

# Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")  
Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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**Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn**

Half Term : Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February /  
*Hanner Tymor* : Dydd Llun Chwefror 16<sup>eg</sup> – Dydd Gwener Chwefror 20<sup>fed</sup>  
 End / Diwedd: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 / Dydd Gwener 27<sup>ain</sup> Mawrth 2026

Week Beginning – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February – Week 1		
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 10 Exam Information Evening 5:00pm
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Week 2		
Monday		SPRING HALF TERM
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

## Swallowing pills - 6 easy steps!

1. Find a safe, comfortable place with no distractions.



2. Let the child choose their drink. This should always be given in a sports bottle or through a straw.



3. Start with the smallest practice pill or sweet. (These can range from 100's and 1000's up to jelly bean sized!)



4. Place the pill in the middle of the tongue.



**Don't throw your head back!**

5. Seal lips around the bottle/straw and take 3 gulps without stopping.



6. Try another! Practice makes perfect!



## Top Tips!

- Be firm and consistent but avoid punishments and threats.
- Give positive reinforcement! It really helps them to see how pleased you are that they have taken their medicine
- Make pill taking part of their daily routine i.e. breakfast, pills, brush teeth.
- Try to administer their medication at the same time each day where possible.
- Avoid thick liquids
- Give the child control by letting them choose which medication to take first.
- Try not to bargain or bribe.
- Use food to help reduce bad tastes (follow swallow with a spoonful of yogurt or jelly).
- Avoid tricking the child with food (don't hide the tablet!).
- Make the process fun!

## Symptoms Winter

### Vomiting Bug (Norovirus)

- Persistent Nausea ( feeling sick)
- Persistent Vomiting ( being sick)
- Persistent Diarrhoea
- High temperature
- Body aches and pains

Although called the Winter vomiting bug you can get it any time of year - seek medical advise and do not go to school, nursery or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 2 days



Vomiting once is often not a cause for concern and can be due to various common factors eg overindulgence; migraine; anxiety - this does not require non attendance

## 30 Days of Listening – Your Voice Matters

As part of our Vision 2030, we are committed to strengthening our partnership with parents and carers and ensuring your voices help shape the future of our school.

**From Monday 23rd February 2026, we will be launching our 30 Days of Listening Campaign**, a focused opportunity for parents and carers to share views, experiences and ideas about how our school works for your child and your family.

You can get involved by:

Completing short online questionnaires (shared every Sunday)

Attending weekly drop-in listening sessions on Thursdays from 4–5pm in the Community Hub Café

Sharing feedback through conversations with school leaders and Governors

Each week will focus on one key theme: Communication, Culture and Ethos, Routines for Learning, Academic Standards, and Learning Pathways.

We want to understand what's working well, what could be improved, and what we may need to explain more clearly. While not every suggestion can be acted upon, we are committed to being open and transparent about what can change and why.

Every voice matters, whether you share a detailed response or just one comment. We look forward to listening.

To find out more, please look on our school website or follow us on our school Instagram account @ysgolcwmbrombil



## Author Visit

We would like to say a huge thank you to author @lesleyparr11 for her virtual visit this morning with Y7 and Y8. It was great to hear her inspirations for writing, how/why she creates characters, her writing thoughts and processes and her special connection to Port Talbot and Ysgol Cwm Brombil itself! We are very lucky to have this connection!

A big well done also to all of Y7 and Y8 and for some of the amazing questions that were asked in the Q&A. We hope you all enjoyed!



## Sporting Success

### Badminton

Congratulations to 16 of our Badminton players who all made it through to the Regional Badminton Finals in Cardiff next month. A huge thanks to Mr Mann for bestowing his wisdom and skill on to the pupils. Hard work pays off



## Week 5: Attendance and Belonging: Being Part of Our Community

School is more than a place of learning, it is a community. Regular attendance helps pupils feel a sense of belonging, allowing them to build friendships, maintain positive relationships with staff, and feel secure within the school environment.

When pupils are absent, they can feel disconnected socially as well as academically. Being present means sharing experiences, collaborating with peers, and feeling part of something bigger than themselves.

We want every pupil to feel that they belong here and that they are missed when they are not in school. Attendance supports this sense of connection and helps pupils feel valued, supported, and included.

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.



## Welcome to Y Cwtsh – Your Community Eatery!

We are delighted to share some exciting news about our wonderful community eatery, Y Cwtsh – a warm and welcoming space right at the heart of our community.

Y Cwtsh serves freshly cooked meals every day, whether you'd like to sit in and relax or grab something tasty to take away. We are open 7 days a week, serving delicious all-day breakfasts, hearty meals, and tempting sweet treats to suit everyone.

### Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 7.00pm

Weekends: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Our sweet treats include luxury doughnuts, alongside other delicious goodies – perfect with a hot drink or as an after-school treat!

There's something extra special for our pupils too – all pupils receive 10% discount off everything on the menu. Just let us know you're from the school and enjoy your savings.

Feeling creative?

Try our popular Create Your Own Milkshake option! Simply choose your favourite chocolate bar and we'll blend it into a delicious, customised milkshake just for you.

We also offer daily specials, so be sure to ask our friendly staff for more information about what's available each day.

Y Cwtsh is open to everyone in the community and stays open throughout the school holidays, making it the perfect place to meet friends and family.

### Half Term Special Offer

During half term, we're offering a fantastic children's meal deal for just £2.50!

Choose from:

Chicken nuggets or sausage and chips

A drink

A cookie

We are proud to provide a friendly, welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy great food at great prices. Whether you're stopping by for breakfast, lunch, a sweet treat, or a milkshake made just the way you like it, we look forward to seeing you at Y Cwtsh soon!

## 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).

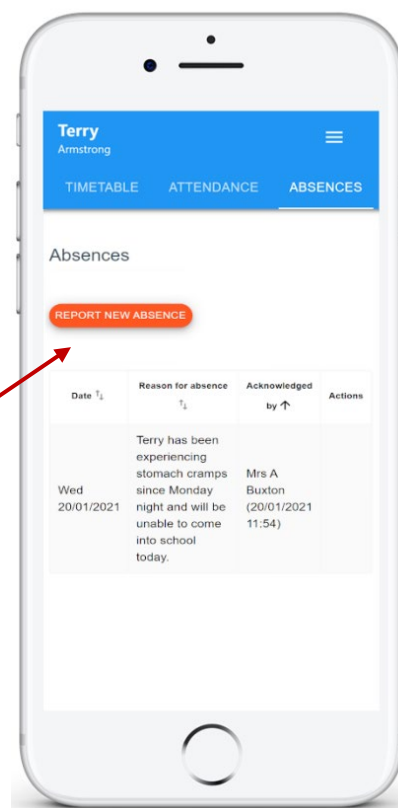
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

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

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Empower your business journey by connecting with fellow entrepreneurs

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

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## ASPIRE BUSINESS NETWORK



Results Driven Business Networking with a Professional and Friendly Approach.

- Are you seeking to expand your business opportunities? Come along to our next meeting to find out how we can help better your business opportunities, through business networking.
- Our members are all business professionals who refer business between each other. Discover how our community of business professionals can help your business connect and grow at our next meeting.
- Join our club for low-cost networking and growth opportunities. As an independent organisation, we focus on nurturing each other's businesses for mutual success.
- We meet every other Friday in both locations. Our meetings start at 7:30am and end at 9:30am. This includes breakfast rolls and pastries, with a choice of Tea or Coffee, along with an opportunity to network with local professionals from diverse industries.



Contact us for more information.

## This week's business in the spotlight:

### Accountancy Solutions

At Accountancy Solutions, we believe that a strong town is built on the success of its local businesses. Operating from our office at Ty Dewin on Station Road, we are more than just your accountants—we are your neighbours.



Whether you are a sole trader in Aberavon or a growing limited company from Baglan, we understand the unique landscape of the Neath Port Talbot economy. Our mission is to take the "tax headache" away so you can focus on what you do best: running your business.

Why Choose a Local Partner? Navigating HMRC deadlines and ever-changing tax laws can feel like a maze. Having a partner-led firm just around the corner means:

- **Face-to-Face Support:** No call centres. Drop into our Station Road office for a coffee and a real conversation.
- **Tailored Advice:** We specialise in owner-managed businesses, providing commercial advice that fits your specific goals.
- **Transparent Pricing:** Simple, regular monthly payments with no hidden surprises. "Our aim is to take the administrative burden away from business owners, providing meaningful information that helps you grow."

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#### Get in Touch

If you're looking for an accountancy firm that truly understands Port Talbot, let's have a no-obligation chat about your business needs.

- **Visit Us:** Ty Dewin, 16 Station Rd, Port Talbot, SA13 1JB
- **Call:** 01639 887723
- **Email:** [info@accountancy-solutions.co.uk](mailto:info@accountancy-solutions.co.uk)
- **Web:** [www.accountancy-solutions.co.uk](http://www.accountancy-solutions.co.uk)

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**YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SRING TERM 2026**

**MONDAY 12TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**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.**

**LOTS OF CLUBS WITH BE CANCELLED DURING THE PERIOD OF 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY DUE TO INTERNAL SCHOOL EXAMS.**

<b>WEEK 1 and 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	NETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTS HALL
	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM/MULITGYM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	NETBALL	9, 10, 11	SPORTSHALL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	BADMINTON/TABLE TENNIS/TRAMPOLINING	Yr 11 GCSE ONLY (UNTIL 27 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY)	SPORTSHALL/BACK GYM
	GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL YEARS	3G/GRASS
<b>THURSDAY</b>	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	ALL YEARS	BACK GYM/MULITGYM

<b>WEEK 1 and 2 (LUNCH TIME)</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	S+C	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM
<b>TUESDAY (WEEK 2 ONLY)</b>	BADMINTON/PICKLEBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	BADMINTON/S+C	9,10,11	SPORTSHALL/BACKGYM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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 if other school commitments take 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!



## 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:

<b>All pupils Year 7 to 11</b>		
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. <b>NO TRAINERS</b>
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.
<p><b>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school.</b>  <b>Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</b></p>		
<b>Physical Education</b>		
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
<p><b>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school.</b>  <b>Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</b></p>		

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

## Term dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term, half term 1 2025-26	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	All pupils attend school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Last Day of half term 1 for pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term holiday - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Term starts
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	
Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	
Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	
Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	
Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last Day of half term 6, end of the school Year

