ADMISSIONS POLICY

2026 / 2027

Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Penrhyn Dewi

Our Church School
As a Church School our Christian ethos is at the heart of all that we do. Our school should be a special place, a safe place, a place of learning, a place of nurture and of exploration. A Church School must demonstrate openness and acceptance, tolerance and forgiveness. Here, values and attitudes are formed and every individual is celebrated as unique. A Church School develops a distinctive Christian character through its religious education, collective worship and ethos that makes God's love and presence known to the world.

Motto
'Be Joyful, Keep the Faith and do the little things'.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
The school is committed to ensuring the highest standards of Data Protection. We will treat all personal data as we would expect our own personal data to be treated; i.e. with respect, integrity and confidentiality and in accordance with the GDPR and other Data Protection laws. All of our school policies will adhere to GDPR guidance.

Admissions arrangements and oversubscription criteria

When can my child start school?
At Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA, as in the rest of Pembrokeshire, children are eligible to attend school on a part-time basis from the first term after their third birthday and full-time basis from the first term after their fourth birthday. Please note that compulsory education commences from the term following their fifth birthday. The date of your child's birthday determines when he or she can start school, regardless of the date when the term starts and the table below shows when your child may be admitted to school. Parents can opt to defer their child's start date anytime up until the child is of compulsory school age; for more information please contact the school on 01437 809200 or email: admin.penrhyndewi@pembrokeshire.gov.uk .

Child's birthday falls between	**Nursery Admission Term**
1 April - 31 August	Autumn
1 September - 31 December	Spring
1 January - 31 March	Summer

The law does not require a child to start full time education until the beginning of the school term following the child's fifth birthday. However, pupils are provided with a full-time place the term after the age of four years and are strongly encouraged to attend full time in order to receive the full benefits of Foundation Phase education and experiences.

Nursery Age Children – 3 years old.

Age	Date by which the appropriate age must be reached	Term of Admission
3	31 December 2025 31 March 2026 31 August 2026	Spring 2026 Summer 2026 Autumn 2026

Primary Age Children – 4 year olds

Age	Date by which the appropriate age must be reached	Term of Admission
4	31 December 2025 31 March 2026 31 August 2026	Spring 2026 Summer 2026 Autumn 2026

Secondary Age Children – 11 year olds
Pupils on roll in Year 6 will not be required to apply for transfer to the secondary element

Age	Date by which the appropriate age must be reached	Term of Admission
11	31 August 2026	Autumn 2026

Admission Timetable – Normal Admission Rounds

Provision	Age	Starting School	Closing Date for Applying	Offer/Notification Date	Appeals closing date
Nursery	1st Sept 2023 – 31st Aug 2024	January, April, September 2027	30th April 2026	By end of July 2026	No rights of appeal
Reception Place (there is no automatic transfer from Nursery to Reception)	1st Sept 2021 – 31st Aug 2022	Autumn Term 2026	31st January 2026	16th April 2026	10 working days from receipt of refusal letter
Secondary School transfer	1st Sept 2014 – 31st Aug 2015	Autumn Term Sept 2026	21st December 2025	2nd March 2026	10 working days from receipt of refusal letter

Applications

Applications for a place at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA School should be made online via Pembrokeshire County Council (https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-admissions). The closing date for applications to Nursery is 30th April preceding the calendar year in which the school place is required. Parents will be notified of the success of their application by the 31st July. If your child is admitted to Nursery education, this does not guarantee your child a Primary School place (Reception). You must re-apply for a Primary School place. The closing date for applications to Reception is 31st January prior to the start of the autumn term in the same calendar year. Pupils on roll in Year 6 will not be required to apply for transfer to the secondary element. Subject to parental preference, pupils will remain on roll until the end of their statutory school age.

Oversubscription Criteria

The Admission Number for the school is 27 for Reception to Year 6 and 80 for Years 7 – 11 and, where the number of applications does not exceed this number, then all applicants will be admitted. Should there be more than the above number of applications received for a single year group, pupils will be admitted on the basis of the following oversubscription criteria, applied in priority order as listed below.

1) Current and former Looked After Pupils of Authorities in Wales and England in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations.

2) Children who reside in the school's catchment area.

3) Children who have brothers and sisters already attending the school at the time of admission. (a sibling is a full, half or step brother or sister, or adopted or foster children, living in the same household at the time of admission).

4) Pupils who have attended a feeder school

5) Children of parents who wish their child to have an Anglican Church School education.

6) Children of Christian denominations living outside the catchment area of the school whose parents specifically wish them to have a Church School education. (With a supporting letter from their priest or minister).

Where preferences exceed places available, priority will be given under each oversubscription category to multiple birth siblings (e.g. twins or triplets). If the last child to be admitted up to the Admission Number is one of a multiple birth, then the school will also admit the other sibling(s).

In the event of a tie, places will be offered to pupils who live nearest the school, measured by the shortest walking distance from the nearest available school gate to a point where the pupil's private dwelling meets the highway.

Appeal
If entry is refused then parents have the right of one appeal per application per academic year to the Diocesan Admissions Appeal Panel, an independent body that the Diocesan Education Authority has set up for the Governing Body. Parents who are unsuccessful should appeal in writing to the Headteacher, Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA, Dewi Campus, St Davids, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6QH or via email to: admin.penrhyndewi@pembrokeshire.gov.uk (FAO: Headteacher). Parents will be allowed 14 days (10 working days) from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to prepare and submit their written appeals. Receipt of appeal requests will be acknowledged. Appellants will be given at least 14 days (10 working days) written notice of the date of their appeal hearing. Only parents of children of statutory school age may appeal against refusal.

Waiting List
A waiting list of unsuccessful applications will be maintained. If a place becomes available, the Governors will consider those on the waiting list on the basis of the published over subscription criteria. If the Governors place an application on the waiting list it will not affect the parent's right of appeal. For applications received outside the normal admission rounds waiting lists are held until the end of the Summer term of the academic year the place was requested.

Applying Outside the Normal Admissions Round

Moving into the Area
Parents planning to move into the area should apply no earlier than a term in advance of their children's anticipated start date. Applications received more than a term in advance will be held until the appropriate time. Delays in moving into the area may result in offers being withdrawn, unless good reason is given.

School Transfers during the Year
Changing schools requires serious consideration and should, in the first instance, be fully discussed with the Headteacher of your child's present school.
Should parents still need to transfer their child from one school to another then they must apply through submitting an online application which will be treated in the same way as any other application for admission.