



# Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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## FOOD BANK

Local food banks are appealing to residents, staff and local businesses for donations to support local foodbanks this festive season.

Foodbanks provide emergency food and support to families and individuals who find themselves in financial crisis. They rely heavily upon donations, particularly over Christmas, and have seen demand for their support increase throughout the pandemic and as a result of the current cost of living crisis.

They're collecting cash donations as part of this year's appeal to enable foodbanks to purchase the supplies they desperately need.

Donations can be made online via their website (click link): [Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough](http://Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough)

## CONCERT TICKETS

Christmas concert tickets have been on sale since Monday 21st November (from the main office). Two tickets per child with surplus tickets on sale from next week (28th November). In this instance, there will be an additional two tickets per family until they run out, in order to make it fair for all.

£1.50 for Dress Rehearsal tickets and £2 for all other concert tickets

## PHOTOGRAPHY DURING CONCERTS

During the Christmas concerts, we kindly ask that you try to avoid filming other children where possible. We appreciate that this may be unavoidable, but please refrain from posting photos (containing other children) to social media platforms.

## ITS ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MARKET

Monday 5th December at 2pm

Please refer to page 2 for our Christmas market poster.

If you know anyone who would welcome the opportunity to have a table at the Christmas market, please ask them to contact school ASAP so that we can plan for this. We kindly ask for a donation of £10 per table.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday 7th December, children having school dinners will be served Christmas lunch. Please refer to page 3 for a copy of the Christmas menu.

## Elf DAY

On Thursday 1st December, we will be holding our annual Elf Day in school. The children are invited to wear elf costume, or the colours of red and green to school. The children will also experience some festive surprises and take part in a range of Christmas themed activities.

## PARKING

REMINDER – We are having many reports of adults parking in an unsafe manner at the bottom of the drive. Please be mindful that this is a crossing area for children and parking in unsafe way prevents visibility for those crossing. We have reported parking to CCBC and it is likely that parking wardens will be doing spot checks.

## HEALTHY SNACKS

REMINDER – We are a healthy school and cannot allow the children to consume crisps, chocolate, fizzy drinks, and/or energy drinks at breaktimes. Fizzy drinks and energy drinks will not be allowed at lunchtimes either. Please make every effort to provide your child with healthy snacks/drinks to support us with maintaining our healthy school status.



Value of the month: **Caring**



A peek at the next few weeks...

## Diary Dates

01.12.22	Elf Day – children can wear elf costume or red and/or green
05.12.22	It's All About Christmas (community market)
07.12.22	Christmas Lunch
14.12.22	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Trip (Y2&3)
15.12.22	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Trip (Y4,5&6)
12.12.22	World Religion Week
16.12.22	Pupil Progress Reports sent home to parents
19th – 21st Dec	Christmas WOW Days

## Term Dates

21.12.22	End of autumn term – finish 1.15pm
09.01.23	Spring term begins
20.02.23 – 24.02.23	Half term week
31.03.23	End of spring term
17.04.23	Summer term begins

## Welsh Phrase of the Week

Week beginning 28.11.22 – *Ca i helpu?*

Week beginning 05.12.22 – *Pa ddiwrnod ydy hi heddiw? (PS1&2)*

*Beth ydyr dyddiad heddiw? (PS3)*

## Christmas Concerts

Christmas concerts have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

05.12.22	PS2 Dress Rehearsal – 10.00 a.m.
06.12.22	PS2 Concert – 10.00 a.m.
06.12.22	PS2 Concert – 2.00 p.m.
07.12.22	PS3 Dress Rehearsal – 9.30 a.m.
08.12.22	PS3 Concert – 10.00 a.m.
08.12.22	PS3 Concert – 2.00 p.m.
12.12.22	PS1 Nativity – 10.00 a.m.

(PS1 = Nursery and Reception, PS2 = Y1, Y2 & Y3, PS3 = Y4, Y5 & Y6)

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# Nant-y-Parc Christmas Fayre



**MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022  
OPENS AT 2PM**

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE FUN.

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE SANTA PHOTO BOOTH, FESTIVE BBQ, CLASS STALLS, FAIRGROUND RIDE, TRAMPOLINES, REAL REINDEER, FACE PAINTING, SWEETS & TREATS AND COMMUNITY STALLS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A COMMUNITY STALL AT OUR SCHOOL FAYRE PLEASE CONTACT [NANTYPARCPRIAMRY@SCH.CAERPHILLY.GOV.UK](mailto:NANTYPARCPRIAMRY@SCH.CAERPHILLY.GOV.UK) OR CALL ON 02920 832116



This will be  
served on 7<sup>th</sup>  
December

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# CHRISTMAS MENU

Caerphilly Catering Service

**Succulent Turkey Breast with Seasoning,  
Chipolata Sausage & Gravy**

or

**Quorn Roast (V)**

**Chef's Selection of Seasonal  
Vegetables and Potatoes**

**Traditional Christmas Pudding**

**Served with White Sauce**

or

**Chocolate & Vanilla Ice Cream Tubs**

**(Fruit also available)**

**Water / Milk**

**Child £2.20 Adult £3.45**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE MENU CONTAINS ALLERGENS**



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## Free School Meals Arrangements School Holidays (up to February 2023)

Due to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis and the pressure this puts on low-income families during the school holidays, Welsh Government have decided to extend the holiday provision offer for those learners who receive free school meals up until the end of February half term 2023 (this will include school holidays in October, December 2022 and February 2023).

Caerphilly County Borough Council will no longer be delivering free school meals to pupils' homes during school holidays.

A weekly payment of £19.50 per child (£3.90 per day) will be made to eligible parents / guardians. We are currently working in partnership with the Post Office to deliver this payment.

Parents will receive correspondence from the Post Office by Friday 4th November with further information about how to claim this payment.



# Holiday Free School Meal Payments – FAQ

## Why are payments being made in the holidays for free school meal pupils?

Due to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis and the pressure this puts on low-income families during the school holidays, Welsh Government have decided to extend the holiday provision offer for those learners who receive free school meals up until the end of February half term 2023 (this will include school holidays in October, December 2022, and February 2023).

Please see FAQ below for the eligibility of free school meals.

## Who is eligible for this Free School Meal Holiday Payment?

Children who currently attend full-time school in Caerphilly County Borough and are eligible for eFSM. You need to apply for eFSM - here is the link to the application form Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough

For children/young people to be eligible to receive free school meals:

- you, as a parent, or your child, must receive the relevant benefit or support payment
- you should have submitted an application for free school meals to the local authority (or an application should have been submitted on your behalf)
- the application should have been approved by the local authority, or documents should have been seen by the local authority which strongly indicate your child is eligible.

Excludes part-time nursery children

Excludes pupils who are eligible for UPFSM (receive free school meals in school but have never applied for free school meals)

## When will I receive my Post Office Pay-out letter?

The aim of the Post Office is to send the letter one week prior to school holidays

## When will you receive your cash payment?

You will receive it when you take your letter to the Post Office with the appropriate Proof of ID.

## What Proof of ID do I need?

- Driving Licence (paper or card)
- Passport
- 2 Utility Bills
- 2 Official letters – e.g., Tax office, council letter, legal letter, benefit letter which include your address
- P45
- P60

### **What if I haven't got the ID?**

Please email [fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk) or call 01443 864055

### **What do I do if not all my children are listed?**

Please email [fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk) or call 01443 864055

### **What happens if I can't get to the Post Office straight away?**

There will be an expiry date on your letter; one month is given to redeem the voucher.

This can be redeemed in any Post Office in Wales - this should give you sufficient flexibility to make arrangements.

### **What happens if I have moved and did not let you know?**

You will need to email us on [fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk) urgently

### **How much will I get?**

This will be stipulated in the letter you receive. Currently it is £19.50 per eligible child, per week. (£3.90 eligible child, per day)

### **What if I don't want to receive the payment?**

You do not need to take your letter to the post office. Please notify us so we can remove your details from our database. Please email [fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk)

### **What if I think I'm eligible but I don't receive a letter?**

Please email [fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk) or call 01443 864055 stating the reasons why you think you are eligible. Please include contact details so we can contact you if necessary.

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# Admission to Reception September 2023

Applications are now open for admission to Reception classes in  
September 2023

**You must apply by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

You can apply by visiting [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk) and searching for  
school admissions or by scanning the QR code below  
For help and support call the Admissions team on 01443 864870



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# Free School Meal Rollout

For further information  
please [click here](#)





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Rugby, swimming, football, basketball, gymnastics, urban games... There are all sorts of clubs, activities and competitions available through the medium of Welsh.

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### MAGAZINES

Free, fun and informative Welsh magazines available digitally. IAW is a magazine for secondary Welsh learners.

[urdd.cymru/magazines](http://urdd.cymru/magazines)

### TO JOIN

Membership cost:      Family membership:  
**£10**                              **£25**  
per child                              (three or more children)  
(Discounts available\*)

Visit [urdd.cymru/join](http://urdd.cymru/join) to start your journey as an Urdd member.

\*We know that there are changes to school meal payments in Wales. However, if a child receives 'free school meal vouchers', the school uniform grant or education maintenance grant scheme then the price for membership is £1.

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