



Hywel Dda Primary School School Development Plan 2025-2026

“Together we do our best to care, learn and grow.”

This year, we’re focusing on improving five key areas to help every child thrive in school and beyond.



1. Helping Children Become Independent Learners

We want pupils to:

- Take more responsibility for their learning
- Learn how to plan, reflect, and solve problems
- Use digital tools confidently and safely
- Develop independence from the Early Years onwards

What this means for your child:

- More opportunities to make choices in their learning
- Learning strategies like journaling and self-reflection
- Teachers will celebrate and share pupils’ achievements with families

2. Strengthening Leadership and Curriculum

We’re supporting teachers to:

- Lead learning more effectively
- Work in teams to improve subjects across the school
- Track pupil progress and make learning exciting and meaningful

What this means for your child:

- A more consistent and engaging curriculum
- Teachers working together to improve learning experiences
- Better monitoring of progress to support every child

3. Improving Phonics and Spelling

We’re introducing **Monster Phonics and Superhero Spelling** to boost reading and writing.

What this means for your child:

- Fun and structured phonics lessons (Nursery to Year 3)
- Targeted spelling support (Years 3–6)
- Regular assessments to track progress and adjust support

4. Enhancing Digital Learning

We’re improving how digital skills are taught and used across the curriculum.

What this means for your child:

- More opportunities to learn coding and computing
- Better access to devices and digital tools
- Teachers and support staff receiving training to help pupils use technology effectively

5. Strengthening Community and Family Engagement

We’re continuing our journey as a **Community-Focused School**, with a goal to improve attendance and deepen family partnerships.

What this means for families:

- More family learning events and adult education opportunities
- A new parent and toddler group
- A Parent/Carer Council to share ideas and feedback
- Support through initiatives like **Hywel’s Hut**, the **community garden**, and **Dan-y-Coed sessions**

Attendance Goal:
We’re aiming for **91% attendance** this year.

How You Can Get Involved

- Attend family workshops and events
 - Join the Parent/Carer Council
- Follow us on social media (Instagram & Facebook) and ClassDojo
 - Reach out to our Family Engagement Officer for support