

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

End / Diwedd: Friday 27th March 2026 / Dydd Gwener 27^{ain} Mawrth 2026

Week Beginning - Monday 2nd March – Week 1

Monday	GCSE Music Practical Exams	
Tuesday	GCSE Music Practical Exams	Josh Silver (Carnegie nominated author) visiting the English Department & working with yrs 9&10
Wednesday	Y11 Product Design NEA	
Thursday		Y11 PPE Results
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 9th March – Week 2

Monday		
Tuesday	Y11 Welsh Orals	Easter Ski trip Parents meeting (16:30 – 17:30)
Wednesday	Y11 Welsh Orals	
Thursday		
Friday		



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.

On the 23rd February 2026, we launched 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.

Week 1 Reflection - Theme: Communication

This week we launched our campaign with a focus on Communication -the foundation of a strong partnership between home and school. As part of our Vision 2030, we are committed to ensuring that families feel informed, involved and valued. Communication is not simply about information sharing; it is about clarity, trust and shared responsibility for success. Effective communication underpins our three cornerstones:

Aspiration

Clear information about curriculum, assessment, progress and future pathways empowers families to support ambition. When expectations are understood and next steps are visible, pupils are better positioned to aim high.

Belonging

Regular, accessible and responsive communication helps families feel connected to school life. When parents know who to contact, how systems work and where to find key information, partnership strengthens.

Character

Consistency in messages about behaviour, attendance and routines ensures pupils experience aligned expectations between school and home, reinforcing responsibility and resilience.

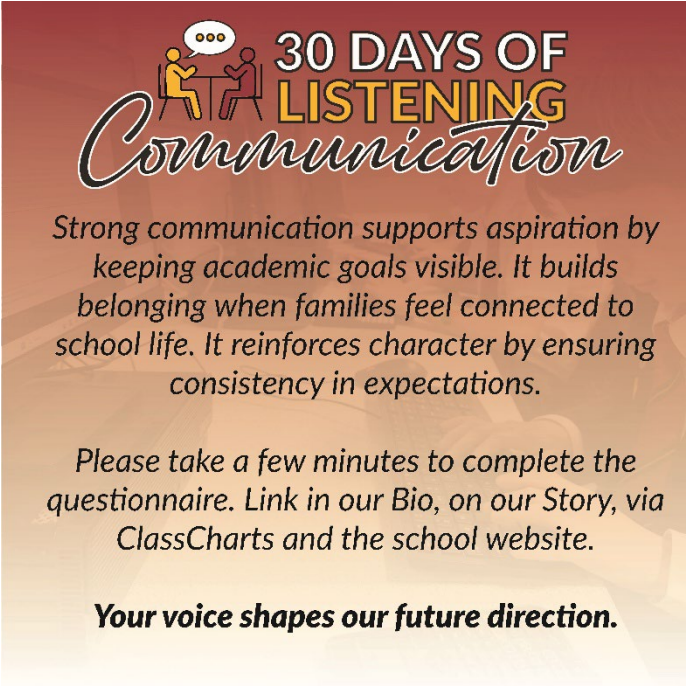
This week we invited feedback on:

- Phone communication
- ClassCharts
- Website accessibility
- Social media
- Weekly newsletters
- Parents' evenings
- End of term reports

Early responses highlight that many parents appreciate the wide range of communication platforms we use, including our parent information evenings. Thank you for the positive feedback regarding these opportunities to stay informed and involved. We also value the helpful suggestions shared about the timing of updates, particularly in relation to extra-curricular activities, as this can support attendance and engagement. In addition, suggestions were made regarding the use of Teams to set homework which we will carefully consider and feedback.



We are grateful for the constructive and thoughtful tone of responses so far. Listening carefully to our community ensures our communication continues to evolve in line with Vision 2030.



30 DAYS OF LISTENING
Communication

Strong communication supports aspiration by keeping academic goals visible. It builds belonging when families feel connected to school life. It reinforces character by ensuring consistency in expectations.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. Link in our Bio, on our Story, via ClassCharts and the school website.

Your voice shapes our future direction.

Next week, we focus on **Culture and Ethos**.

We would like your views on behaviour and attendance expectations, rewards, extra-curriculum enrichment opportunities and how safe and supported your child feels. We are also asking for feedback on our recent attendance drive and how this has been communicated and experienced.

Our new questionnaires are released every Sunday and our drop-in session is every Thursday 4-5 in the Community Hub at the school. We look forward to hearing your views. We will send the link via Classcharts.

To find out more, please look on our [school website](#) or follow us on our school Instagram account



[@ysgolcwmbrmbil](#)

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Year 11 did so well in their mock interviews, and we are so proud of them! Year 11 underwent a 20 min interview with local employers - some have never had an interview before! Nearly all of you came out of the interview smiling and it was really tough for the employers to chose their 'top 3'.

Well done to you all!



YSGOL CWM BROMBIL PRESENTS

18th – 20th March 2026 Tickets – £10

Doors Open – 6:30pm

Show Starts – 7pm

Tickets available to purchase via
ParentPay or the school office.

Tel: 01639 760110



Originally produced by the WPA Theatre

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman
Music by Alan Menken
Based on the film by Roger Corman
Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Sporting Success



Netball

It has been the best journey watching our Year 11s grow and flourish from Year 7-11. The improvement has been phenomenal with many now playing in adult league, county level and regional level. We have loved being a part of your YCB journey and will always cherish the memories. Bittersweet playing our last match against our neighbours and club teammates



Football

Girls' football was in full swing today, with players delivering a spirited and skilful performance on the pitch. The team demonstrated excellent tactical awareness throughout the match, confidently playing out from the back, switching play effectively, and executing well-rehearsed set pieces.



Their composure in possession and teamwork across the field highlighted the progress they have made, with consistent communication and movement creating multiple opportunities.

Girls football training takes place every Wednesday after school until 16:00.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who competed in the regional round held in Brecon yesterday, delivering determined performances against strong competition.

The event brought together talented athletes from across the region, with runners showcasing resilience and commitment on a challenging course. All participants represented the school with pride and enthusiasm.

A special mention goes to the HB team, who achieved an outstanding third place overall – a fantastic accomplishment at regional level. Well done to everyone involved for their hard work and success.



Welcome to Y Cwtsh – Your Community Eatery!

Y Cwtsh is a warm and welcoming space right at the heart of our community. Freshly cooked meals are served 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.



This weekend, we have a St Davids day deal of either a Welsh cake or slice of Bara Birth and a hot drink for £4.25. This offer is available Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

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.

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!

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

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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- 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 at YCB. 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.

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
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YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SRING TERM 2026

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 27th 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 30th JANUARY - 13th FEBRUARY DUE TO INTERNAL SCHOOL EXAMS.

WEEK 1 and 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	NETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTS HALL
	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM/MULITGYM
TUESDAY	NETBALL	9, 10, 11	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON/TABLE TENNIS/TRAMPOLINING	Yr 11 GCSE ONLY (UNTIL 27 th FEBRUARY)	SPORTSHALL/BACK GYM
	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 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:

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.
<p>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</p>		
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
<p>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</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 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 20 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

