



Growing and Learning Together through the Love of Christ.

Friday 18th July 2025

Annwyl/Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts and cards you have given us over the past week. We don't expect anything but we really do appreciate such kindness and generosity.

All pupils will return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Our Early Bird sessions and Breakfast Club will be back up and running as normal on this date. Any **new** pupils wanting to attend either of these sessions **must** be registered first. Forms are available from Miss Watkins. Please note that all pupils need to be escorted to the Early Bird/Breakfast Club. All other children should not arrive on site until after 8:45 a.m. as there is no supervision on either yard until after this time. Here are the arrangements for dropping off and picking up your children.

Reception: Pick up and drop off at either Reception gate (**staggered for 3rd and 4th September**).

Year 1: Pick up and drop off on the patio area (please use the steps not the bank).

Year 2: Pick up and drop off on the Infant Yard.

Year 3: Pick up and drop off on the Junior Yard (parents can accompany their children onto the yard until your child is confident to line up on their own).

Year 4, 5 & 6: Line up on the Junior Yard at 8:50 and dismissed from the Junior Yard at 3:15.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance is generally good but once again we would strongly encourage you to avoid taking holidays during term time. We now require a holiday request form to be completed for all holidays booked during term time and at least two weeks notice. We are unable to authorise any holidays and will continue to reward classes and pupils for good attendance. If your child is unwell, please let us know via dojo or telephone and be specific about the reason for the absence – we understand that this cannot be avoided but would really appreciate you communicating this with us. It is also important to note that school starts at 8:50 am. The children come into class and complete daily maths, Welsh or spelling activities so it is also important that your child arrives in school on time.

Teacher Training Days:

Here are the teacher training days for 2025/26:

Monday 1st September, Tuesday 2nd September, Friday 24th October, Thursday 5th May & Monday 20th July

The Welsh Government has just confirmed that all schools can take six teacher training days for 2025/26 so I will let you know the final training day in September.

Staffing Update:

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Sue Kasim will be joining us in September 2025 for a year teaching in our Year 3 class. She has also taken over the role of ALNCo. Miss Bevan has decided to step down as our ALNCo after eight years (and thirty-two years as a member of our Senior Leadership Team). Don't worry, she is not leaving Henllys she simply wants to focus on her class next year. Thank you Miss Bevan for your dedication to your role and for your kindness and compassion at all times.

Year 6 Leavers

It's at this point that we would like to say a huge goodbye and good luck to all our Year 6 leavers. They have been a fantastic year group throughout their time at Henllys. We have seen them grow into the wonderful pupils they are today and we are very sad to see them 'fly the nest'.

Enjoy the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Wishing you all good health and happiness for the rest of the summer season.

Kindest regards,

Mrs. Philippa Minto (Headteacher)