

WEEKLY UPDATE



January 16th 2026

Photo of the Week



Messy learning as Year 5 start to explore Antarctica and other continents by creating a paper mache globe!

Our Wonderful World

We are excited to share that our whole school topic for the Spring Term is "Our Wonderful World." Throughout the term, children will be exploring both their local area and the wider world, helping them develop a deeper understanding of the places and communities around them.

Each class will have its own specific focus, and children will also play an active role in planning what they would like to learn. Our class focuses for this term are:

Nursery – Where Does Snow Go?

Reception – Big Wide World

Year 1 – Cardiff Tales

Year 2 – Let's Explore the World

Year 3 – Flow

Year 4 – Blue Abyss

Year 5 – Frozen Kingdom

Year 6 – Hola Mexico!

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting term of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

Upcoming Events

Details are added to the school calendar regularly on the website and please note that these are all subject to change.

Date	Event
22/01/2026	Rags 2 Riches Collection (Thursday and Friday)
26/01/2026	St Dwynwen's Day - Children can dress in red
26/01/2026	Year 6 Mechanics Workshop
27/01/2026	Year 5 and 6 Trip to the National Dance Company Wales
29/01/2026	Kerb Kraft Training starts for Year 1 and 2.
03/02/2026	Kerb Kraft Training for Year 2
06/02/2026	Football Competition (Year 5/6 Mixed at Cardiff Netball Arena)

PTA MEETING

AT THE TY NANT

**WEDNESDAY, 21ST
JANUARY
6:30PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

Our Curriculum

At Bryn Deri Primary School, we want every child to feel excited about learning and confident in their abilities. How we teach is a vital part of our approach, and it flows consistently across all ages and subjects, creating a smooth, joined-up learning journey from the early years through to Year 6.

Each day, staff look carefully at what your child needs most and choose the best way to help them succeed. We keep learning engaging and meaningful by building on what children already know and connecting lessons to real-life experiences. Skills such as literacy, numeracy and digital competence are woven through everything we do, alongside opportunities for creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking.

Our approach also supports children's social and emotional development. We encourage teamwork, independence and positive relationships so that children take pride in their own progress.

In addition to this, we include important cross-cutting themes that help children understand the world around them. These include:

- Considering local, national and international contexts, helping children see how their learning connects to their community and the wider world.
- Developing understanding of relationships and sexuality education (RSE), human rights education, and diversity, helping pupils learn about respect, empathy and equality.
- Introducing careers and work-related experiences, supporting children to explore their interests and begin to understand future opportunities.

Everything we do is guided by the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales, ensuring your child becomes an ambitious learner, a creative contributor, an ethical citizen and a healthy, confident individual.

HOW WE TEACH

Staff identify pupils' needs daily, match these with the best teaching approach, and assess progress.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WRITERS!

We are asking **7-11-years-olds** to write a story about **GOLD** using no more than **500-words**. The winner will receive a **gold coin, £5,000** for their school or local library, and their **story illustrated** by an artist.

Stories can be submitted between **16 February - 17 April 2026**.



www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk
storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk



Stronger Starts

TESCO Stronger Starts

We are delighted to announce that **Bryn Deri Primary school** has been selected as one of the three projects that will feature in local Tesco stores from January- March.



Our project is creating a **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHED**.

Every time you make a purchase you will receive one blue token to vote with. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500.

Our project will feature in the following Tesco stores -

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| Cardiff Tesco Extra CF14 3AT | Canton Tesco Express CF5 1JG |
| Canton City Tesco Express CF11 9AN | Maes Y Goed Tesco Express CF14 4TT |
| Whitchurch Tesco Express CF14 7BQ | Cathays Terrace Tesco Express CF24 4HZ |
| Mermaid Quay Tesco Express CF10 5BZ | Ely Tesco Express CF5 5TD |
| Tyn Y Parc Tesco Express CF14 6BN | North Road Tesco Express CF14 3BH |
| Central Square Tesco Express CF10 1FS | Corporation Road Tesco Express CF11 7AT |