



FERN FEDERATION

AUTUMN TERM 2 – 2025-2026



Dear parents, carers and guardians,
 Another busy term has flown by, and what a term it has been! Across the Federation, pupils have been exploring *“The Green, Green Grass”* through their humanities lessons. They’ve had the opportunity to investigate their own locality and compare it with another, broadening their understanding of the world around them. This term also included some exciting experiences: pupils enjoyed a trip to see *Jack and the Beanstalk* at Aberdare Coliseum and visited Santa Claus at Colliers Farm. Our pupils have continued to benefit from high quality sports coaching provided by Play Sports, IT with Techno camps and violin lessons from the RCT Music Service, all fully funded by the Federation. A huge thank you to **TESCO**, who have generously supported our Federation’s fruit tuck shops. Thanks to their funding, every pupil has been able to enjoy a free piece of fruit each day throughout the autumn term, helping us move closer to our goal of becoming a healthy school. Also, a huge thank you to Dilys and Derek who continue to volunteer in the Federation. Work on the new school building is progressing at pace, and early indications suggest it will be ready for us to move into by October 2026. This is incredibly exciting, and we are all looking forward to this next chapter! This term, the Federation has also supported a number of charities and initiatives, including *Odd Socks Day* for Anti-Bullying Week, *Children in Need*, and the *Glyncoch Food Pantry*, to name just a few. Pupils have been learning about these causes and why they are so important. Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to another fantastic term ahead! Mrs Haggett

CHRISTMAS CRAFT



ATTENDANCE



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who joined us for our Christmas Craft Afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many of you walking around the school, enjoying a tea or coffee, and creating festive crafts alongside your children. These moments are what make lasting memories, and we are so grateful for your involvement.

The feedback from the day has been fantastic:
“A well-organised, fun event. Happy Christmas all!”

“What a great afternoon!”

“Fab variety of craft activities, plenty to do!”

“I think these activities are wonderful. It’s great to be involved.”

Your support truly makes a difference, and we couldn’t do it without you. Thank you for being amazing and helping us make this event so special!

As a School we are committed to helping ensure that all our pupils are in school nearly all the time. Our target each term across the school continues to be >95%. Attendance shown is for Autumn 2
 Term Dates:

CRAIG YR HESG		CEFN	
Mrs Evans	80%	Mrs Smith Mrs Meazey	84%
Miss Dyer-Knight	88%	Miss Lane	96%
Miss Osbourne	88%	Mrs Reynolds	89%
Mrs Davies	92%	Miss Brown	86%
Miss Najian	91%	Mrs Lewis	87%
Miss Andrews	94%	Mrs Rosser	95%

These figures are based on Federation expectations

95% and above	(excellent)
Between 90%- 94%	(good)
Between 85-89%	(below average)
Below 85%	(unsatisfactory)

Focus CYH- Punctuality

Focus Cefn- Persistent Absenteeism

Just a reminder holidays will not be authorised by the school as agreed by the Fern Federation Governing body in Autumn Term.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SPRING 1

DATES	Activity	What do I need to do?
5.01.26	Pupils return to school	School Uniform to be worn
06.01.26	Miss Lewis (Cefn) and Miss Andrews (CYH) attending Ysgol Bro Taf - Silverstone car experience.	Bus will be transporting pupils there and back. No cost. School Uniform to be worn
07.01.26	New Nursery pupils start school	School Uniform to be worn
30.01.26	New Nursery pupils report out	
Wk beg 9.2.26	Valentine Discos will be arranged for this week, further information to follow.	
13.02.26	Pupils break up for half term	
23.02.26	Pupils return to school	School Uniform to be worn

Safeguarding

This term, several members of our staff have taken part in important training sessions to strengthen the support we provide for all pupils.

Safeguarding Training

Staff attended the *Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board Multi-Agency Group B Training*.

This training ensures that everyone working with children can recognise signs of harm or neglect, respond appropriately, and work closely with other agencies to keep children safe. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, and this training helps us remain fully equipped to protect and support every child in our care. [[Click here for more information.](#)]

Calming the Angry Child

Some staff also completed training on *Calming the Angry Child*, which focused on identifying possible triggers and strategies to help pupils regulate their emotions and behaviours effectively.

Ask and Act Training

In addition, a number of staff undertook *Ask and Act* training, which provides guidance on supporting individuals, both men and women who may be experiencing domestic abuse or coercive control and behaviours

As a Federation we are committed to ongoing professional development to ensure our pupils, staff, parents and community feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Standing Together Against Racism

Unfortunately, we have experienced a number of incidents this year both in and outside of school, relating to race. As a Federation we want to make it absolutely clear: **We will not tolerate racism in any form.** This behaviour does not align with our vision or values of respect, communication and teamwork.

If racism is heard or witnessed, it will be challenged and reported. We stand firmly behind the message that every member of our Federation community deserves to feel safe, valued and respected. Together we are one community, and we will continue to work hard to ensure our Federation remains welcoming and inclusive to all.

How you can help support us:

Please talk to your child about the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating differences. Encourage them to speak up if they ever witness or experience racism. By working together, we can make sure every child and member of our community feels safe and supported.

Thank you for standing with us in promoting equality and respect.

Parent Engagement

This term, the Federation successfully secured funding to run a series of parent workshops at the local community centre every Wednesday. These sessions were all about supporting parents with a wide range of parenting topics, offering practical advice, guidance, and resources to make family life that little bit easier. A big thank you to everyone who joined us this term! We hope you found the workshops helpful and took away some useful tips.

Coming Soon: After Christmas, we'll be back with even more workshops! Keep an eye out for details in the new year we'd love to see you there.

Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday 17th December our Year 4,5,& 6 girls participated in the CRT Game on Girls Primary Football Festival in the University of South Wales Sport Park. The girls did amazingly well and came 4th out of 18. Wow, wow, wow!!!!



New School

Cabinet announced on Tuesday 15th December that the new school name will be **Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch**.

New Fern Criw video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbyNQDntC8M>

Survey results so far suggest that **purple** is the most popular colour for our new school with **55%** of votes



Year 6 Role Models

The Federation is proud to celebrate our oldest pupils in Year 6 by gifting each of them a Fern Federation hoodie. These hoodies are more than just a keepsake; they represent leadership and responsibility. By wearing them, our Year 6 pupils stand out as role models for the rest of the school and the wider Federation. We want our younger pupils to look up to Year 6 as examples of kindness, respect, and positive behaviour. This recognition helps reinforce the important role they play in setting the tone for our school community.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents, Carers, and Guardians,

As we conclude the Autumn term, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and involvement in our Federation. Your dedication has been instrumental in making this term such a success.

We have shared many memorable moments together, from the delightful Family Christmas Craft Afternoon to the laughter filled Christmas concerts, the pantomime and the family trip to the farm was a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to create lasting memories. A huge thank you to Jan, Kath, Kenette Natalie, Reine and Michelle for cooking the most splendid lunch and to the staff for making this term so special for all our pupils. The pupils even had a special visit from Minnie Mouse and Woody from Toy Story, how exciting!

Your participation and enthusiasm in these events have not only enriched our pupils' experiences but also strengthened our community. It is through your continued support that we can provide such enriching opportunities for our children. As we look ahead to a new year and the opening of Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch, we must remember that its success depends on all of us working together, regardless of race, gender, religion, age, or sexual orientation. This is an exciting time for everyone involved, and we are confident that this new chapter will bring us closer as an even stronger, united community.

On behalf of the Fern Federation Governors, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!


Councillor D. Williams
Chair of Governors Fern Federation

