

MAES EBBW SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

13th February 2026

We hope you have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school again on **Tuesday 24th Feb.**

Data Collection Forms

Thank you to all those who have returned their Data Collection Sheets, that were sent home last week. If you have not sent the form back yet, please can you check through the details, amend any if necessary and sign and return it to school after half term.

Staff news

We are delighted to share that Monica Reading will be returning to Maes Ebbw after half term!

Many of our pupils, families, and staff will already know Monica through her fantastic physiotherapy work within our school. We are thrilled that she will now be joining us one day a week, employed by school directly, as part of the Maes Ebbw team.

In her new role, Monica will be supporting pupils on the MOVE programme and contributing to a range of projects designed to further strengthen our MOVE provision and develop physical skills across the school. She will be working closely with Caroline Morgan (Sensory Lead), Menna Lewis (MOVE Coordinator), and Rebecca Cochrane (Hydrotherapy Lead) to enhance our whole-school approach to physical development.

We are very excited to welcome Monica back and look forward to the positive impact her expertise will continue to bring to our pupils.

Playscheme

I have been asked to let you know that the Disabled Children's Team will be organising a combination of Complex Playscheme and Family Play Sessions during Easter Holidays. This will allow them to support as many families as possible.

Complex Playscheme:

- The referral system is now open and will close on **Monday 23rd February 2026.**
- The advert has been published on NCC website with a link to the referral system.
- All children and young people will require a referral even if they have attended previously.
- Applicants who have previously applied through our referral system are kindly requested to **reapply** only. This measure ensures the avoidance of duplicate applications.

Please visit NCC website for the link to apply for a place (individual emails will not be sent to families).

Please note that the referral system will be **unavailable** on **Saturday 14th** and **Sunday 15th**, due to planned maintenance.

Family Play Sessions:

- Families will need to book via Eventbrite as previously
- They will send you the invitation details as soon as these are finalised

Complex Needs - Community of Practice

Please see the attached flyer for the Complex Needs Community of Practice.

They are currently looking for contributors to the first CoP who would like to share their experiences of facilitated communication (AAC devices) and accessing these. If you are interested in sharing your experiences in person or creating a short video beforehand to share at the CoP, then please contact Dr Jennifer McElwee via email Jennifer.mcelwee@wales.nhs.uk or on the phone **07816452601**.

DATES

Monday February 23rd – INSET DAY (**School closed to pupils**)

Tuesday February 24th – Pupils return to school

Monday March 30th – Friday April 10th – Easter Holidays (**School Closed**)

Monday April 13th – INSET Day (**School closed to pupils**)

Tuesday April 14th – Pupils return to school

Monday May 4th – Bank Holiday (**School closed**)

Ramble to the Rugby



Richard and Matt Maycock competed the Ty Hafan, Ramble to the Rugby last weekend, raising vital funds for the Dad's element of the charity, walking with approximately 140 others. The weather was not the greatest, though fortunately, they were lucky to find shelter in the public houses along the route 😊. They raised an incredible £1,300 between them, with contributions from family, staff and parents. Lloyds bank will now match their efforts, with a combined total of £2,600. Thank you to everyone who sponsored and a big congratulations to them both.

Welsh word of the week is "Magic - Hud"

