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Ton-yr-Ywen Primary School – End of Term December Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of Ton-yr-Ywen,

As we approach the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all peace, joy, love, and hope this Christmas time. During this season of miracles we would also like to wish Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish Families.

As 2025 comes to a close I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff and governing body for the hard work and dedication shown again this year. I really am very fortunate to have such a great team to work with. I would also like to express a special thank you to the talented children and their incredible concerts and performances this term. Your creativity, and enthusiasm have brought smiles to the school community and filled us all with the magic of Christmas. Well done!

Curriculum update: This term, our curriculum has focused on the theme of *Diversity*, giving pupils the opportunity to explore this important concept through a wide range of learning experiences. From interviewing local “Heath Heroes,” war veterans, and Windrush elders, to taking part in workshops led by actors advocating for disability rights, our learners have discovered what diversity means within our school, across Wales, and around the world.

The children have loved sharing their learning with parents and carers through a series of special events. Inspired by these experiences, they have also taken positive steps to make our school community even more inclusive.

Looking ahead, the next stage in our developing curriculum will begin in January with a new context: *“The Impact of Technology.”* Linked to this context, my winter holiday homework challenge for all the children is to look with their families at the technology that they use in their homes. Children are then encouraged to write a list / draw a picture / take photographs of the top 3 pieces of technology that they couldn’t live without. With your support your child should also research how long the technology has been around. Any work completed should be brought into school and will earn the children up to 5 Dojos!

The intention behind this new context is to allow your children to explore how technology shapes our world, influences our lives, and inspires innovation. We are excited to see the curiosity and creativity this will spark in our classrooms.

Staffing changes: Starting next term we will have one new Teaching Assistant and two new midday staff joining the TYY team. With additional staff available at lunchtime we will be able to stagger the year groups to have lunch at slightly different times. This change is being made in response to parent and pupil questionnaire feedback that suggested that some of the children found lunchtimes busy. Our new approach will reduce pupil numbers on the playground at the same time.

Health update: Over the course of this term a high number of the school community have suffered with different viruses. In response our dedicated cleaning team increased our cleaning regime in line with practices implemented during Covid times as a measure to try and help reduce the spread of these viruses within our community. Going forward Public Health Wales have also instructed all schools to promote vaccination against flu.

More information can be found here.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/flu vaccine/>

They have also reiterated the expectation that in the case of sickness and diarrhoea children and staff should stay home from school for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and in the case of flu we must ensure everyone remains at home until 5 days after symptoms start. This we must implement from the start of next term.

Finally, a reminder that school will re-open to all pupils on **Monday, 5th January 2026 at 8.55**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another term of learning and growth. **Please make a big effort to arrive on time, as registers are taken by 9.05**. Children arriving after this are marked as 'Late' and frequent late attenders are brought to the attention of our Attendance Officer who will be supporting the school in the new year to help raise punctuality. Sadly with a growing trend of children arriving late to school many children are missing the important start of day input and this is really impacting on both their well-being and our ability to get started with teaching and learning.

Attendance fact: Children arriving 10 minutes late every day are missing equivalent to a whole weeks' learning over the course of the year. This in turn impacts their long term educational achievement.

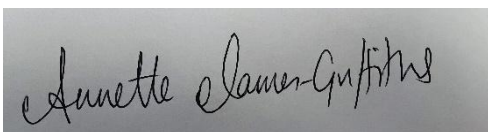
Please work with us to ensure your child achieves their very best by arriving on time.

Key dates for next half term:

5th January 2026 - We return to school. 13th February - Inset Day. The school is closed to pupils for staff training.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. Wishing you and your families a happy Christmas time and a healthy New Year!

Warm regards,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Annette James-Griffiths".

Mrs James-Griffiths (Headteacher)

Reception children enjoying their Christmas lunch with their teachers:



Thank you to the catering team who prepared a lovely Christmas dinner for all children and staff to enjoy together.

SUPPORT OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD
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Grassroots Youth Centre will be open for support over the festive period. Drop in for a chat, support, or just a safe place to be.
Mae Grassroots ar agor i gynnig cefnogaeth dros y Nadolig. Dewch am sgwrs, cymorth, neu le diogel i ymlacio.

Address / Cyfeiriad:
Grassroots Youth Centre
58 Charles Street, Cardiff, CF10 2GG

Monday 22/12/25 Opening Hours 11:00 - 16:00	Tuesday 30/12/25 Opening Hours 11:00 - 16:00
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