



Wednesday 3rd
September 2025

Autumn Term Newsletter: 1

Fundraising

We had a great year of fundraising activities last year and had lots of fun putting these events on for our children and families.

We are always on the lookout for more people to join our committee – the more volunteers we have, the easier it is to organise events at our school.

Our first meeting for this academic year will be held on **Thursday 25th September at 6.00pm, at school.** Please do come along if you are interested in supporting the school with its fundraising. This is a vital way to gain additional funds for our school, that are spent directly on the children through resources or by providing experiences for them.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of our new school year! A special welcome to our new families too – we hope you are very happy here at Neyland Community School.

The children have settled brilliantly and look so smart in their school uniforms – a great start to the new school year! We have lots of fun activities planned this year including the Year 5 and 6 residential to Cardiff from Wednesday 17th September – they are going to have so much fun! ☺

We have also welcomed Miss Howells to our school as a new class teacher and of course, Miss Hughes has returned as Mrs Mallitte!

As you know, we are part of a very exciting pilot with the Primary Knowledge Curriculum to help write a new curriculum for Wales. This is such an amazing opportunity and we enjoyed an INSET day where we explored this further, whilst working alongside the other pilot schools. More information about this will come out soon.

As part of the PKC, we are aiming to raise standards, across the board. Therefore, we will be promoting and encouraging the wearing of school uniform, all week (including a Friday). We sell uniform in school, with or without a logo, at cost price. This will help financially as well as making sure all your child's best clothes from home don't get ruined or lost!

As always, we will be outside and on hand to help with anything so please do shout if you need anything. We are looking forward to a great term ahead!

Mrs Hewitt ☺

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DATES AHEAD

The remainder of our INSET dates for this new academic year are as follows;

Friday 3rd October 2025

Monday 25th November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Some other useful dates ahead for you;

Monday 29th September: Clubs to start (see information below)

Parent Consultations (more information to follow):

Tuesday 21st October 5.00pm. - 7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd October: 3.45pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 16th October: School Photographs (uniform to be worn)

Half Term from Monday 27th October

And finally

- Clubs at school: We are lucky to be able to offer you some clubs at school, with thanks to the staff for offering to put these on. This information will come out to you soon on ParentMail. The clubs will start the week beginning Monday 29th September and finish week beginning Monday 24th November.
- Updated contact details: Please can you make sure you let us know if there have been any changes in your contact details to ensure our records are correct and you are contactable, if needed. Thank you.

Please don't forget our new end of school day timings (see below). **Can we also please remind you, that for safeguarding purposes, no adults should be walking through the junior gate at the start of the day. Let us know if you need to speak with the class teacher and we can see if they are available for you or pass a message on. Thank you for your understanding.**

Monday – Thursday:

- Reception and Year One: 8.50am – 3.00pm (*leaving from their class doors*)
- Year Two and Year Three: 8.50am – 3.15pm (*leaving from their class doors*)
- Year Four, Year Five and Year Six: 8.50am – 3.25pm (*leaving via the main side gate with their teacher*)
- Morning Nursery: 8.50am – 11.15am (*leaving from their class doors*)
- Afternoon Nursery: 12.00pm – 3.00pm (*leaving from their class doors*)

Friday:

- Reception – Year Six: 8.50am – 1.00pm (all children will have a lunch before they go home)
- Morning Nursery: 8.50am – 11.15am
- No Afternoon Nursery session

Other important information:

- Our free Breakfast Club will continue to open at 8.00am. This does not need to be booked in advance.
- We will be able to provide up to two hours of activities running on a Friday afternoon for those pupils who are unable to take advantage of the earlier finish on a Friday. This will finish at 3.00pm and will need to be booked in advance on ParentMail.
- Mobile Phones: As always, in our school, pupils are not allowed their mobile phone in their bags or their classrooms. However, we are aware that some of our older pupils in Year 4 upwards, walk to and from school so have a phone for safety reasons. These should be passed to an adult directly in the office, so they can be placed in our locked cupboard in the office. **Pupils bringing phones to the office, will need to have a waiver signed by their parent/carer in order for us to do this. Information will come out via ParentMail on how to do this. Under the new guidance, we cannot keep phones in school unless the waiver is returned to school.**