



# N T H E K N O W

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we reach the end of another successful year at Ysgol Eirias, I would like to thank our learners, staff, parents and carers for their continued support and commitment. Together, we have strengthened our culture of belonging, high expectations and inclusive practice, while celebrating many achievements both in and beyond the classroom. We are proud of all that has been accomplished this year and look forward with confidence to September. In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break, with plenty of opportunities to relax, recharge and enjoy the lovely sunshine. **We look forward to welcoming our learners back into school on Thursday 3rd September.**

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Mrs Evans, Headteacher



**Clear is kind!** Thank you for working with us to maintain our high standards of school uniform. Consistent messages between home and school help establish clear routines, boundaries, and expectations for all learners. Please find our uniform guidance here: [Uniform](#) | [Ysgol Eirias](#). Thank you for your continued support.

**Duke of Edinburgh Update**

We are proud of the continued growth of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme, which now offers **Gold** for the first time alongside Bronze and Silver. More learners than ever are developing valuable skills in teamwork, resilience, leadership and independence through this rewarding experience. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and grateful to the staff and parents whose support makes the programme possible. Special congratulations to Mr Hawkins, whose outstanding commitment to DofE was recently recognised with an invitation to Buckingham Palace. [DofE Recognition](#) | [Ysgol Eirias](#)



**Every Day Matters. Every Lesson Matters. Every Child Matters.**

The start of September is a key time for our learners as they re-establish routines, reconnect with friends, build relationships with staff and begin new learning. At Eirias, we believe attendance is about much more than simply being present; it supports achievement, wellbeing, confidence and a sense of belonging. We understand the importance of family time but ask families to avoid holidays during term time, particularly at the start of the academic year, as missed days can make settling back into school more challenging and may have a lasting impact on learning.



**Understanding Attendance Categories**

| Attendance Classification | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 95%+ Attendance           | Good attendance. Fewer than 10 days of absence across the school year.                                                                                                             |
| RPA                       | <b>Risk of Persistent Absence</b> – 10 or more days absent. Early intervention and support may be required.                                                                        |
| PA                        | <b>Persistent Absence</b> – 19 or more days absent. Attendance levels where absence has become a significant concern.                                                              |
| SA                        | <b>Severe Absence</b> – 48 or more days absent across the academic year. Attendance levels where substantial time has been missed, and intensive support is likely to be required. |

**One Hour Lessons from September 2026**

A reminder that, whilst the start and end of the school day will remain the same, we are moving to 1 hour lessons in September. Please visit our website for more detail: [One hour lessons from September 2026](#) | [Ysgol Eirias](#)

**What a Fantastic Enrichment Week!** 🌞

Pupils enjoyed memorable trips to Zip World and Alton Towers, wellbeing afternoons in the sunshine with ice creams, and hands-on activities including rocket building and an enterprise challenge!

We were also delighted to welcome **Britain's Got Talent** finalists 'Han and Fran' for an inspiring session. Throughout the week, pupils developed confidence, teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills while making lasting memories.



**A Super Sports Day!** 🌞

Our pupils showed great enthusiasm, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer them on and help make it such a wonderful event. We are so proud of all our learners!

- Key dates 2026-27 ...**
- Term 1:**
- **Staff Training Days:** 1st & 2nd September
  - **School opens:** Thursday 3rd September
  - **School closes for half term break:** Friday 23rd October
  - **School opens:** Monday 2nd November
  - **School closes for Christmas:** Friday 18th December
- Term 2:**
- **Staff Training Day:** Monday 4th January
  - **School opens:** Tuesday 5th January
  - **School closes for half term break:** Friday 5th February
  - **School opens:** Monday 15th February
  - **School closes for Easter:** Friday 19th March
- Term 3:**
- **School opens:** Monday 5th April
  - **School closes for half term break:** Friday 28th May
  - **School opens:** Monday 7th June
  - **School closes for summer:** Friday 16th July

