



Croeso i

Ddosbarth Willow

Let the learning journey begin!



We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Dosbarth Willow and to the beginning of their learning journey with us at Ysgol Y Waun. Starting Nursery is an exciting milestone, and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child feels happy, safe, secure and confident as they settle into school life. This term, our topic is VIP (Very Important People). Through this topic, the children will have opportunities to explore the important people in their own lives, including their families, friends and the people within our school and wider community.

Learning through play

Our Nursery provision places play at the heart of learning. We focus on the five developmental pathways, providing an engaging and nurturing environment where children can develop their skills, confidence and independence through meaningful play experiences.

The Five Developmental Pathways

Belonging

- recognise who I am
- recognise that I am important to those around me
- follow familiar routines
- understand and follow some rules and boundaries

Communication

- recognise and respond to verbal and non-verbal cues
- express my needs, thoughts, feelings, ideas and opinions
- join in with familiar stories and rhymes

Exploration

- focus my attention on things that interest me
- develop my understanding of how things work
- communicate my ideas through mark-making or the use of appropriate

Technology

- play with quantities and numbers
- use simple mathematical language in my play and with purpose
- use my senses to explore the world around me

Physical Development

- co-ordinate my movements
- take risks in my physical play
- manipulate and explore properties of smaller objects

Well-being

- interact with others
- take turns and share
- become independent in my personal hygiene.

Home Learning

Reading and Learning Together

"A little time spent reading, talking and singing together each day can make a big difference to your child's learning journey."

Reading: Please enjoy stories and nursery rhymes with your child every day. Talk together about the pictures, characters and stories.

Nursery Rhyme: Each week, we will send home a special nursery rhyme for you and your child to enjoy and learn together.

Name recognition: You can also support your child by helping them to recognise their own name and encouraging them to have a go at writing it.

Key information

Snack: We encourage children to enjoy a healthy snack each day. Please send your child to school with one healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit or a yoghurt, in a clearly named container. Children should also bring a named water bottle with them each day to keep them hydrated. Milk will be provided daily.

Spare Clothes: We kindly ask that your child brings a full set of spare clothes, including underwear, to keep in school. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Having a change of clothes available means we can quickly help your child feel comfortable should they need to change during the day.

Wellies: As we enjoy lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and play, please provide your child with a pair of wellies to keep in school. We kindly ask that wellies are clearly named and kept in a bag on your child's peg, ready for all our outdoor adventures!



Mrs Morgan



Mrs Newell



Miss Scott



Mrs Cossington-Davies