supporting staff.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

We would like to introduce our new leaders in Brombil Barracks. We can't wait to see you thrive in your new roles!

Chairperson:
Kaillum Davies
Deputy Chairperson:
Thomas Harvey
Secretary:
Amelia Courtney
Deputy Secretary:
Nancie Kelly



EXTRA INFORMATION & SUPPORT

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of Support



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Little
Troopers



TRIP

To celebrate Remembrance Day, we had the opportunity to join military children from Cefn Saeson, Dwr Y Felin, Ysgol Bae Baglan, Baglan Primary, St. Joseph's Neath and Cwmnedd at Maendy Reserves Barracks in Cardiff. The SSCE organised a fun filled day of physical activities for pupils to develop team-work and build on friendships.

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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).

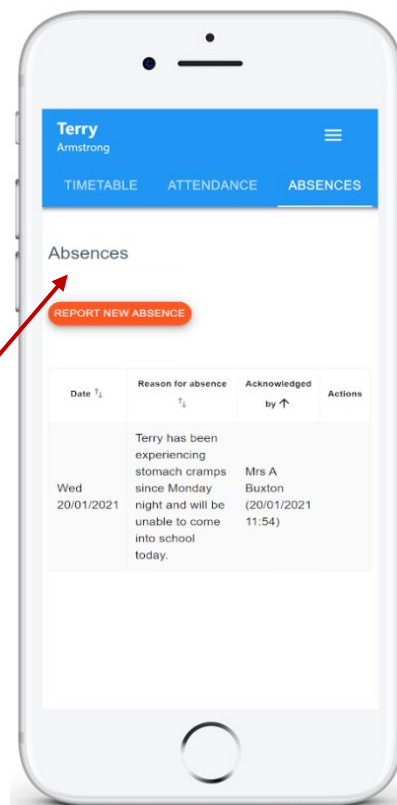
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

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.



Date of absence
26/01/2021

Reason for absence
Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments
+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

SUBMIT CANCEL

Senedd News

A transition feedback workshop was recently held for our Year 7 pupils, delivered by Clare Pritchard from the Children's Rights Unit and led by members of the Senedd. The purpose of the workshop was to gather pupil voice and reflect on students' experiences of moving from primary to secondary school. The session involved a range of fun, interactive activities designed to encourage all Year 7 pupils to share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences of the transition process. These activities ensured that every pupil had the opportunity to contribute in a positive and supportive environment. The Senedd demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout the workshop. They confidently supported the activities, helped guide discussions, and ensured that pupils felt comfortable expressing their views. Their enthusiasm and maturity played a key role in the success of the session.



Year 7 pupils responded very positively and clearly enjoyed participating. The engaging nature of the activities helped pupils reflect on their transition experience and provide valuable feedback that will support future improvements to the transition process. Overall, the workshop was a highly successful event that highlighted the importance of pupil voice, celebrated strong student leadership, and provided meaningful insights into the Year 7 transition experience.



Sporting Success



Netball

It was another entertaining edition of the annual Staff vs Year 11 Students match, with the staff once again emerging victorious. Displaying effortless movement and slick passing down the court, the staff controlled play and finished strongly in the shooting circle to claim yet another win.



Basketball

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 basketball team on winning the NPT area @basketballwales @basketball_wales_schools competition today. The team delivered a superb performance throughout, playing with impressive accuracy, skill and maturity, while showcasing outstanding teamwork on court. It was a genuine pleasure to watch such a composed and talented display. The focus now turns to the regional finals in February 2026 – well done to everyone involved.



Swimming

We are extremely proud of all our swimmers from Years 7, 8 and 9 who competed at the @nptpass Swimming Gala last week. The school entered two squads into the competition, with one team going on to claim overall victory.

The event featured a number of outstanding individual and team performances, which were fittingly capped off by both squads securing wins in the Cannon Relays. A fantastic achievement from everyone involved – well done to all our swimmers.



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!





Food & Catering

It's been a very busy, Christmassy time down in Food!

The Year 9 Food & Catering classes worked together to produce our very own Christmas dinner in Teams. The pupils had one hour to peel, chop, mix, boil and bake! Then returned to enjoy their Christmas dinner all together to celebrate a fantastic first term.

Well done Year 9!



The Year 5's have completed their first cooking project this half term. We have learnt about health and safety in the kitchens and developed our practical skills using different pieces of equipment. We have also had the opportunity to develop our team-work skills. This week we made Christmas crinkle cookies to celebrate. Well done Year 5!



We've also had a jam packed half term with all our classes developing lots of new practical skills and producing some amazing outcomes. Well done to everyone and remember to practice everything you have learnt at home over the festive period....even the washing up!
Nadolig Llawen





This article highlights twelve of the most common Christmas accidents and medical emergencies and gives you skills to help. Follow the link [Twelve most common Christmas accidents](#)



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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Aspire Business Network

Let's collaborate, connect, & support the growth of our local business community.



This week's business in the spotlight:

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](#)

To join our Aspire Business Network visit: www.aspire-bn.co.uk

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PER PANEL PER YEAR!**



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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

