Llwynypia Primary School

Roots to grow and wings to soar!

2025/2026 Prospectus



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to Llwynypia Primary.
I hope that throughout this prospectus, you can get a sense of our values here at Llwynypia Primary. Our whole ethos is based around being a community school, with the children and families that we serve, at the heart of our day to day life.

At Llwynypia Primary School education is not just the transference of knowledge and fostering skills, but about developing character traits and shaping a successful future for all of our children. We aim to develop critical thinking skills where pupils analyse and evaluate questions of learning, but also the development of rationality, kindness, empathy and honesty. We take pride in our school being at the heart of the community and share its passion for local and national cultural heritage, our cynefin. We are a friendly and inclusive school that welcomes all.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the schools contact details.

Mrs S Dessent - Headteacher

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Who are we?



Llwynypia Primary is a community school, comprised of 6 classes. We have around 180 pupils on roll.



Our school has 2 buildings, one which houses Nursery to Year 2 and another which houses Year 2 (split year group) to Year 6. Some of our classes have mixed year groups, however all pupils are taught in a differentiated way to address their individual needs.



Our school is situated amongst the terraced houses of Tonypandy and is at the heart of the community we serve. We are very appreciative of our neighbours and local community.

Staff and pupils have an excellent relationship with community around us, and we enjoy exploring our local area.

Our school is over 100 years old and steeped in rich history.

We are extremely proud of our school, our buildings, our history, community and environment and this is evident through various curriculum activites covered, links with local businesses, relationships with families and familiar staff who are members of the community themselves. We are a welcoming, inclusive school who are always welcoming to new families that join us. We are grateful that we get to share our school with you all.

Our staff

Llwynypia Primary School has a team of experienced and committed staff. It is their enthusiasm, dedication and expertise that inspires the children to believe in themselves and their ability to achieve.



Headteacher - Mrs S Dessent



Deputy Head / ALNCo - Miss R Hurley



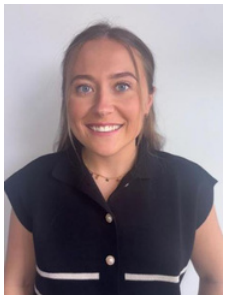
SLT / Year 2/3 Teacher - Mrs L Chinnock



Nursery/Reception Teacher - Miss R Price



Year 4 Teacher- Mr J Kirham



Year 4 / 5 Teacher- Miss L Jones



Year 5/6 Teacher - Mrs J Edwards



School Clerk - Ms C Ball



HLTA / PPA - Mrs H Richards



HLTA / PPA - Mrs K Lewis

Our staff

Our teaching assistants:



Mrs N Edwards



Mrs K Lewis



Mrs H Davey



Mrs M Evans



Mrs D Jones



Miss S Palmer



Miss C Williams



Caretaker - Mr G Viner

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Persons are:
Mrs Dessent, Miss Hurley, Mrs Chinnock, Mr Kirkham.
Governor for Safeguarding - Mrs Angela Lewis.

Classes

Dosbarth Melyn
Nursery/Reception
Miss Price

Dosbarth Gwyrdd
Year 1/ Year 2
Miss Hurley

Dosbarth Porffor
Year 2/3
Mrs Chinnock

Dosbarth Oren
Year 4
Mr Kirkham

Dosbarth Arian
Year 4/5
Miss Jones

Dosbarth Aur
Year 5/6
Mrs Edwards

All classes start at 8.55am and finish at 3.15pm.

Admissions

Applying for a school place

Applications for a school place need to be made at various stages of a child's education Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Reception, Infant/Junior Transfers and Secondary.

Pre-nursery

The school offers a part time Nursery place from the start of term following the child's third birthday. These places are provided strictly subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at any school.

Nursery

All children are entitled to a Nursery place from the September following their third birthday.

Please note that children who are admitted to a Pre-Nursery class will not have an "automatic" right to continue their education within that school. A new application is required for entry to the Nursery class. There may be occasions when, due to oversubscription, it will not be possible for this transfer to take place.

Reception

Children start the Reception class in Infant or Primary Schools the September following their fourth birthday.

Please note that children who are admitted to a Nursery class will not have an "automatic" right to continue their education within that school. A new application is required for entry to the Reception class. There may be occasions when, due to oversubscription, it will not be possible for this transfer to take place.

Secondary

Children start Secondary School in the September following their eleventh birthday.

In Year Transfers (Moving schools during the school year)

Changing school during the school year is a serious step for your child(ren) to take. You will need to contact your local school or the School Admissions Team for advice at this time. If you decide that you would like your child to transfer from one school to another, please contact their present Headteacher first to alert them of your decision. Should you wish to proceed with the transfer arrangements you should contact the School Admissions Team for advice in making your application to the new school.
If you would like your child to attend our school, please see full details of our admission arrangements below.

Our day

Roots Building

8.10-8.25	Breakfast Club
8.45 - 8.55	Doors open
8.55 - 10	Learning Opportunities
10 - 10.15	Collective Worship
10.15 -10.30	Break Time
10.30- 11.30	Learning Opportunities
11.30- 12.45	Lunch Time
12.45 - 1.45	Learning Opportunities
1.45-2.15	Milk Time/Break
2.15-3.15	Learning Opportunities
3.15	Home Time

Wings Building

8.10-8.25	Breakfast Club
8.45 - 8.55	Doors open
8.55 - 10	Learning Opportunities
10-10.15	Collective Worship
10.15-10.30	Break Time
10.30- 12	Learning Opportunities
12-12.45	Lunch Time
12.45 - 2	Learning Opportunities
2-2.15	Break
2.15-3.15	Learning Opportunities
3.15	Home Time



Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September - Friday 24th October

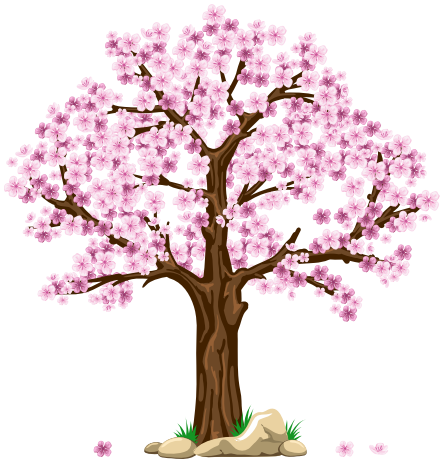
Half Term - Monday 27th October - Sunday 2nd November

Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Christmas Holidays - Monday 22nd December - Sunday 4th January

Please note - 1st September is an LA maintained INSET day.





Spring Term

Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Sunday 22nd February

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays - Monday 30th March - Sunday 12th April

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Sunday 31st May

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

Please note - Monday 20th July is an LA maintained INSET day.



Additional school INSET days will be communicated via RCT's school closure page, newsletters, texts and social media.

Curriculum

Curriculum Development



Following the introduction of the new Welsh Curriculum, here at Llwynypia we have worked hard with our cluster and individually as a school, to develop a curriculum that is relevant, interesting and exciting to our learners. We use pupil voice to influence lesson ideas, based on our termly topics. Developing the needs of all learners in differentiated ways is at the heart of what we do.



The Four Core Purposes

Our lessons are developed with the Four Core Purposes in mind, our aim is to allow our learners to be:

1. **Ambitious, capable learners.**
2. **Enterprising, creative contributors**
3. **Ethical, informed citizens**
4. **Healthy, confident individuals**

We develop our learners by using a cross-curricular approach across the 6 Areas of Learning and Experience:

1. **Languages,Literacy and Communication**
2. **Mathematics and Numeracy**
3. **Science and Technology**
4. **Health and Wellbeing**
5. **Expressive Arts**
6. **Humanities**





Our learners are encouraged to be independent in their learning and school life. We provide opportunities for learners to extend their knowledge and skills in a variety of ways, equipping them with lifelong skills. The wellbeing of learners is a high priority here at Llwynypia Primary, this is why we take on board all feedback from learners and families, when it comes to planning lessons and activities.

Community

Some ways we support the local area...



We have close links with St. Andrew's Church!



Displaying Welsh phrases in the community!



Litter picking around the area!



Community fetes/exhibitions!



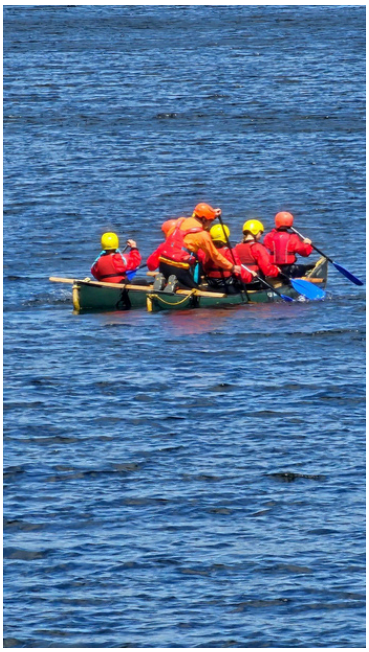
Defib machine located at school.

Extra Opportunities

Our learners have a wide variety of exciting opportunities to take part in at Llwynypia Primary. Our older learners have the chance to go on residential visits to places like Call of the Wild, Llangrannog and other thrilling venues, whilst other classes can experience school trips to places like Wales Millenium Centre, Cardiff Bay, Techniquest, Rhondda Heritage Centre and Bristol Aquarium.
For in school opportunities, we have have been lucky enough to host workshops with the Welsh National Opera, the Songwriting Doctor, The Bumbles of Honeywood, First Aid and Rhondda Readers to name a few.











Sporting Opportunities

At Llwynypia Primary, we have a lot of talented young people. From footballers, to rock climbers, cricket players to jujitsu, we are extremely proud of all of our superstars and we love to celebrate their achievements!

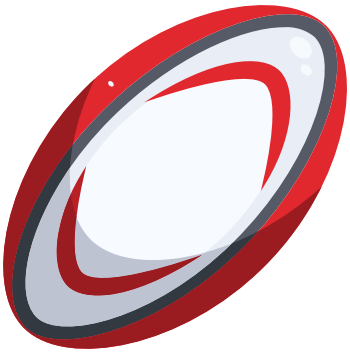












We also provide lots of opportunities for sport development in school through clubs and tournaments! We have developed links with CCFC, Rhondda Sport and many other sporting organisations.



Active Journeys

As part of our Eco Schools approach, we are now using our Active Journeys tracker to track how the children come to school. Children who come to school at least once a week for a month in an active way, are celebrated with beautiful pin badges that they wear with pride.



Healthy Schools

At Llwynypia Primary, we are a flagship Healthy School National Quality Award school. This means that we actively support healthy living in a variety of ways and this is embedded across the school.

We take part in the Daily Mile and weekly PE lessons, we encourage healthy lunch boxes and eating at dinner time. Children are encouraged to drink water in their bottles. These are just a few of the ways that we encourage a healthy lifestyle amongst our learners.

If you would like to know more about our Healthy Schools Journey, please feel free to contact Mrs Chinnock who is our Healthy Schools Coordinator.



Welsh Development

Following the Welsh Government's aim of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050, we encourage all of our learners and staff to speak Welsh when they can.



To support this, we teach Welsh lessons, follow Tric a Chlic phonics, Pod Antur schemes of work, have a weekly Seren Siarad Cymraeg award, hold Seren a Sparc celebration days and embed Welsh Heritage and cynefin into the life of our school through holding celebration ceremonies such as the Eisteddfod.

In class, we have also created Welsh phrase posters and put them up around the local community. You can find our posters in local shops, cafes and businesses to help you use Welsh when you are out and about!



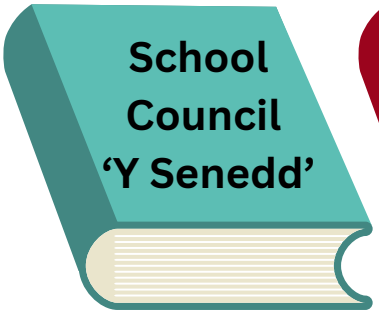


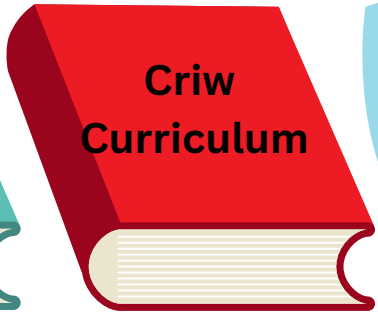
Councils

Pupil voice is of the utmost importance to us here at Llwynypia Primary. To gather the thoughts of our learners, and to encourage them to feed into our school development, we have many student council groups.

At the beginning of each year, learners are voted into their groups and they work alongside teaching staff to discuss issues relevant to the development and upkeep of our school. Learners have the chance to influence policies, wellbeing strategies, assist in awards verifications and even assist in the appointment of new staff!







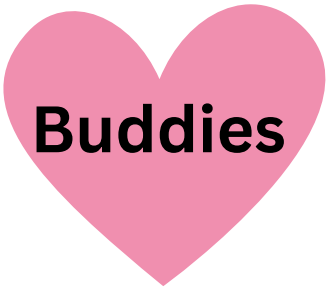














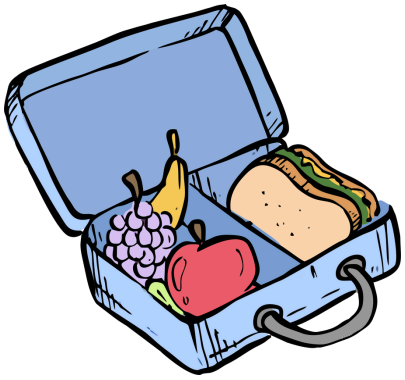


School Dinners

School Dinners are provided for free for learners in Nursery to Year 6 through the Universal Free School Meal Scheme in Wales.

The school dinner menu is provided by RCT and can be found following the QR code.

If your child has any allergies, please inform school and provide documentation, (an Allergy Action Plan) stating the food allergy. Your child is also able to bring a healthy packed lunch should you wish.

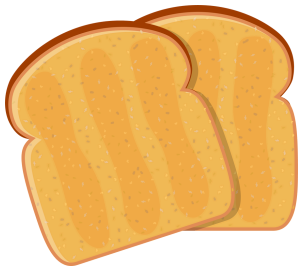


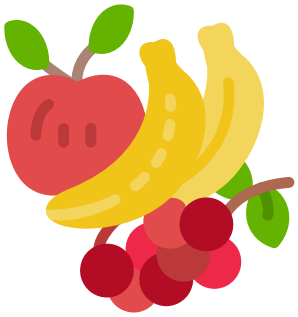
Packed Lunch

Children are welcome to bring in a packed lunch if you would prefer this to school dinner, either all week or on specific days. We encourage a healthy, balanced diet through packed lunches and suggest items such as a sandwich, or wrap, a fruit or veg snack, and a dairy item. Children are encouraged to bring in water or sugar free squash with their packed lunch.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club opens at 8.10am and doors close at 8.25am.
This is a free service provided by RCT and is located in our kitchen, accessible through the gate on School Terrace.
All children are welcome, however you must first register your child online through RCT website. Children will be provided with a healthy breakfast and taken to class in time for the start of the school day.





Snack Time

All pupils are encouraged to bring in a healthy fruit or veg snack to eat during the day at snack time. This is separate to your child's lunch and all classes are encouraged to bring in a snack.
Nursery to Year 2 will also receive milk during their snack time. If your child has an allergy to milk, please advise your class teacher and alternatives can be ordered.