



FERN FEDERATION

SUMMER TERM 2 - 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As we come to the close of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and shared experiences that have made this year so special. Our Federation has continued to grow stronger, united by a shared commitment to nurturing, inspiring, and empowering every child. Our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm—from tackling new challenges in the classroom to exploring creative and cultural experiences like learning the violin and deepening their understanding of sustainability, their curiosity and determination have been a joy to witness. On the sports field, we've celebrated not just goals, tries, and victories, but the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship—core principles that have guided us throughout the year. Beyond the school gates, our pupils have made a real difference in the community through acts of kindness, sporting endeavours, environmental projects, and charitable efforts that reflect their growing sense of responsibility and compassion. None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our families, staff, and volunteers Dilys and Derek. Your involvement—whether through attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply cheering from the side lines—has been invaluable. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. To our Year 6 pupils, we send you off with pride and best wishes. You've left your mark on our Federation, and we know you'll continue to thrive in the next chapter of your journey. To all returning pupils and families, have a fabulous break and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**, ready for another exciting year ahead. Mrs Haggett

Staff Goodbye's, Welcome Back's & Get Well's



Miss Lewis, our TLR leader and current Year 2 and 3 teacher, will be returning to us after her years secondment as Deputy Headteacher at Blaengwawr Primary School. We're thrilled to welcome her back as the new Year 5 and 6 teacher. In turn, Mrs Reynolds will be moving into the role of Year 1 and 2 teacher.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Miss Osbourne**, who has done a fantastic job covering Miss Lewis's class during her secondment. We're delighted that she will be staying within the Federation, taking up the Year 1 and 2 teacher role at Craig Yr Hesg until Miss Wookey returns from maternity leave.

We're also very pleased to welcome back **Mrs Hill** to our Nurture class following a period of absence. It's wonderful to have her back with us, and we know the children will benefit greatly from her care and experience.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge that **Miss Newbury** remains off as she is still receiving invasive treatment. Our thoughts are with her, and her family and we sincerely hope to welcome her back in the next academic year.

Lastly, we'll be saying goodbye to **Miss Rogers**, who has been teaching our reception class since the spring. We're incredibly grateful for her hard work and dedication, and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.



Miss Lewis



Miss Reynolds



Miss Osbourne



Mrs Hill



Miss Newbury



Miss Rogers



Dear Year 6, it is hard to believe how quickly time has flown, it only feels like yesterday that you were starting your journey here with us and now you are ready to take your next big step. Throughout your time in Cefn and Craig Yr Hesg, you have shown kindness, courage and a real love of learning and we couldn't be prouder of everything you have become and achieved.

This year you have grown not just in knowledge but in confidence and character and as Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". And you are already well on your way to doing just that.

As you move onto High School, remember to stay curious, keep believing in yourselves, and never be afraid to dream big, you are more than ready for the challenges ahead. You will always be part of the Fern Federation family, and we will be cheering you on every step of the way, just go out there and show the world just how amazing you are!

To all our wonderful Year 6 parents and families, thank you for your unwavering support, you have shown over the years. Whether it has been helping with school events, cheering from the side lines, or supporting your child's learning at home (let's not talk about COVID-19 teaching), your involvement has made a world of difference. Your partnership has helped us create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our children to grow, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done to allow us be part of their educational journey.



We hope that you and the pupils loved the little end of term gift that we bought all pupils across the Federation.

These flowers when planted will hopefully bloom and grow just like your amazing children. When you have planted them, and they have started to bloom please do send us some photos.



Take a look at all the amazing things that went on in the Fern Federation this year, oh what fun we had!!!!!!





KIDS EAT FOR FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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ASDA Cafe

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. The offer has been extended until the end of 2025.

Asda also provides FREE Ella's baby food pouches for children under 18 months old with any purchase.

Beefeater

Two children get free breakfast with one paying adult!

Bella Italia

Children eat free all day every day every Thursday and for £1 until 6pm, Sunday to Wednesday with any adult main from the Al La Carte menu.



Brewers Fayre

Up to two Kids (under 16) eat free, unlimited breakfast with any purchase of an adult's breakfast. More Information can be found [here](#).

Future Inns

At Future Inns, under 5's always eat for free with any adult meal. More information can be found [here](#).

IKEA

Kids can enjoy Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50 every day from 11am. More information can be found [here](#).

Morrisons

Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide, daily with every adult meal over £5.

Pausa Cafes at Dunelm

During School Holidays, for every £4 spent by an adult in the cafe, kids can enjoy one free mini main, two yummy snacks and a drink - across all menu items. The offer is running all day every day, at Pausa Cafes at Dunelm.

Preto

Kids eat free all day, even on weekends and from 4pm on weekdays with paying adults at preto. This offer is open to children up to 10 years old.

The Real Greek

Kids under 12 eat free every Sunday at the Real Greek with every £15 spent by an adult.

Table Table

Two children under 16 years old can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult! More information can be found [here](#).

TGI Fridays

Kids Eat Free all day every day When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal. If you're not a rewards member, just book your table and then simply download the app before your visit.

Whitbread Inns

Purchase one great value £9.50 breakfast at any Whitbread Inns pub or restaurant and two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE. More information can be found [here](#).

Yo Sushi

Kids eat free all day (Monday-Friday) during all school holidays at Yo sushi with a full paying adult (minimum spend £10)

source - [Places Kids Eat Free in School Holidays & Half Terms 2025](#)
(moneysavingcentral.co.uk)





Transition



This year as a Federation we've placed a strong focus on strengthening our transition arrangements for our youngest learners and their families. Our staff have taken time to visit local preschool settings, sharing stories and building early connections with the children. We've also hosted engaging activities in both schools, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Sports Day, which were well attended. These events have helped to create a warm, welcoming environment and we hope made the move from home to school a more positive and reassuring experience for both pupils and parents.



ATTENDANCE 24-25

As a Federation we are committed to helping ensure that all our children are in school nearly all the time. Our target each term across the school continues to be >95%. Attendance is from September – July 25.

| CRAIG YR HESG | | CEFN | |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Mrs Evans | 85.77% | Miss Smith | 82.83% |
| Miss Rogers | | Miss Meazey | 88.94% |
| Mrs Dyer-Knight | 92.38% | Miss Osbourne | 86.62% |
| Mrs Davies | 90.90% | Miss Lane | 87.29% |
| Miss Najian | 92.67% | Miss Brown | 88.20% |
| Miss Andrews | 90.93% | Mrs Reynolds | 84.53% |
| | | Mrs Rosser | 82.68% |

These figures are based on Federation expectations.

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

Next Year's Targets: 95%

Craig Yr Hesg Primary School - **Punctuality**

Cefn primary School- **Persistent absenteeism**

Just a reminder holidays will continue to not be authorised by the Federation as agreed by the Fern Federation Governing body.



STAFFING STRUCTURE 25-26



Fern Federation Staffing roles and responsibilities 2025-2026

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| Exec. Head Teacher-Mrs Haggett- Leadership | | Head of School Cefn -Mrs Byers- Curriculum | | Head of School CYH- Mrs Smith-Thomas-Teaching & Learning | | Federation ALNCo- Miss Lewis | | | |
| TLR- Miss Dyer-ITE | | TLR- Miss Lewis MFL | | SLT-Miss Brown | | SLT- Miss Andrews | | SLT-Mrs Reynolds | |
| CEFN PRIMARY | | | | | | | | | |
| Cefn Class | Nursery Reception | Nurture | Year 1 & Year 2 | Year 3 & Year 4 | Year 5 & Year 6 | SEBD | | | |
| Cefn Class Teacher | Mrs Meazey Mrs Smith | Miss Lane | Mrs Reynolds | Mrs Brown | Miss Lewis | Mrs Rosser | | | |
| Teaching Assistants | Mrs Williams | Mrs Hill Miss Lewis | Miss Rees | Miss Whiting | Miss Varga | Mrs Lynch Mrs Lewis | | | |
| CRAIG YR HESG PRIMARY | | | | | | | | | |
| CYH Class | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 & Year 2 | Year 2 & Year 3 | Year 4 & Year 5 | Year 5 & Year 6 | | | |
| CYH Class Teacher | Mrs Evans | Miss Dyer-Knight | Miss Osbourne | Mrs Davies | Miss Najian | Miss Andrews | | | |
| Teaching Assistants | Miss Leach | Miss Jones | Miss Jones | Mrs Shine-Roberts | Miss Hughes | | | | |
| FEDERATION STAFF | | | | | | | | | |
| Cefn Clerk | Mrs Morris | CYH Clerk | Mrs Davies | ALNCO | | Miss Lewis | Caretaker | Mr Davies | |
| Cefn cook | Mrs Braithwaite | Cefn Cook | Mrs Paul | CYH Cook | | Mrs Griffiths | CYH cook | Mrs Talbot | |

New School Update



Don't forget to check out our YouTube channel, Fern Criw.

<https://www.youtube.com/@FernCryw>

Here you can stay updated on all things new school related!



This term, the Fern Federation had the great honour of welcoming distinguished guests from the Local Authority and Welsh Government to officially break ground on our brand-new school building.

Our pupils were absolutely delighted to be part of this exciting moment and were buzzing with enthusiasm as they learned about the incredible plans for the future. They were especially thrilled to hear that our new school is set to become the most sustainable school in Wales—a true trailblazer and a model for others across the nation to follow. What an incredible privilege for our Federation and community!



Chair of Governors Message



Dear Parents, Cares and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the 24-25 academic year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank you all for your continued support encouragement and partnership throughout the year.

It has been a year filled with growth, achievement, and community spirit. Our pupils have continued thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, thanks to the dedication of our incredible staff and the nurturing environment we have all built together. From classroom milestones to sporting triumphs and creative accomplishments it has been a joy to witness the enthusiasm and resilience of our pupils.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils who are now preparing to take their next steps into high school. We are so proud of all you have achieved and know you will carry the values of the Fern Federation with you and remember you will always be part of the Fern Federation family.

This year has also marked an exciting chapter in our Federations journey, with the construction of our brand-new school building well underway. The progress so far has been fantastic, and we are thrilled about the opportunities this new space will bring for our pupils, staff, and wider community. This school represents our shared vision for the future, a modern, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every child can flourish.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you all a wonderful summer break and hope you find time to rest, recharge and enjoy special moments with loved ones.

Councillor Doug Williams.

Chairperson Fern Federation.



Willmott Dixon Construction Newsletter

A New Primary School for Glyn-coch



Dear Neighbour,

July 2025

Welcome to your first construction update from the team at Willmott Dixon Construction!

Please refer to the 'Get in touch' section to the right-hand side to learn more about the site team – James and John. Our Emergency Out of Hours contact numbers are also displayed if required.

The project is currently in its early stages on site. We are working on constructing the car park to allow for our larger site welfare to be installed towards the end of this month. This will also allow for on-site parking for our staff and operatives. Regarding the building of the new school, we have started to build up the ground levels to allow us to commence the construction of the foundations soon.

We have also got 2 QR codes displayed on the right. The first one, on the left – is our Willmott Dixon website. The second on the right – is a link to the Fern Criw YouTube channel, where the students will be providing their own updates on the project! We will be updating you via this newsletter throughout the duration of the project. In the meantime, if there are any questions that you have, please get in touch with us.

Many Thanks,
Willmott Dixon Site Team

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Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy
Sustainable Communities for Learning



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



Willmott Dixon
Construction website



Fern Criw
YouTube Channel



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