

Yn y Lwp!

(In the loop - Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin)

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Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

Half Term : Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February /
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Chwefror 24 – Dydd Gwener Chwefror 28
End / Diwedd: Friday 11th April 2025 / Dydd Gwener 11 Ebrill 2025

Week Beginning - Monday 14th April 2025

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| Monday | | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
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Week Beginning – Monday 21st April 2025

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It is week 1 when we return on Monday 28th April



Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

We are glad to announce that we have created our very own Ysgol Cwm Brombil Instagram account. We also have Instagram account of other departments in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts.



[Ysgolcwmbrombil](#)



[YCB Garden](#)



[YCB PE](#)



[YCB Mfl](#)



[YCB Science](#)



[YCB Performingarts](#)



[YCB Primary](#)



[YCB GivingClub](#)



[YCB Geography](#)



[YCB Religiousstudies](#)



[YCB HealthWell](#)

YCB Gardens

Outdoor Learning began in October 2024, and since then, we've grown in ways we never imagined. We're proud to have 40+ pupils working towards a Level 2 Agored Cymru Learning in the Outdoors accreditation—equivalent to two GCSEs!

Our pupils develop a wide range of skills while completing 12 units, including campcraft, expedition skills, the health benefits of being outdoors, and food growing in our school allotment.

We started off with an overgrown patch of ground found at the side of the school, slowly transforming it into a thriving outdoor learning space. With just a simple Forest School kit, we built up our resources whenever a little pot of funding became available. To support our running costs—like wood (and, of course, essential tea and biscuits!)—we sell bacon rolls, plants, and run holiday sessions.

We couldn't be prouder of how far our Outdoor Learning journey has come. All credit goes to our incredible pupils, who have helped shape and build this programme from the ground up!

Are you interested in starting an Outdoor Learning programme? Come say hi to us—we'd love to connect!





Come and play the
Forest School way
@ Ysgol Cwm Brombil



Wednesday 16th April

10.30AM-12.30PM YCB Pupils year 3-6

1.00-3.00PM YCB Pupils year 7-11

Join us in the Tipi Garden for an Epic 2-Hour Forest School Adventure!

Fire lighting, tool use, crafting, games, and lots of play.

Roast marshmallows, explore, and have fun!

For any further information, or to book, contact
Angie Thompson on thompsona533@hwbcymru.net
100% of money taken will be added to the garden fund!

£10 Per pupil- Cash only



[ycb_gardens](https://www.instagram.com/ycb_gardens)

Healthy Eating *Tips* Vegetables



Consume colourful vegetables. They provide essential vitamins and minerals.



Leafy **Green** veg are a powerhouse of minerals; vitamins and fibre



Red coloured veg contain antioxidants - help fight infections and reduce the risk of heart disease



Garlic - good source of Manganese; Vitamin C & B6 - boosts immune system - helps protect against common cold

Attendance Information



Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

For example:

- If a child is **late to school just 5 minutes** each day, throughout the year that equates to **3 days lost to learning (15 hours)**.
- Attendances of **97%** allows for one day of absence per half term and results in **30 hours lost to learning**

Important Reminders:

1. Parents **MUST** contact school to report any absences on **01639 760110 before 8.30 am**.
2. Parents should contact the school **each day** that a pupil is not attending.
3. If the school are not notified, then **you will be contacted** by a member of the Attendance team to find out why your child is not in school.
4. If your child is not notified of the reason for the absence it will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**.
5. If there are three unauthorised absences in a row, the Safeguarding Lead and Education Welfare Officer will be made aware to ensure that your child is safe.
6. You will be required to produce medical evidence if you state that your child is ill for 3 or more consecutive days.
7. We will ask the school Healthcare Professional to contact you if there is an absence of more than 2 weeks.
8. Term time leave will only be granted by the headteacher on request.
9. Where possible, **all appointments should be made outside of the school day**.



School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

| All pupils Year 7 to 11 | | |
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| Blazer | Black school blazer | Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day. |
| Shirt | White shirt with collar. | Can be purchased from any retailer. |
| Trousers | Plain black tailored uniform style trousers. | Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted. |
| Skirt * | Plain black school uniform style skirt. | Skirts should be an appropriate length. |
| Tights | Plain black tights | Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer. |
| Shoes | Black shoes with black laces. | Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS |
| Tie | School tie. | Available from Bergoni. |
| Jumper | Black with badge. | Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional. |
| Shorts | Black tailored shorts. | Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts. |
| Outdoor coat/Jacket | Coats should be waterproof and black in colour. | Available from any retailer. |
| Socks (only if not wearing tights) | Ankle height, plain black or white. | Available from any retailer. |
| Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated. | | |
| Physical Education | | |
| Unisex T Shirt | Available exclusively from Bergoni | |
| Rugby Jersey | Available exclusively from Bergoni | |
| Shorts | Available exclusively from Bergoni | |
| Socks | Available exclusively from Bergoni | |
| Unisex ¼ zipped top | Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni | |
| Plain black tracksuit bottoms | Optional available at any retail store | |
| Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.) | Available exclusively from Bergoni | |
| Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold. | | |

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

Sporting News & Success

Rugby

A great way to end their first season with us, as we played an afternoon of 12 aside games with Severn Vale, Bro Dur and Bae Baglan. Congrats to R. Edwards on his player of the day award for Cwm Brombil.



Zac Mizen was named captain of the Ospreys under 16s vs Dragons on Wednesday 2nd April. Well done, Zac



Netball

Year 7 Neath Port Talbot & Swansea - Runners Up. What a day! 19 schools competed and the girls came 2nd! What an achievement. The girls grew as the day progressed showing great character and unbelievable teamwork





NOTICE TO PARENTS – International Visitors are looking for host families – interested? Read on ...

Dear Parents / guardians,

We are currently looking for families within our school community who would be interested in working with ABC Education Group to host students attending our school.

ABC Education Group is an organisation who provide guardianship to allow students from across the globe to experience education and life in the UK community. Further information about ABC Education can be found here: [ABC Education Group](#)

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact: di.stevenson@abceducationgroup.com

EASTER FUN: CHOCOLATE NEST MAKING



+FAMILY FILM: PADDINGTON IN PERU (PG)



BOOKING REQUIRED

Please book your place
by leaving your details
at the library desk or
by emailing **vickyowen**
@libraryplus.wales by
5pm on Wed 16th Apr

WHEN

Wed 23rd Apr
Nest Making: 2-3pm
Film starts at 3pm

WHERE

Cymer Afan
Community Library
Station Road, Cymer,
Port Talbot SA13 3HR





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April Opening Hours


until Wednesday 30th April.



Coloured spaces are date specific and are not held weekly.

Easter crafts will be available throughout the Easter school holidays including basket making, scratch art, egg decorating and more! Please ask the team if items aren't already on tables.

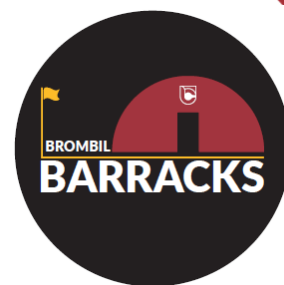
Library will be closed on Good Friday (18th) and Easter Monday (21st) but open as usual on Saturday (19th).

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| Monday | Library & Tea Room | 1.00 - 6.00 | | | | |
| | Activities | Yoga 12.00 – 1.00 | 14 th Easter Eggstravaganza includes quiz and hot dogs 1.30 – 5.00 | Food Pantry 2.00 - 4.00 | Stitch and Sip Crochet Club 6.00 – 9.00 | |
| Tuesday | Library & Tea Room | 10.00 - 5.00 | | | | |
| | Activities | Coffee Morning 10.00 - 12.00 Easter Raffle draw (15 th) | 8 th and 22 nd Communities for Work and Employment Support 10.00 – 3.00 | 8 th Book Club: ‘The House of Hopes and Dreams’ by Trisha Ashley 1.00 – 2.00 | Digital Inclusion Drop-In 2.00 – 4.00 | Crime and Society Adult Learner Course 5.00 – 6.30 |
| Wednesday | Library & Tea Room | 1.00 - 6.00 | | | | |
| | Activities | Citizens Advice 1.00 – 3.30 | 23 rd Easter Chocolate Nest Making 2.00 – 3.00 Easter Film 3.00 – 4.30 | 30 th The Social Counselling Collective Drop-In (or pre-book) 1.00 – 4.00 | Dance Aerobics 6.00 – 7.00 No class on 16 th | 23 rd Film Night 7.30pm |
| Thursday | Library & Tea Room | 10.00 - 4.00 | | | | |
| | Activities | Flying Start Stay and Play (term time only) 11.00 - 1.00 | | | | |
| Friday | Library & Tea Room | 10.00 - 4.00 | | | | |
|  | Activities | Food Pantry 11.00 – 1.00 No Food Pantry on Good Friday (18 th) | | Food Bank 1.30 - 3.00 No Food Bank on Good Friday (18 th) | | |
| Saturday | Library & Tea Room | 11.00 - 1.00 | | | | |
| | Activities | Food Pantry 11.00 – 1.00 | | | | |

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Brombil Barracks Announcement

Brombil Barracks is a welcoming support group at Ysgol Cwm Brombil for service children. Welsh Government define service children as:



A 'Service child' has parent(s) or person(s) exercising parental responsibility who is/are Service personnel serving:

- *In HM Regular or Reserve Armed Forces – Royal Navy and Royal Marines; British Army and Royal Air Force,*
- *Or- Is an Armed Forces Veteran who has been in Service within the past two years,*
- *Or - One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the learner has received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.*

If your child falls into this category and we are not aware please contact the school to inform us so we can provide appropriate provisions. Please find useful links and tools below to support your service children at home. We would encourage you to share any future deployments with us and if deployed parents require communication from staff regarding pupil progress please contact us and we can accommodate this. Mrs Stanton (B12) and Mrs Sims (B14) are available for pupils drop ins at any time.

SSCE Monthly Bulletin:

[SSCE Cymru :: Monthly school bulletin](#)

SSCE Family Guide:

[SSCE Cymru Service family guide](#)

Little Troopers at home:

[Little Troopers at Home - Little Troopers](#)

Further support for service children with ALN:

Education Advisory Team (EAT)

X accounts:

@SSCECymru

@LittleTroopers

Future Military Opportunities:

[Motivational Preparation College for Training \(MPCT\)](#)

[The Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association \(RFCA\) for Wales](#)

SSCE
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FRIDAY MARCH 28TH
5PM - 6PM
GROESWEN PLAYING FIELDS,
SA13 2DT



GIRLS FOOTBALL



FROM AGES 6
TO 11 YEARS
OLD

CONTACT INFO:

RHYS BURGESS — 07494783688

OR THROUGH ANY OF OUR SOCIAL
MEDIA PLATFORMS...

MARGAM FC JUNIORS RECRUITMENT



The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via the pupil entrance in the senior phase school, inside the canteen area.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
 - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
 - Beans
 - Beans and Sausage
 - Spaghetti
 - Tinned Veg
 - Potatoes,
 - carrots,
 - peas,
 - sweetcorn
 - Tuna
 - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo,
 - Shower gel,
 - Conditioner,
 - Toothpaste
 - Toilet rolls

*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Term dates for 2024-25

| Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25 | |
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| Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 | Year 7 & 11 attend school |
| Wednesday 4 th September 2024 | All pupils attend school |
| Friday 25 th October 2024 | Last Day of half term 1 |
| Half Term holiday - Monday 28 th October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024 | |
| Autumn Term, half term 2 2024-25 | |
| Monday 6 th November 2024 | Term starts |
| Friday 29 th November 2024 | Staff INSET (Training) Day |
| Monday 2 nd December 2024 | Staff INSET (Training) Day |
| Friday 20 th December 2024 | Last Day of half term 2 |
| Christmas Holiday – Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025 | |
| Spring Term, half term 3 2024-25 | |
| Monday 6 th January 2025 | Half term 3 Starts for all pupils |
| Monday 17 th February | Staff INSET (Training) Day |
| Friday 21 st February 2025 | Last Day of half term 3 |
| Half Term holiday - Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 28 th February 2025 | |
| Spring Term, half term 4 2024-25 | |
| Monday 3 rd March 2025 | Term 4 Starts |
| Friday 11 th April 2025 | Last Day of half term 4 for pupils |
| Easter holiday - Monday 14 th April 2025 - Friday 25 th April 2025 | |
| Summer Term, half term 5 2024-25 | |
| Monday 28 th April 2025 | Term 5 Starts |
| Monday 5 th May 2025 | May Day Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 22 nd May 2025 | Last Day of half term 5 |
| Friday 23 rd May 2025 | Staff INSET (Training) Day |
| Half Term - Monday 26 th May 2025 - Friday 31 st May 2025 | |
| Summer Term Half term 6 2024-25 | |
| Monday 2 nd June 2025 | Half term 6 Starts |
| Friday 18 th July 2025 | Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year |

