



Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

GENERAL REMINDERS / Requests

- **ST DAVIDS DAY:** On Monday 2nd March we will be celebrating St Davids Day. Children from Reception through to Y6 are invited to wear their house colours which have been shared directly by class teachers, red, traditional dress or Rugby shirts.
- **CHANGE TO MONDAYS MENU:** The main meal on Monday 2nd March will be a Welsh Beefburger in a bun with chips and Welsh cakes for dessert.
- **THURSDAY WORLD BOOK DAY:** Children are invited to wear comfortable clothes, or they can dress up as their favourite book character.
- **HOME LEARNING:** This term our inquiry will be about Myths and Legends. Children are invited to create models and artwork that we can display in school to support this learning. Ideas include famous landmarks and people within Barry and Wales.

THIS WEEK

- Thank you to everyone able to attend a meeting or engage with a phone call regarding their child's progress.
- Coding, Football, Cookery, Gardening and Ballet clubs will continue this week.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Everyone Welcome!

- Parent Confidence and Resilience session 9.00am to 11.30am on Monday in the Cwtch.
- Fizzy Fun Science session 9.00am to 10.00am on Thursday in the Cwtch.
- Managing our Emotions – Parent and Child sessions on Friday 9.00am until 11.30am in the Cwtch.

Free Welsh at Home
Course at Ysgol Gynradd High Street

Calling the parents, carers and grandparents of Ysgol Gynradd High Street, Barry school children!

Would you like to learn Welsh to help your child/ren? Join our 15 week Learn Welsh Entry level course designed for adults to use at home with children.

Tuesdays 9.00-10.30am
from 3rd of March 2026
Ysgol Gynradd High Street, Barry
YYF26-02-M1

To find out more or to register please contact Olwen on olm25@aber.ac.uk
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Cymraeg yn y Cartref
Welsh at Home

dysgucymraeg cymru
learnwelsh.cymru
Y Ffyn / The Vale

PARENT WORKSHOP
Understanding and Exploring Bullying Behaviours

WEDNESDAY
25 MARCH
3pm - 5pm

Understanding and exploring bullying behaviours is a workshop designed to unpack what bullying behaviour really is, how it affects children and young people, and what can be done to prevent and respond effectively. Exploring the signs and reasons behind it, offering practical advice and guidance for families

- ✓ Understand different types of bullying behaviour
- ✓ Recognise signs of both experiencing and displaying behaviours
- ✓ Learn to respond calmly, supportively, and effectively.
- ✓ Build open communication with your child and school

For more information see Mrs Walker Walker.A@hstcymru.net

Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 11th March
1:45pm

Bring a friend, sister, mum, aunty.
£10 per person

Scan QR code to register interest

ATTENDANCE

On Monday, where appropriate, we will be sharing letters where attendance has dropped below 90%. We have a statutory obligation to share this information with parents / carers in order to plan next steps towards improvement.

Attendance for this week is **89%**. Just below our whole school target of **92.5%**

Welsh Myths and Legends Inquiry – Parent Information

This term, our whole school inquiry explores Welsh Myths and Legends. Each class begins with a key question that provides the starting point for learning. From there, children help guide the direction of the inquiry by asking their own 'I wonder...' questions, which we follow to deepen learning and understanding.

Our inquiry-based approach encourages curiosity, creativity and real-world connections. Children explore, investigate and make connections across subjects. This supports them to become ambitious, capable learners; enterprising, creative contributors; ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals. Each class inquiry will develop differently, reflecting pupils' interests, questions and learning journey.



Year Group Starting Points:

Year 1: Exploring the legend of the Red Dragon to understand and investigate the myths, mysteries and cultural stories surrounding it through storytelling, art and discussion.

Year 2: Exploring the legend of Snowdon to understand how myths explain real places and inspire children to create their own stories.

Year 3: Exploring the Lady of the Lake to understand life in the past and how myths shape Welsh culture and identity.

Year 4: Exploring Cantre'r Gwaelod to understand Welsh landscapes, flooding and how stories connect to real environments.

Year 5: Exploring King Arthur, Culhwch and Olwen to understand heroic choices, challenges and consequences.

Year 6: Exploring the legend of Gelert to understand identity, symbolism and how Welsh myths influence storytelling today.

How you can support at home: Read and discuss stories together, encourage your child to ask questions, talk about Welsh culture and places, and support creative activities. Your involvement helps develop your child's confidence, curiosity and pride in their learning.