



Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed being back in school over the last few days and the children have quickly settled back into routines! Although we've only been back for three days, lots of learning experiences have already been underway.

Our whole-school concept and driving question for the Autumn term is:

Identity & Belonging: *Who are we and where do we belong?*

Each class will focus on a different enquiry linked to this concept and driving question. Acorn will focus on themselves, family and friends. Beech will focus on their class, school and the local community. Laurel will focus on their community and wider Wales and Oak will focus on Wales/ the UK and the wider world/ global connections.

This week classes have focused on the following:

Acorn – Learning routines and talking about class rules.

Beech – Writing sentences about themselves, recognising numbers and creating class promises.

Laurel & Oak – Completing applications for roles of responsibility within school, reasoning and problem-solving activities and immersion day activities linked to their new enquiry projects.

A reminder about collection and drop-off arrangements:

Nursery to Year 2

- Pupils must be brought to the gate in the morning and collected by a responsible adult at the end of the school day.
- This may be a person aged 16 years or over, provided the school has been informed in advance.
- If someone unfamiliar to staff is collecting a child, parents and carers must notify the school beforehand.

Years 3 to 6

- Pupils may walk home independently if parents or carers have provided written permission using the form that will be distributed in September.
- Pupils attending after-school clubs during the Autumn and Spring terms must be collected by a responsible person aged 16 or over due to the earlier darkness.

Reminders:

- We are now locking the gates on Cross Street at 9am. Children arriving after 9am will need to be brought to the Dilwyn Street entrance and signed in using our new electronic signing in system. To avoid the walk around the building, please ensure pupils are in school by 9am.
- Don't forget that our new Community Book Swap is now open in the main entrance by the school office.
- Please do not park against our double gates on Cross Street. These gates must be kept clear in case of emergency (even outside of school hours).



Dates for the diary:

- Planned INSET Days 2026-2027: 01/09/26, 18/09/26, 04/01/26, 19/03/27, 19/07/27, 20/07/27. These dates are subject to change. However, should they change we will endeavor to provide as much notice as possible.
- Tuesday 15th September 2pm – Friends of Penrhiwceibr Autumn term events planning meeting. All parents/ carers welcome!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Tudge
Headteacher

