

DOLEN

Issue 6- 20th December 2024

*Headteacher's
Note*

Welcome to the final issue of Dolen for 2024. Without a doubt, this has been another exceptional year for the school with many developments across the year. We saw some staff departing at the end of the Summer and others joining and, this term, we also had a visit from Estyn, the school inspectorate for Wales.

You will learn more about the outcome of the inspection when the report is published in January. I would, however, like to thank all the staff, pupils and governors for their support; not only during the inspection but throughout the year.

I hope you have a chance to relax as families of the Christmas period before the pupils return to school on the 6th of January.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

G Evans



Appointment with the Headteacher

Tuesday Mornings between 8.30 a 9.00 (3 slots of 10 minutes)

Thursday Afternoons between 15:30 a 16:00 (3 slots of 10 minutes)

To make an appointment, go to



<https://www.ysgolbroteifi.cymru/info/v/93-gwnewch-apwyntiad-i-siarad-gyda-r-pennaeth/>



Children in Need Day



BBC

Plant mewn Angen
Children in Need



Wearing Pyjamas in Bro Teifi to Support Children in Need

Pyjamas, silence, cycling and baking. This was the perfect recipe for raising **£2289.72** for the Children in Need 2024 charity at Ysgol Bro Teifi.

On a day that raises money for charities supporting children and young people across the United Kingdom and beyond, pupils at Ysgol Bro Teifi set out to show their support for the special cause. Throughout the day, there was a flurry of activities which helped raise a significant amount which will help the children of our local area and beyond once again this year.

From decorating biscuits, colouring, dancing to taking part in sponsored silences, a bingo game over the 'bing-bong,' and a sponsored walk of the school campus, pupils certainly enjoyed supporting the day. And of course, it's the one day in a school year that pupils can jump out of bed and arrive at school in their pyjamas!



In addition, the Sixth Form took part in a 6 hour cycleathon, and it was great to see everyone go about completing a mile or two on the back of the bike. To finish the day the teachers went up against the Sixth Form in a netball game and yes, the teachers beat the sixth formers! The school would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions.

Report by Daniel Evans, Chair of Community and Humanitarian Committee

New York and Washington Trip

A crew of pupils from the Sixth Form went on an unforgettable trip to New York and Washington in November. Highlights included visiting Central Park, visiting the 9/11 Remembrance Museum, and visiting Lincoln, Jefferson, Vietnam and Martin Luther King memorials.

You can read a full report by Mari Thomas, Peredur Llywelyn and Alaw Evans on the Carthen360 website.



[Taith Ysgol Bro Teifi i America – Carthen360](#)



'Wicked' Trip To Cardiff

Pupils studying Music and Drama had the opportunity to attend the Wicked show at Cardiff Millennium Centre, despite the challenging weather!



Thank you to the Expressive Arts Faculty for organising!

Important Dates for the Spring Term

Dyddiad Date	Digwyddiad	Event
06/01/2025	Disgyblion yn dychwelyd i'r ysgol - Tymor y Gwanwyn	Pupils return to school - Spring Term
12-18/1/2025	Cwrs Sgio - Sestriere	Sestriere Skiing Course
20/1/2025	Noson Rieni a Gofalwyr Blwyddyn 9	Year 9 Parents and Carers Evening
30/01/2025	Ffair Gyrfaedd Ysgol Bro Teifi (Dyddiad Newydd)	Ysgol Bro Teifi Careers Fair (New Date)
03/02/2025	Noson Rieni a Gofalwyr Blwyddyn 7	Year 7 Parents and Carers Evening
17/2/2025	Noson Ddewisiadau Blwyddyn 9	Year 9 Options Evening
17+18/2/2025	Nosweithiau Rheini/ Gofalwyr Meithrin -Bl 6	Nursery-Yr 6 Parents/ Carers Evening
20/02/2025	Eisteddfod Offerynol yr Urdd - Bro Pedr	Urdd Instrumental Eisteddfod- Bro Pedr
21-23/02/2025	Taith Breswyl Sbaeneg i Barcelona	Spanish Residential Trip to Barcelona
06/03/2025	Noson Wybodaeth Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru i'r 6ed	6th Form Student Finance Wales Information Evening

Important Dates for the Spring Term

Dyddiad Date	Digwyddiad	Event
10/03/2025	Noson Rieni a Gofalwyr Blwyddyn 8	Year 8 Parents and Carers Evening
19/03/2025	Eisteddfod Cylch Teifi - Bro Teifi	Teifi Area Eisteddfod - Bro Teifi
21/03/2025	DIWRNOD HMS - Ysgol ar Gau i ddisgyblion	INSET DAY - School Closed for Pupils
24/03/2025	Noson Rieni a Gofalwyr Blwyddyn 10	Year 10 Parents and Carers Evening
28/03/2025	Eisteddfod Rhanbarth Urdd Oed Uwchradd	Secondary Age Regional Urdd Eisteddfod
29/03/2025	Eisteddfod Rhanbarth Urdd Oed Cynradd	Primary Age Regional Urdd Eisteddfod
01/04/2025	Eisteddfod Dawns a Theatr yr Urdd	Urdd Dance and Theatre Eisteddfod
07/04/2025	Llun Ysgol Gyfan (Ad- drefnwyd o'r Hydref)	Whole School Picture (Re- arranged from October)
07/11/2025	Wythnos Rybgi 7 bob ochr yr Urdd (Timoedd i'w cadarnhau)	Urdd Rugby 7s Week (Teams TBC)

'Caru Canu' Club



The Caru Canu Club has been extremely busy! They were invited to sing at Meinir Howells' book launch night, and then to sing at a concert at Newcastle Emlyn's Rugby Club



Year 4 and 5 members of the Caru Canu Club also entertained the residents of Henllan Residential Home this month.

2024 Prize Evening

It was wonderful to be able to welcome former pupils, current pupils and their parents to the school's annual Prize Evening this year. It was a pleasure to be able to celebrate the success of our pupils and have the opportunity to catch up with all their news. Special thanks to our guest speaker, **Dr Bethan Green** for delivering an inspiring speech to the young people. Well done to everyone!

Congratulations to the following pupils for receiving awards for their efforts last year:



Year 7
Efa Dixon
Dion Evans
Gwion Evans
Magi Williams



Year 8
Hollie Fallows
Dewi Ifan
Esyllt Jones
Magw Thomas



Year 9
Magw Dafydd
Sioned Elias-Davies
Mabli Hughes
Lauren Mould



Year 10
Efa Davies
Erin Hanna Rees
Sophie Reid
Steffan Williams

2024 Prize Evening

Ysgol Bro Teifi Prize and Scholarship Winners 2024

Dr John & Edith Griffiths Scholarship - A Level

Hanna Evans

Dr John & Edith Griffiths Scholarship - GCSE

Ffion Thomas

William George & Annie Mary Jones Memorial Trophy

Alwena Owen

Bro Teifi Sports Award

Bedwyr Llywelyn

Business Award (Delineate) - Year 13

Casi Jones

Business Award (Tregroes Waffles) - Year 11

Rhys Davies

Mathematics Award (Delineate)

Ffion Thomas

Veterinary Award (Tysul Vets)

Elliw Evans, Hanna Evans, Ffion Morgan, Alaw Silvestri Jones

Law Award (Teifi Law/IJSF)

Tomos Evans

Accountancy Award (Cyfrifwyr Arwyn Vobe)

Catrin Lewis

Medicine Award (Meddygfa Llynnyfran)

Annie Blu Evans

NFU Agriculture Award - Osian Thomas, Sion Briscoe, Dion Williams, Jac Rees, Wil Owen, Dafi Evans, Lowri Jones, Alaw Silvestri-Jones

Cylch Cinio Llandysul Scholarship - Gwydion Dafis, Rhys Davies, Mali Evans, Peredur Llywelyn, Guto Dafis, Talulah Henley, Leisa Davies, Sian Jenkins, Mari Thomas, Cynyr MacRae, Jac Rees, Jordan Tomkins



2024 Prize Evening



**Dr Bethan Green -
Our Guest Speaker**



**Our Staff and Sixth Form Choir
entertaining the audience**

**MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PUPILS
ON THEIR SUCCESS!**

Thanks to the businesses below for sponsoring the awards for our prize evening this year. We appreciate your support.



Year 6 Transition Days



Two successful transition days were held for prospective year 7 pupils. They had a taster of Spanish, Science, Sports, ICT, Drama, Technology and Music. We look forward to welcoming them back to school soon.





Musical Successes

National Youth Choir of Wales

Congratulations to Alaw from year 12 on being selected following an audition to be a member of the National Youth Choir of Wales. Best wishes to her in the rehearsals during 2025 and the concerts, which will include performances at Brangwyn Hall and St Asaph Cathedral.



COUNTY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to our pupils who took part in the county choir and orchestra concert in Aberystwyth before Christmas. Lili Robinson had the opportunity to perform as part of the Harp Choir and Catrin Finch performed with them. Also, Gwenllian Dafydd sang a beautiful solo with the Senior Choir.



Poburdd a Chogurdd Rhanbarthol

There was keen competition in the CogUrdd and PobUrdd competitions this term. Warm congratulations to all who competed and to those who came top.

Grace – 1st PobUrdd (Year 7 and under 19)



Magi – 3rd CogUrdd (Years 7-9)



Kelsey – 2nd CogUrdd (Year 10 and under 19)

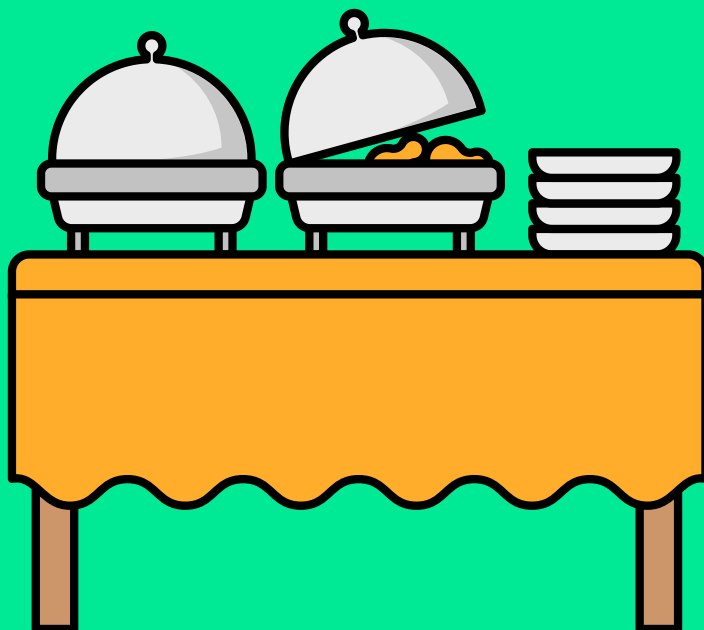


GCSE Hospitality and Catering



Congratulations to our GCSE Hospitality and Catering pupils in their practical exam this year. This year's task was to prepare a meal for a parent and a child. Great work, and looks very tasty!





Mewn Cymeriad - Mimosa

It was lovely to welcome the show 'Y Mimosa' by the company 'Mewn Cymeriad' to the school. Pupils in years 5 and 6 have been studying the migration to Patagonia and watching the show brought the history to life for them.



Art Workshop with Meinir Mathias



A visit by the local artist Meinir Mathias

The artist Meinir Mathias came in to speak to our year 8 Art classes as part of the term's work. There was an interesting and informative presentation about the content of her work, her style and her experience as a professional artist. There was an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss her work based on the history of the Rebecca Riots.



Year 3 to 6 Christmas Service



A year 3 to 6 pupils' Christmas service was held at Penybont Chapel, Llandysul last week. It was wonderful to be able to take the nativity story out to the wider community, with all the pupils taking part. Thanks to the chapel officers for allowing us the use of the wonderful building.





Foundation Learning Christmas Show



The Foundation Learning Show was held in the school hall, where 'Y Goeden Fach Hardd' or 'The Beautiful Little Tree' was performed. There were excellent performances all round and the pupils, staff and parents were all delighted!



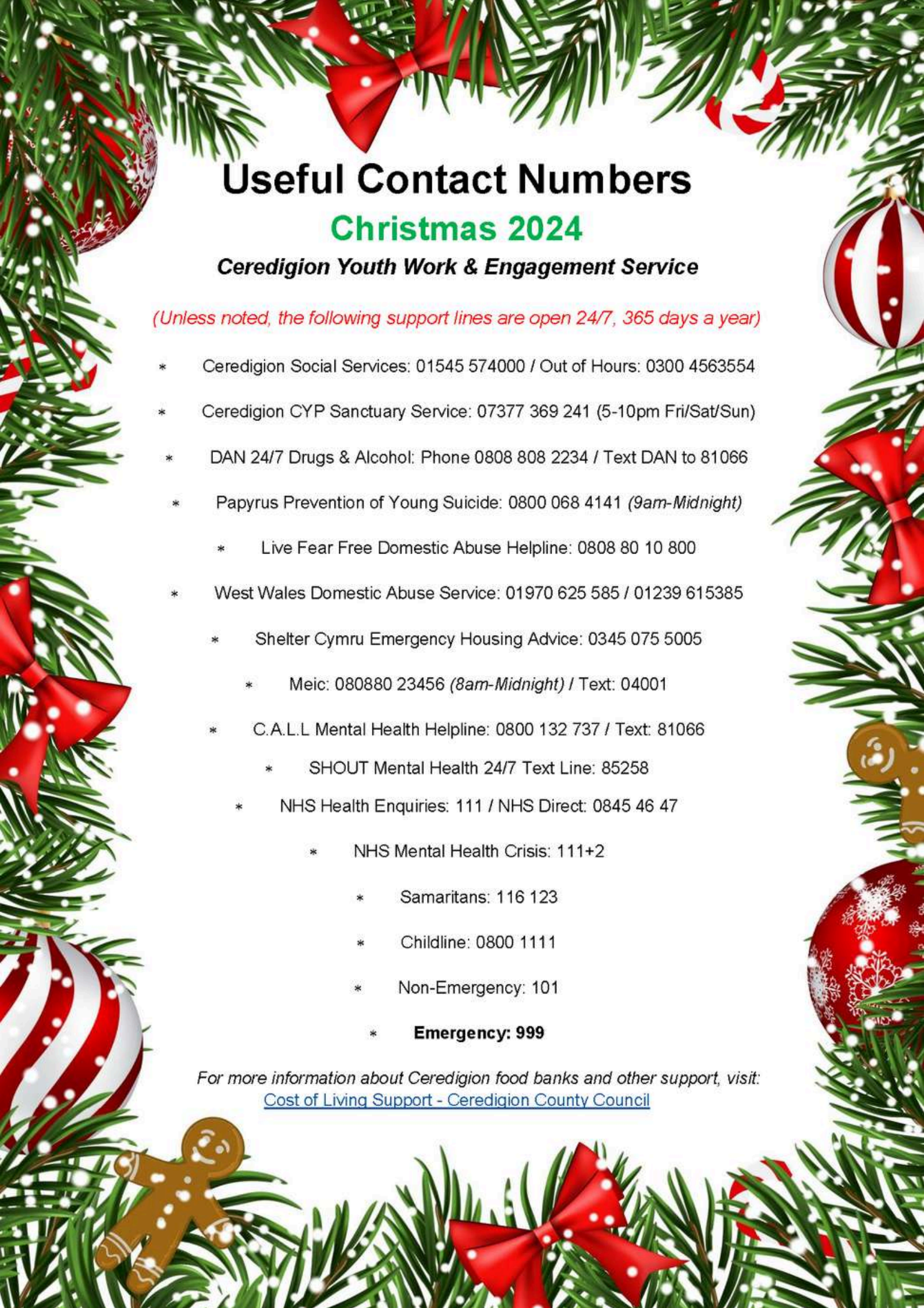
Sport

Ceredigion Champions!!



Primary Mixed Netball
Boys Under 12 Football
Boys Under 14 Football
Boys Under 18 Football
Year 7 Boys Rugby
Year 9 Boys Rugby
Under 16 Girls Netball





Useful Contact Numbers

Christmas 2024

Ceredigion Youth Work & Engagement Service

(Unless noted, the following support lines are open 24/7, 365 days a year)

- * Ceredigion Social Services: 01545 574000 / Out of Hours: 0300 4563554
- * Ceredigion CYP Sanctuary Service: 07377 369 241 (5-10pm Fri/Sat/Sun)
- * DAN 24/7 Drugs & Alcohol: Phone 0808 808 2234 / Text DAN to 81066
- * Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide: 0800 068 4141 (9am-Midnight)
- * Live Fear Free Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 80 10 800
- * West Wales Domestic Abuse Service: 01970 625 585 / 01239 615385
- * Shelter Cymru Emergency Housing Advice: 0345 075 5005
- * Meic: 080880 23456 (8am-Midnight) / Text: 04001
- * C.A.L.L Mental Health Helpline: 0800 132 737 / Text: 81066
- * SHOUT Mental Health 24/7 Text Line: 85258
- * NHS Health Enquiries: 111 / NHS Direct: 0845 46 47
- * NHS Mental Health Crisis: 111+2
- * Samaritans: 116 123
- * Childline: 0800 1111
- * Non-Emergency: 101
- * **Emergency: 999**

For more information about Ceredigion food banks and other support, visit:
[Cost of Living Support - Ceredigion County Council](#)



Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!



School Essentials Grant

Parents of children who live in low income households and who receive certain benefits can apply for

**£125 for each
learner!**

**(£200 to those starting in Year 7 in order
to meet the higher costs associated with
moving to secondary education)**

Every statutory school year from Reception to Year 11 are now eligible. Families can make one application per child, once, for every school year.

The 2024-25 grant cycle is now open and closes on the 31st of May 2024. Follow the link below to learn more:



<https://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant-help-school-costs>



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**