



Autumn Term '2026

Rhydypenau Primary School

Aiming High

Ysgol Gynradd Rhydypenau

Anelu Yn Uchel

Weekly News! 11.09.2026

School Comms!

We would like to inform you that, due to compatibility issues with our current school communications system, we will be moving all our whole-school communications to **Arbor** from **Monday 21st September**.

This change will enable us to communicate more effectively with families and ensure that important messages, updates, and notifications are delivered reliably.

We will be sending further information shortly, including full instructions on how to access and use Arbor, along with any actions that may be required from parents and carers before the transition takes place.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this change. We are confident that Arbor will provide a more streamlined communication experience for our school community.

If you have any urgent questions in the meantime, please contact the school office.



School Lunch Reminder!

To help our kitchen team prepare meals efficiently and ensure your child receives their preferred lunch choice, we kindly ask all parents and carers to select their child's lunch meal **by 8am**.

Please be aware that **we are unable to make any changes to lunch orders after 9:30am**. Once orders have been finalised and sent to the kitchen, amendments cannot be accommodated.

If you are unsure how to place a lunch order, or if you need any assistance with the ordering system, please contact the school office. Our staff will be pleased to help and guide you through the process.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. It is greatly appreciated and helps our lunchtime provision run smoothly for all pupils.



A Big Thank you to Our Bike Bus Families

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who helped organise and support the Bike Bus this morning. It was wonderful to see so many pupils arriving at school on their bikes, enjoying the journey together and promoting healthy, active travel.

The enthusiasm, community spirit and encouragement shown by everyone involved was fantastic, and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces on arrival. Events like these help make our school community such a special place.

Thank you again for your time, effort and support. We look forward to seeing the Bike Bus in action again soon!



Dates for Diary!

Monday 14th September – Jeans for Genes (Non-uniform)

Friday 18th September – Year 3 Trip Techniquet

Friday 18th September – Year 4 Diamond Tennis

Wednesday 23rd September – Year 6 Logos Hope

Thursday 24th September – Reception Nibbles Night

Thursday 1st October – Harvest Assembly

Friday 2nd October – Whole School Photos

Tuesday 6th October – Year 5 Trip Rhondda Heritage Park

Tuesday 6th October – Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th October – Parents Evening

Friday 9th October – Nasal Flu Vaccines

Monday 14th October – Year 2 Trip to Albany Road

Friday 16th October – Show Racism the Red Card (Non-uniform)

Thursday 22nd October – PTA Disco

Monday 2nd November – Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd November – Inset Day

Monday 9th November – Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 11th November – Year 4 Recycle and Reuse

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (Non-Uniform)

Thursday 26th November – Christmas Wreath Making

Friday 4th December - Year 6 Crucial Crew

Tuesday 8th December Nursery PM &

Reception Christmas Concert

Tuesday 8th December AM -Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9th December Nursery AM & Reception Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9th December PM Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform)

Monday 14th December PM – Christmas Party for Year 3 & 4

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Party for Reception, Year 1 & 2

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Party for Year 5 & 6

Thursday 17th December – Carol Service

Jeans for Genes Day - This Monday!

We are delighted to be supporting **Jeans for Genes Day** this Monday 14th September.

Pupils are allowed to come to school wearing their jeans and asked to bring a **£1 donation**. However, children can wear uniform if they wish. All money raised will help support children and families affected by genetic conditions.

We hope as many children as possible will join in this worthwhile cause.

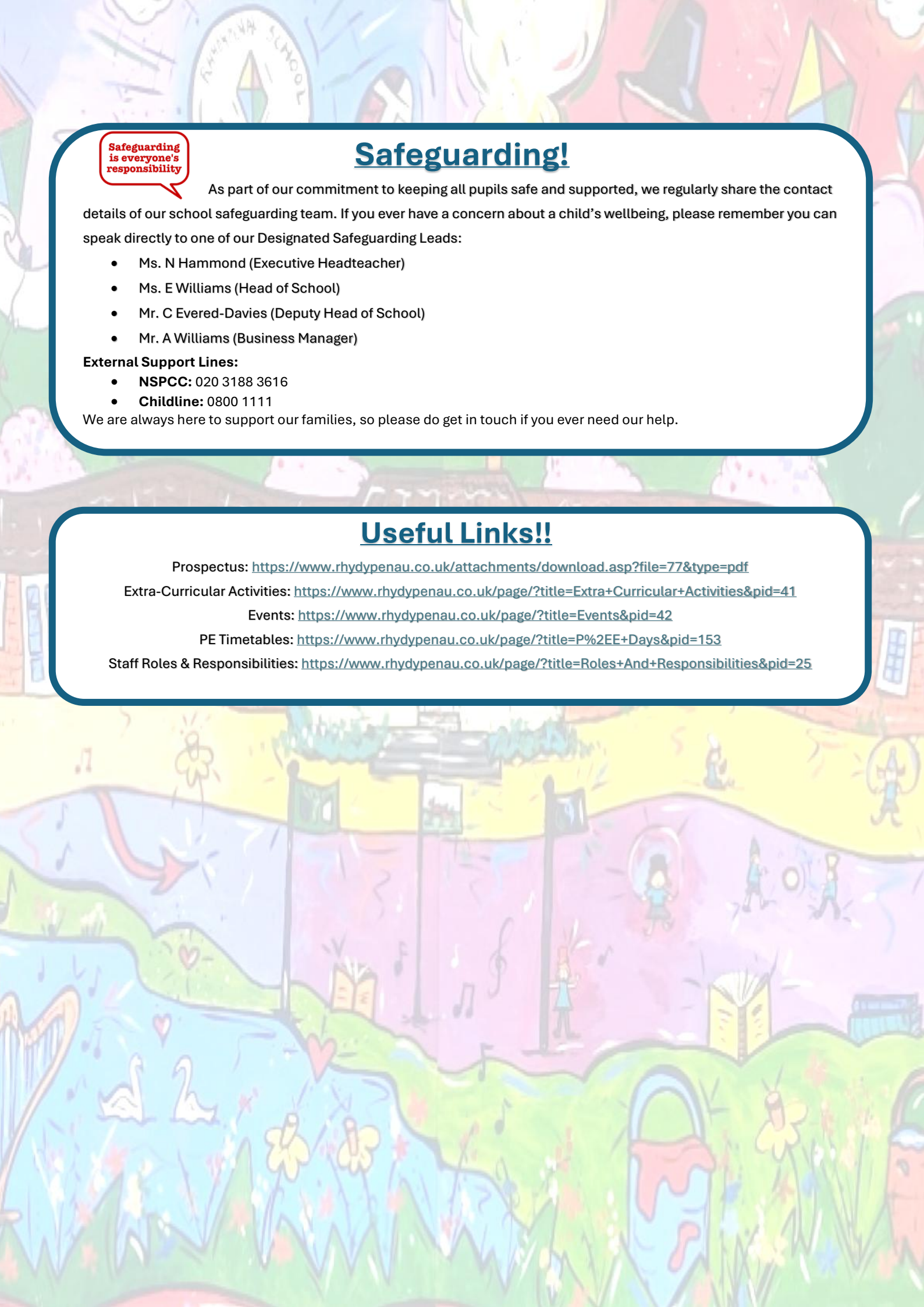
Arrival at School Reminder!

A gentle reminder that if your child arrives at school after the start of the school day, they should be brought to the school office by a parent or carer to be signed in.

This is an important safeguarding procedure and helps us ensure that all pupils are accounted for and marked correctly in the register.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep all children safe. 😊





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>