



Spring Term Newsletter 2025

With Easter weekend just a week away, it's hard to believe we've arrived at another term's end! But with the recent spell of fine weather and days getting longer, there are definitely signs that summer is around the corner, which means the end of the academic year is also fast approaching.

Pupil Voice

All of our Pupil Voices bodies have been very active this term. This term, we have once again received the fantastic news that our Platinum Eco-Schools Award has been renewed. The Platinum award is the highest award an Eco school can achieve and we are all very proud of this accomplishment, which is recognition of the Eco Club's hard work during the year. This year, members have worked to teach their fellow pupils about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. To follow up the fantastic response they received to the second hand Christmas Jumper swop/sale, pupils organised a similar event for 'World Book Day' outfits. The 'Top Tip Tuesday' we post on our Twitter/X feed, is also proving to be extremely informative and popular! Not ones to rest on their laurels, the club are already working hard to ensure that the award will again be renewed next year.



Dydd Gwyl Dewi

St David's Day this year was a little unusual. On March the 1st, pupils went across to Capel y Crwys to celebrate St David's Day together. All classes as well as the School Choir took part in a wonderful, patriotic celebration. We were treated to a feast of song, drama and humour which had me laughing and crying in equal measure! Once again we would like to thank the Capel y Crwys officials for supporting the event. Diolch!

Additional Learning Opportunities

As you are I'm sure by now aware, I am a big believer in the fact that there is so much more to a child's education, than what is taught in the classroom. Seat based learning is not the norm at Crwys! Our outdoor schools programme continues to go





from strength to strength as opportunities outside the classroom offer so much and I am determined to continue to offer these opportunities to our pupils.

Learning this term has also been greatly enhanced and enriched by both visits and visitors. The 'Rainforest' theme, lent itself to some very interesting visitors in the shape of the 'Size of Wales' and Rainforest Animal Experience Workshops, who brought along armadillos, binturongs, iguanas and blue-tongued skinks! We also received visits from PC Craig to talk about such things as internet safety, and Years 2 and 5 received a visit from the fire service to talk about fire safety.

Year 3 and 4 worked with officers from Swansea Sport, while Years 5 and 6 experienced a number of visits to the fabulous Swansea University indoor athletics facility.

Sport, once again, has been an important part of school life, with pupils representing the school in swimming, football, netball and rugby. After school and lunch time clubs, have been very well attended, with the focus moving to rounders and cricket after Easter.

Attendance

Good attendance is held in very high regard at Crwys! Its importance is regularly discussed in Friday assembly and I'm sure your children will be able to tell you all about our Golden Ticket incentive.

While attendance levels post pandemic are slowly starting to improve, we are still falling short of our pre covid high standards.

Tomorrow, individual attendance reports will be shared with all pupils as we continue to work together to achieve the school target of 95%

Currently, pupils have 175 days off school, this includes school holidays and weekends, therefore, as per school policy, family holidays during term time will not be authorised.

PTA

Missing school adds up!

LEARNING MISSED IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

100% attendance	0 days of learning missed	Best chance of success!
95% attendance	2 weeks of learning missed	Poor attendance will impact on learning.
90% attendance	4 weeks of learning missed	
85% attendance	5 ¹ / ₂ weeks of learning missed	Very poor attendance. You are at risk of prosecution!
80% attendance	At least 7 ¹ / ₂ weeks of learning missed	





The PTA have, as always, been industrious this term! In addition to the Valentine's discos, they have also arranged the Easter Bonnet competition and parade as well as arranging the class photos, thanks to the help of the talented Mr Graham Smith.

The PTA have funded new signage which will be visible in the coming months, which will help support our

Plans are also well underway for the Annual Summer Fete on the Banc on Saturday June 29th. If you can help or contribute in anyway, please speak to Lauren Rogers, Kirstie Williams, Kelly Besley or Kate Osborn. I'm sure we have another fantastic day in store!

Staff Changes

This term has seen two of our Teaching Assistants Mrs Julia Crook and Mrs Denise Harvey move on, Mrs Harvey ending an association which goes back over twenty years! We wish them both every happiness and success in their next chapters and thank them for their contributions to making Crwys the special place it is. After the Easter break, we will welcome Miss Sophie Davies to the staff, Miss Davies is already known to the school from her time working at Childsplay.

Sesquicentennial Celebrations

And finally, 2025 marks the 150th anniversary of education in Three Crosses. We have decided to celebrate during the summer term. To mark this special milestone, numerous events and keepsakes are planned. A whole school concert at Capel y Crwys will give the whole school and community a chance to celebrate together, we are waiting to hear from Chapel Officials before confirming a date. A Whole School photograph is arranged for early July, while a Victorian Day and Street Party are also planned. We also plan to produce a 'Poetry Anthology' which will be a little keepsake for pupils to remember this special occasion.

All that remains, is for me, on behalf of the staff and pupils of Crwys Primary, is to wish you all a fabulous Easter break. Don't eat too much chocolate!

Reminder

The first day back after the Easter break, Monday April 28th. We break again on May 23rd for ½ term. The end of the Academic Year is Monday July 1st, however as this is an INSET Day, the last day of the academic year for pupils will be on Friday July 19th.

