

36 Year 5 children had a wonderful time away this week. For most it would have been the longest they had stayed away from home and they coped brilliantly. At Llanrug, not only do they face physical challenges such as gorging and climbing, but they are also expected to make their own lunches and keep the centre tidy – and they did!

Thank-you to Miss Squires, Mr Davies, Mr Barker and Miss Payne who accompanied them. As you can imagine, it is a big responsibility, and we would be unable to run residential trips without staff support. Thank-you also to Mr Ryan, Miss Preece and Mrs Hussain who looked after Year 5 and 6 who didn't have their usual teacher.

Year 4 are next with their trip to Conover Hall in March. If your child is one of these, please make sure you complete all paperwork which will be coming your way and keep up with those sQuid payments.

Well done

We had another reason to be proud this week. Primary School assessment figures were released and Hollymount School was 4th out of all schools in Worcester for last year's Year 6 test results.

[Worcester's best performing primary schools revealed | Worcester News](#)

Our school is so much more than test results, however we are proud that the hard work of all staff and children is reflected in what children achieved. These results are not a one-year journey. EVERY year 6 child last year did fantastically. Those that didn't reach the "expected" standard for their age still made great personal progress and we hope that they have continued to do well in the next stage of their education.

We will continue in our aim of INSPIRING SUCCESS for all our children. Exam success is one type of achievement. We want our children to be successful in life, whatever that looks like for them.

Week beginning 27th January

Monday 27th January

Tuesday 28th January

Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 29th January

Thursday 30th January

Year 5 swimming – additional session

Family learning 1pm

Friday 31st January

Term Dates

Spring 1

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February

Spring 2

Monday 24th February – Thursday 10th April

Summer 1

Monday 28th April – Thursday 22nd May

Summer 2

Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

Please note edit to typing error made last week.

Apologies.



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 20/1/25	This half-term	Autumn Term
Reception	91%	94.6%	94.75%
Year 1	92.8%	92.1%	93.9%
Year 2	92%	92.9%	92.2
Year 3	97.8% ★	93.9%	94.5
Year 4	94.9%	94%	95.3
Year 5	96%	93%	93.8
Year 6	94.5%	94.9%	95.7
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	94.1%	93.6%	94.3

Overall, better attendance this week than last. However, we thought it might be helpful to give some numbers to those percentages. Why is there such a difference between one year group and the others? We haven't reported class figures to safeguard anonymity.

Reception: attendance was unusually low this week. This year group have been some of our best attenders this year. However, this week **9 children missed 19 school days between them.**

Year 1: 9 children had time off with 16 days between them

Year 2: 11 children had time off; 20 days in total. Did you know that if your child is very late to school, it counts as a half day absence?

Year 3: Very good attendance this week. **Only 4 children missed time at school with 5 days between them**

Year 4: Just below the minimum 95% expected **5 children missed 11 days between them**

Year 5: 36 of the cohort were at Llanrug – that has helped attendance rates. **Of the 17 children in Worcester, 3 had time off school with 5.5 days between them.** One child in this cohort has left our school but must stay on our register as he hasn't got a place at a new school yet. This counts as an absence for the year group unfortunately. Without that child, attendance would be around 97%

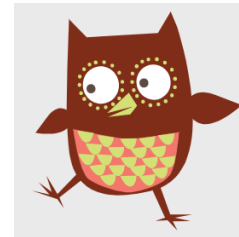
Year 6: 10 children had time off, 14.5 days between them

We hope this gives a clearer idea about what we report each week. Remember, every day matters, including Fridays!

**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.

