

Yn y Lwp!

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

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Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

Half Term : Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February /
Hanner Tymor : Dydd Llun Chwefror 16^{eg} – Dydd Gwener Chwefror 20^{fed}
 End / Diwedd: Friday 27th March 2026 / Dydd Gwener 27^{ain} Mawrth 2026

Week Beginning - Monday 26 th January - Week 1		
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 7 Parents Evening - 15:25 - 18:30
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		Year 11 Mock Interviews

Week Beginning - Monday 2 nd February - Week 2		
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 8 Pathways Evening
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Sporting Success

Basketball

Great to host the year 11 NPT [@basketballwales](https://twitter.com/basketballwales) competition yesterday. Congratulations to the boys who took part and have now qualified for the next round.



Rugby

Despite freezing temperatures and wet conditions, the Year 7 rugby team showed tremendous character in last night's fixture.



Aspire Business Network

Empower your business journey by connecting with fellow entrepreneurs

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

GET TO KNOW US

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:

BDP Wales

BDP Wales has been a trusted provider of graphic design and printing services across South Wales since 1953.

We take pride in delivering high-quality products to both businesses and private clients, offering a comprehensive range of solutions including business cards, leaflets, brochures, banners, and more.

As an active member of the Aspire Business Network, we participate in fortnightly meetings at Ysgol Cwm Brombil to support and collaborate with local businesses. In addition, BDP Wales is proud to have nominated YCB Community as our Charity of the Year for 2026, reinforcing our commitment to giving back to the community.

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Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Port Talbot

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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.

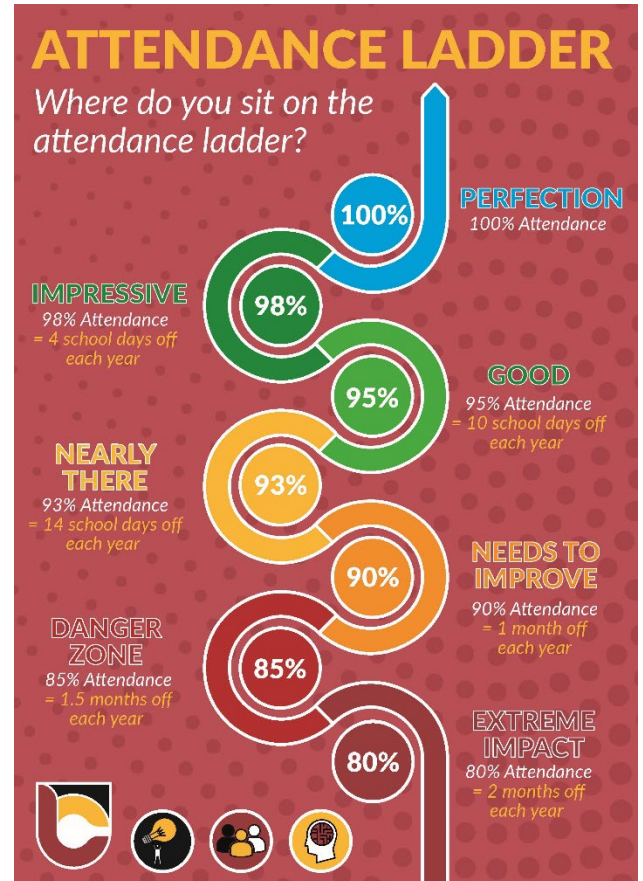
A Strong Start: Celebrating Attendance Success

As we move further into the Spring Term, we would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate a real success. Attendance across the school improved significantly during December, reflecting the commitment, effort, and positive choices made by so many of our pupils and families. This improvement was not accidental, and we would like to thank everyone who played a part in this achievement.

The start of the new year has not been without its challenges. Recent storms and snowy weather have disrupted routines and made returning to school more difficult at times. Despite this, we have kept a clear focus on making the right choices when it comes to attendance. At the beginning of term, pupils were challenged to build on the positive improvements made at the end of last year and to maintain those standards moving forward.

We have spoken to pupils about the importance of viewing attendance as part of their Character—doing the right thing, even when it feels challenging. Choosing to attend regularly is one of the simplest but most powerful ways pupils can demonstrate ambition for their future and commitment to their own success.

Good attendance does not happen by chance. It is built through daily routines, responsible choices, and a shared belief that being in school matters. When pupils attend regularly, they give themselves the best possible opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.



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!

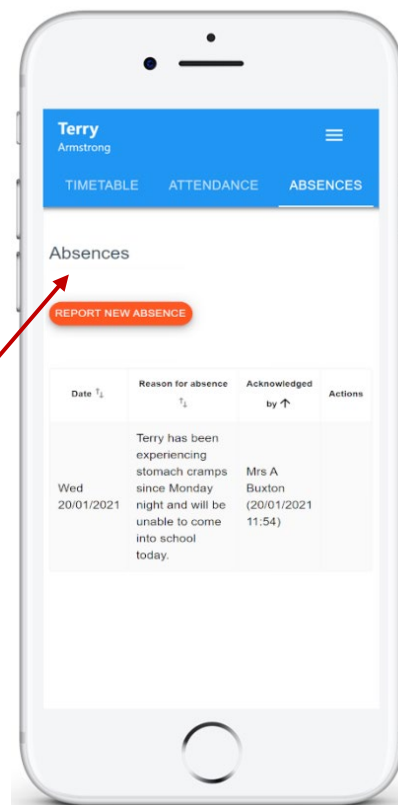


Reporting your child's absence

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 with a grey border. At the top right is a close button (X). The form contains the following fields:

- Date of absence:** 26/01/2021, with a calendar icon to the right.
- Reason for absence:** Terry missed the bus today.
- Message:** Please report your child's absences as soon as possible.
- Attachments:** A red button with a plus sign and the text "ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE". Below it, a note says "You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size."
- Buttons:** "SUBMIT" and "CANCEL" at the bottom right.

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

