

Well-being newsletter



Summer is almost here!



This issue of our well-being newsletter is aimed to share relevant and valuable information with you and to inform you of upcoming events during the Summer holidays!

Reminder: Pupils return to school Tuesday September 2nd 2025

What's going on in school?

Together Tuesdays

We will be continuing our Together Tuesday sessions in September 2025.

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00am, we invite parents and carers to join us for Together Tuesdays – a relaxed and friendly drop-in session designed to support families in our school community.

These sessions offer a chance to connect with other parents, build friendships, and create a supportive network. We regularly welcome external agencies who can provide helpful advice and guidance on a range of topics. Our Family Days and Thrive Practitioner are also on hand to offer additional support and answer any questions you may have.

Whether you're looking for practical advice or simply a friendly chat, Together Tuesdays is a space where you're always welcome.



Safeguarding at TCS

At TCS we have rigorous child protection procedures based on clear policy, designed to make sure children and young people are safe and feel safe. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please see a member of our safeguarding team

Safeguarding Team

Mr Peter Owen (Headteacher)
Mrs Gadd (Deputy Headteacher)
Mr Stones (Assistant Headteacher)
Miss Anna Ruscitto (Family Liaison Officer)
Mrs Ceri Totty (STF Manager)
Mrs Emma Burrows (ALNCo)

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to maximise your child's full potential. Please ensure your child attends school as often as possible, if your child is unwell then please inform the school office on day 1 of your child's absence. Please provide medical evidence (prescription labels/appointment cards) if your child is unwell. This will avoid any unauthorised absences and the risk of receiving a fixed penalty notice (fine)

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts at 8:00am.

Holidays during term time

Holidays are no longer authorised. Holiday request forms can be collected and returned to the school office two weeks prior to your child's absence. You may be at risk of a fixed penalty notice if your child's attendance is below 90% and you withdraw them from education for a holiday



Support

Just a reminder that Miss Ruscitto is available as Family Liaison Officer, if any parents need advice or guidance.

If you need to contact Miss Ruscitto you can email her - ruscittoa@hwbcymru.net

Free Bus Rides

The Free Ride Swansea offer means residents will be able to travel on public transport for FREE. The scheme is available from July 19th - August 31st



What's going on during the Summer holidays?



Swansea Air Show
July 5th & 6th 2025
Swansea Beach



Keep informed on Townhill Summer Club via The Phoenix Centre's social media



School term dates 2025-2026



School term and holiday dates 2025 / 2026

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 September 2025	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	Monday 20 July 2026

Keeping Safe Online

With the Summer holidays approaching, it's understandable that children may spend more time online. Please ensure you are limiting screen time and checking devices.

YOUTUBE KIDS

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading scientific videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Date for your diary



School Fete - Friday 4th July 2025 @ 1 : 15PM



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Instagram: [the.swansea.parent.guide](https://www.instagram.com/the.swansea.parent.guide)



Support for parents



Swansea Foodbank Opening Times

Linden Church,
SA3 5LD.
Open Monday
12:30-14:30

Ty Croeso,
SA6 5LN.
Open Tuesday
10:00-12:00

**Port Tennant
Community
Centre**
SA1 8LQ
Open Wednesday
3-5pm

**Gorseinon
Institute,**
SA4 4AD.
Open Thursday
10-12 noon

**Mayhill
Community
Centre,**
SA1 6TD.
Open Thursday
13:00-15:00

**South Penlan
Community Centre,**
SA5 7AH.
Open Friday
10:00-12:00

**LifePoint
Church,**
SA1 6BT.
Open Friday
11:00-13:00



THE ANXIETY HWB

DROP IN SESSIONS

DAYS OPEN
Monday - Thursday

OPENING HOURS
10am - 2pm

LOCATION
13 Portland Street,
Swansea, SA1 5LR



Our staff and volunteers are always here to listen and offer support!

Or visit us for a chat and a hot drink!

No appointment needed!



Townhill Community School

"Putting Children First"

