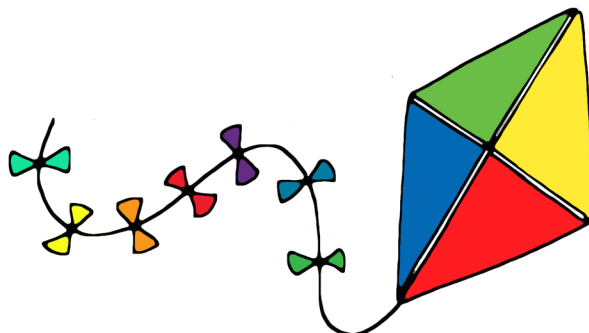


Ysgol Gynradd Rhydypenau



Reception Class Information For Parents 2026 - 2027



General Information

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School Values

Our core values are at the heart of everything we do, helping to create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported to thrive.

Respect – Treating ourselves and others with kindness, fairness and dignity, while valuing different opinions and perspectives.

Kindness – Showing care, empathy and compassion, and building positive relationships within our school community.

Resilience – Learning from challenges, persevering through difficulties and developing the confidence to achieve success.

Timings of the day

Morning: 8:55am - 11:40am

Afternoon: 12:50pm - 3.30pm

At the start of the day, your child will be welcomed at the door by a member of the Reception team. They will then be guided to take off and hang up their coat and bag (if needed). We kindly ask that parents remain in the playground whilst staff encourage the children to independently organise their belongings.

Uniform

All items of the uniform are available from YC Sports, Crwys Road, Cardiff.

The uniform is as follows:

- Navy trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Jade polo shirt with the school logo.
- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with the school logo.
- Black shoes.
- Sky blue summer dress.



PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

Physical Activities

Children will have a physical session each week and are required to wear P.E. kit.

- Black shorts/joggers, white T-shirt and trainers.



This is to be worn to school on the allocated day, to be confirmed in September.

Sustainability Shop

We are proud to offer an on-site Sustainability Shop, supporting our families while promoting sustainability within our school community.

The shop offers a range of pre-loved and essential items, including:

- * School uniform and PE kit
- * Fancy dress costumes and seasonal outfits
- * Toiletries and other essential items

Our Sustainability Shop operates on a 'take what you need, give what you can' basis. There is no obligation to pay, although voluntary donations are welcomed to help support the school. Families are also invited to donate clean, good-quality uniform and costumes that are no longer needed.

Snack and Lunch

Rhydyphenau is a healthy eating school and we will provide the children with milk and a healthy snack each day. The cost is £1.50 per week. This can be paid termly via ParentPay.

All Reception aged children are offered a free school meal. A choice of hot dishes will be available to order via Parentpay before 8am each morning. Alternatively, children are able to bring a packed lunch.

Lunch boxes

We encourage families to ensure that lunch boxes are healthy and do not contain sweets. Please ensure your child is able to open any packaging they bring e.g. yoghurts and dried fruit.

We aim to be a nut free school so please can you ensure that products containing nuts are not included in lunch boxes e.g. Peanut Butter and Nutella.

No large rucksacks please due to lack of storage space.

Allergies and Dietary Requirements

Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements that your child has. As well as food, this may include sun cream, face paints or plasters. If your child cannot eat meat/dairy products please can you also let us know.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please provide your child with a refillable water bottle with their name clearly labelled. If you would like your child to have an alternative drink to water they are able to bring this in a lunch bag and take it to lunch.



Birthdays and treats

As we are a healthy eating school we would respectfully ask you not to bring sweets or cake in for your child's birthday.

Independence

The Reception day is a fun filled and active day. As part of your child's transition into Reception it is important they build on their independence. Over the summer, please help your child learn the following skills.

- Take their clothes off and put them on e.g. coats, jumpers/cardigans, shoes (velcro straps until your child is able to tie laces) and socks.
- Open water bottles and any packets they bring to school e.g yoghurts.
- Use a knife and fork.

Cymraeg

At Rhydypenau Primary School, we believe that language is at the heart of children's identity, belonging and wellbeing.



Through the Curriculum for Wales, we place a strong emphasis on cynefin, helping all children understand who they are, where they come from and the community they belong to.

The Welsh language plays an important role in this, connecting our learners to their culture, heritage and everyday life in Wales. We aim to embed Welsh as a natural part of everyday life, developing confident, curious learners who enjoy using the language both in school and at home.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SPEAKING WELSH?

- 1** Speaking two languages increases opportunities for your child to socialise.
- 2** Welsh is an additional skill.
- 3** Two languages opens the door to two cultures.
- 4** Speaking two languages helps you learn other languages.
- 5** Research shows that people who speak two languages can think flexibly and with more creativity.
- 6** Bilingual children tend to be very good at analysing data and multi-tasking.
- 7** There is an increased demand for Welsh language skills in the workplace.

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Cyfarchion Defnyddiol Useful Welsh Language Greetings

- Bore da**
Good morning
- Sut wyt ti?**
How are you?
- Beth yw dy enw di?**
What is your name?
- Croeso**
Welcome
- Prynhawn da**
Good afternoon
- Helo**
Hello
- Diolch**
Thank You
- Sut mae?**
(Su'mae?/Shw'mae?)
Hi! How are you?
- Mae'n ddrwg gen i**
I'm sorry
- Iechyd da!**
Cheers!
- Os gwelwch yn dda**
Please
- Hwyl fawr**
Goodbye
- Noswaith dda**
Good evening
- Nos da**
Good night

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The Reception Classroom

The Reception classroom incorporates two large indoor rooms and an outdoor area. It is organised into flexible, engaging areas of learning that promote the development of a range of knowledge, skills and experiences. This is called 'continuous provision'.

Throughout the year the children engage in contexts for learning, which enable us to change/enhance some of the areas, providing the children with exciting new experiences.

Contexts For Learning		
Autumn	Spring	Summer
Me and My World	Paddington	Down On The Farm

The school day

Throughout the week, children will take part in small group phonics (letters, sounds and blends) reading, writing and maths activities led by an adult. These are planned to develop early literacy and numeracy skills and are tailored to meet the needs of the children.

Focused, context-based activities across all Areas of Learning take also place throughout the week, alongside rich opportunities for children to practise and apply their developing skills independently through continuous provision.

Book bags

During the year the children will be introduced more formally to reading. This will be decided by the class teacher based on the development of early literacy skills. It is not unusual for children not to have a book bag until later in the year. You will be informed about which day the book will come home and when it needs to be returned. Once a week, the children will also bring home a story book of their choice. This is to be returned a week later and then another book can be chosen.

Toilets

Please can you establish toilet routines through the holidays and encourage children to be independent. Children will be expected to use the toilets independently, although initially we will remind and help them. Please be assured that we have a range of clothes should accidents happen.

Curriculum for Wales

All our children and young people will be supported to develop as:

- Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens, ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.

The curriculum is broken down into six Areas of Learning Experience (AoLEs)

Expressive Arts

Health and Well-being

Humanities

Languages, Literacy and Communication

Mathematics and Numeracy

Science and Technology

Teachers work together to plan an appropriate curriculum that meets children's individual needs and interests, supporting them to become curious, confident and independent learners.

Foundation Learning places great emphasis on children learning through authentic, purposeful experiences. We believe young children should have regular opportunities to explore, investigate and develop their skills through play, enquiry and first-hand experiences that inspire curiosity and independence.

If you have any additional information, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.