



Summer Term '2026

Rhydypenau Primary School

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Weekly News! 26.06.2026

A Huge Thank You to our Amazing PTA!

We want to extend a massive thank you to our incredible PTA and to everyone who came out to support our Summer Fayre last Saturday! It was a fantastic afternoon filled with community spirit, laughter, and sunshine, and it was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying themselves.

Events like this take an enormous amount of planning, time, and hard work behind the scenes, and we are deeply grateful to the PTA volunteers who made it all possible.

A special shout-out must go to the incredibly brave Mr. Axon, who truly went above and beyond for the cause! He willingly put himself in the firing line to be pelted with raw eggs and soaked by the children, all in the name of raising extra funds for our school. Thank you, Mr. Axon, for being such a fantastic sport!

We will update you soon with the final total raised, which will go directly toward supporting and enriching experiences for all of our pupils.

Thank you again to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended!

Thank you for Your Support and Flexibility!

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for your incredible support, understanding, and flexibility over the last two days during our sudden school closure.

Closing the school is never an easy decision, but navigating the extreme heat inside the building made it necessary for the health and safety of our pupils and staff. We are deeply grateful for how quickly you adapted to the short notice and rearranged your own schedules.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and cooperation!



Successful School Lockdown Drill!

We want to inform parents and carers that we successfully carried out a routine lockdown drill this morning. Just like our regular fire drills, lockdown practices are a standard part of our school safety procedures to ensure that both staff and pupils know exactly what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency.

The children listened beautifully, followed instructions perfectly, and remained incredibly sensible and calm throughout the short exercise. We are very proud of how maturely they handled the drill.

If your child mentions it at home this evening, please reassure them that it was just a practice to keep our school safe, and they did a fantastic job.



Reminder: Sports Days Next Week

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Sports Days next week! Please see the schedule below for your child's year group and time slot:

- **Nursery:** Tuesday 30th June 2026

Morning Nursery 🕒 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM / **Afternoon Nursery** 13:10 PM – 14:40 PM

- **Foundation Phase (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2):** Wednesday 1st July 2026

🕒 9:15 AM – 11:45 AM

- **Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6):** Friday 3rd July 2026

🕒 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM

A few quick reminders for the day:

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kits, a hat/cap, and trainers suitable for running.
 - Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle and that sun cream is applied before coming to school.
 - Gates will open 15 minutes before the start times. Please head straight down to the appropriate school field (Foundation field/KS2 field), where designated viewing areas will be set up.
- We look forward to a fantastic, active week. See you there to cheer the children on!

Finally, don't forget about our Parents/Carers race this year too!

Exciting News: Funding Secured for our New Breakfast Club!



We are thrilled to announce that we have successfully secured the funding required to launch our brand-new School Breakfast Club, which will officially open its doors this September!

We know that a nutritious breakfast and a warm, social start to the day can make a wonderful difference to a child's wellbeing and readiness to learn.

To ensure the club runs smoothly and safely from day one, we will be introducing it using a phased approach:

- **Phase 1 (September 2026):** We will initially open bookings for **Foundation Phase pupils (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2)**, as well as any **older siblings** in Key Stage 2. This will help us manage initial numbers while keeping families together.
- **Phase 2:** Following a successful initial rollout, we will expand the club to include **all Key Stage 2 pupils** (Years 3 to 6) following the October half term.

Further details regarding exact timings, food menus, and how to register your child for a place will be shared with you before the end of term.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work to bring this fantastic new provision to Rhydypenau Primary School!



Final Reminder: Annual Parent/Carer Survey Closes Tonight!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have already taken the time to complete our Annual Parent/Carer Survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us as we plan for the upcoming academic year and look at ways to continually improve our school.

If you haven't had a chance to share your thoughts yet, this is your final opportunity! The survey will officially **close tonight at 11:59 PM.**

Whether you have compliments to share or constructive suggestions for growth, your voice helps shape the future of Rhydypenau Primary School.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and can be accessed via the link below:

 <https://forms.gle/joqLH44FcEmPVibK8>

Thank you for your time, support, and partnership in making our school the best it can be for our children.



Understanding School Communication: Staff Absences and Privacy

At Rhydypenau Primary School, we always aim to keep our families as informed and reassured as possible. Following some recent parent feedback, we wanted to take a moment to share how we manage communication regarding staff illness and absences, and the guidelines we must follow.

When a teacher or member of staff is absent, we know it can cause a feeling of uncertainty for both parents and pupils. We always work instantly behind the scenes to secure consistent, high-quality cover so that your child's learning continues without disruption.

However, when it comes to what we can communicate home, we have to balance our commitment to transparency with our legal and moral duties to our staff:

- **Respecting Confidentiality and Privacy:** Just like any workplace, school staff have a legal right to medical privacy under employment law and data protection regulations. We cannot share specific details about a staff member's illness, medical condition, or personal circumstances.
- **Predicting the Timeline:** Medical situations can be highly unpredictable. In many cases, when a teacher first falls ill, neither they nor the school can accurately predict whether the absence will be short-term (a few days) or turn into something longer-term. We often have to await updates from medical professionals before we can make definitive arrangements.

Our Commitment to You Moving Forward While we cannot always give immediate answers regarding exactly *when* a teacher will return, we want to ensure you always feel reassured about *who* is looking after your children.

If a classroom teacher's absence unexpectedly extends beyond two weeks, we will commit to sending a localized update to the affected class. While we will still maintain the staff member's privacy, this update will outline the cover arrangements we have put in place to look after your children and maintain their classroom routines.

We deeply appreciate your continued understanding, empathy, and support for our team as we navigate these unpredictable situations.



Safeguarding
is everyone's
responsibility

Safeguarding!

As part of our commitment to keeping all pupils safe and supported, we regularly share the contact details of our school safeguarding team. If you ever have a concern about a child's wellbeing, please remember you can speak directly to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Ms. N Hammond (Executive Headteacher)
- Ms. E Williams (Head of School)
- Mr. C Evered-Davies (Deputy Head of School)
- Mr. A Williams (Business Manager)

External Support Lines:

- **NSPCC:** 020 3188 3616
- **Childline:** 0800 1111

We are always here to support our families, so please do get in touch if you ever need our help.

Useful Links!!

Prospectus: <https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=77&type=pdf>

Extra-Curricular Activities: <https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=41>

Events: <https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=Events&pid=42>

PE Timetables: <https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=P%2EE+Days&pid=153>

Staff Roles & Responsibilities: <https://www.rhydypenau.co.uk/page/?title=Roles+And+Responsibilities&pid=25>