

Llanrug

Many Year 5 children will be going on our annual trip to Llanrug, North Wales this week. Llanrug is an opportunity for children to step away a little from what they know; spend some time away from home and school and have a go at managed challenges. Having resilience, being part of a team and taking safe risks is an important part of growing up.

We wish them all well for a fabulous week and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

New staff

We have a number of new staff who have started/ are starting at our school.

Miss Bashir has begun working in Year 1 (1CD) as a teaching assistant.

Mrs Naweed will shortly be starting work in Nursery as Miss Thoburn has started her maternity leave.

If you go to the office this week, you may see **Miss Chayun**. As our school and Trust continue to grow, the office is getting busier and busier. Miss Chayun will be the person to talk to (after some training) about financial issues such as sQuid, as well as being available for general support in the office at its busiest times.

You will have received a letter this week explaining that Mr Davies will shortly be starting a leadership secondment to another Trust school. **Mr Hill** and **Mrs Hussain**, will become Deputy Headteachers (job shared) whilst he is away.

I'm sure you'll join us in welcoming all new staff and wishing Mr Davies well in his secondment.

sQuid

A reminder that the issues we had with sQuid seem to be solved now for most people. Please remember to go on to order children's lunches and book/ pay for any events you need.

Week beginning 20th January

Monday 20th January

Tuesday 21st January

Year 3 swimming – additional session

Wednesday 22nd January

Thursday 23rd January

Year 3 swimming

Friday 24th January

2JA class assembly 9.45am; 2JA parents' welcome

Term Dates

Spring 1

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February

Spring 2

Monday 24th February – Thursday 10th April

Summer 1

Monday 23rd April – Thursday 22nd May

Summer 2

Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

Please note that on the following dates school is open for staff only:

Friday 14th February; Friday 11th April; Friday 23rd May; Monday 22nd July



SCHOOL
VALUES

PROUD
TO BE ME

ENJOY
LEARNING

ACHIEVE
SUCCESS

RESPECT FOR THE
WORLD



Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs S Ricketts

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mrs R Hussain

Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr Ryan

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care](#) |

[Worcestershire County Council](#)



In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc. out of bedrooms

Attendance

Year group	Week beginning 13/1/25	This half-term	Autumn Term
Reception	96.2 	96.5	94.75%
Year 1	92.7	91.9	93.9%
Year 2	93	93.3	92.2
Year 3	93.1	91.7	94.5
Year 4	91.3	91.4	95.3
Year 5	92.3	91.5	93.8
Year 6	97.2 	95.2	95.7
Whole School (Rec - Y6)	93.7	93.1	94.3

Dogs on site

Recently, a number of dogs have been being brought on to school grounds before and at the end of the day. Although these dogs have been on leads and well behaved, **we do not allow dogs on site (even carried).**

This is for several reasons:

- Our school site is very busy. Dogs are an additional pressure on space.
- Not all children (or adults) like dogs. It doesn't matter how well behaved a dog is, if you are scared of them. We want children to feel comfortable arriving and leaving school.
- Dogs can be unpredictable.
- Dogs can make a mess. We have no reason to think any of the dogs brought in to school have fouled here, but there is always the possibility.
- Some children have severe allergies to dogs.

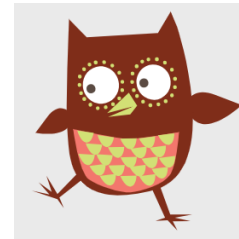
Ideally leave dogs at home. If you must bring them, then please tie them somewhere away from school, avoiding the pavement just outside, which is very narrow. Thank-you



**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK?
IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID.**

What is my child learning? How can I help?

All children have access to age-appropriate educational websites. You will find their usernames and passwords for these in their reading diaries. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. Three key sites are:



Oxford Owl

You will find links to appropriate sites on the school website, year group page. PLEASE help your child to use these regularly. They will make such a difference to their reading and maths fluency and help a child feel confident in their own abilities.

