

# BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SPRING 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

### Welcome 2026

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring term, we are delighted to share how well the children have settled back into school life. They have quickly adapted to new topics and have embraced a wide range of enriching learning experiences.

This half term has been filled with exciting opportunities, including musical performances, an amazing class assembly and school visits, all of which have showcased the children's confidence and enthusiasm.

Although the theme of this newsletter was originally intended to celebrate the upcoming arrival of spring, it seems that rain clouds might have been a more fitting symbol for the weather we have experienced – hopefully brighter days are ahead!

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish our whole school community a safe, restful, and enjoyable half-term break.

*Mr Russell  
Acting Head Teacher*

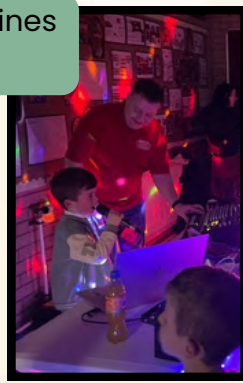
### Keep Up To Date

- Please subscribe to our school calendar via the school website
- Read our weekly updates
- Check your emails, please make sure the email address we have is correct

### Gwener Gwych



PTA Valentines Disco



Kerbscraft  
Year 1 and 2



Rags 2 Riches  
collection



OUR FIRST SPRING  
HALF TERM IN  
PICTURES



Nursery enjoying  
a Jungle Music  
workshop



Whole Class  
Violin Lessons



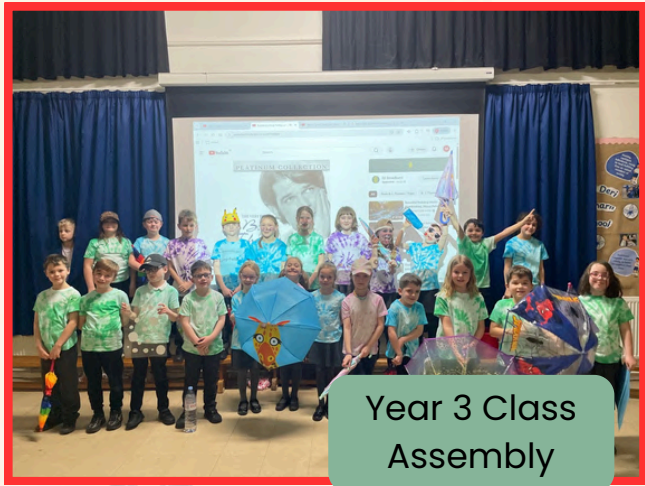
Year 6 Trialing  
'Magma Maths'



Hockey in the  
MUGA



The Oscars in  
Reception



Year 3 Class Assembly



P-Buzz Performance at the All Nations Centre with Year 3



P-Bone Performance at The All Nations Centre with Year 4

# OUR FIRST SPRING HALF TERM IN PICTURES



Year 2 learning about traditional Welsh folk dancing



Year 5 and 6 Football



Year 5 and 6 Visit Dance House in Cardiff Bay



Year 5 creating their papier-mâché globes



Chinese New Year in Year 2

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025-26



Collaborating with staff, students, governors, parents, and external agencies, schools consistently assess and enhance their practices. Following a comprehensive self-evaluation process, Bryn Deri Primary School will concentrate on these key areas for improvement.

### Improving How We Assess and Support Learning

We are refining how we track progress so every child is challenged and supported at the right level. Lessons will build carefully on previous learning to help all pupils achieve their best.



### Strengthening Welsh and Introducing New Languages

We are developing children's confidence in speaking Welsh and introducing international languages to spark curiosity about other cultures and the wider world.

### Celebrating Diversity and Children's Rights

We are helping pupils learn about different cultures, beliefs and experiences so that our school community continues to be inclusive, respectful and fair for everyone.

### Supporting Wellbeing and Challenging All Learners

We are strengthening our approach to wellbeing and ensuring every child reaches their full potential. This includes providing extra challenge for more able and talented pupils, as well as tailored support for those who face barriers to learning – helping every learner to thrive



## Spring Term Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change, please monitor communications from school for any updates.

23-02-26	Year 6 House Captain Speeches / Election
25-02-26	Football Teams to Collect their kits from Cardiff City Stadium
26-02-26	Girls Football Team to Compete in Swindon
27-02-26	School Eisteddfod / Wear Red for Velindre Day
03-03-26	Playground Slide to be replaced!
05-03-26	<b>World Book Day</b> <i>Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character</i>
06-03-26 (2pm)	<b>Eisteddfod for Parents</b> <i>Tickets to put on sale soon</i>
14-03-26 (11am)	<b>PTA - Easter Bunny Run</b> <i>Details to the left</i>
16-03-26	Scholastic Book Fayre Week
19-03-26	Year 5/6 Visit to Techniquet
20-03-26	Red Nose Day - Details to follow
27-03-26 (2:30pm)	Year 4 Class Assembly and Work Look
27-03-26	End of Spring Term
13-04-26	INSET DAY
14-04-26	Pupils return for the start of the Summer Term.

Join the Fun!

## Bryn Deri PTA Easter Fun Run

Join us for the exciting 1km or 2km run on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Bryn Deri!

- This event is open to all - children and adults alike
- All runners must be registered via the link below
- 10:30am warm-up, the run will start at 11am
- £2 entry fee per person to be paid via the justgiving link below
- Sponsorship from friends and family requested
- Sponsorship forms available from school
- Easter fancy dress encouraged
- Treat for all Under 18s who participate.
- On the day in-person registration closes at 10am
- No dogs due to start and finish within the school grounds
- No children below Year 3 to run alone



Sign up and hop along!

[Register here to take part](#)



## SCHOOL ESSENTIALS GRANT

Claim up to £200 towards:

School uniform: Such as coats, footwear, jumpers, and other essentials

School activities: Including musical instrument lessons, sports kit, or equipment for after-school clubs

Classroom essentials: Such as pens, pencils, school bags, and other learning items



Parents can check eligibility at: <https://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant-help-school-costs>