

MONTHLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2026



Message from the SSCE Cymru team

"This November, we invite school communities across Wales to reflect on Remembrance, honour those who served and look towards a peaceful future. Remembrance acknowledges sacrifice, not the glorification of war. Sharing Service children's reflections connects the past with Armed Forces families today, helps young people feel heard and valued, and strengthens younger generations' understanding of why we remember. Whether through assemblies, Service children well-being clubs, or personal reflection, please share your school's activities for our [Remembrance webpage](#). Visit our [Upcoming Network Members Events webpage](#) for opportunities near you.

We welcome your thoughts, feedback, and photos. You can reach our team at SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk. As always, diolch yn fawr for your continued support."



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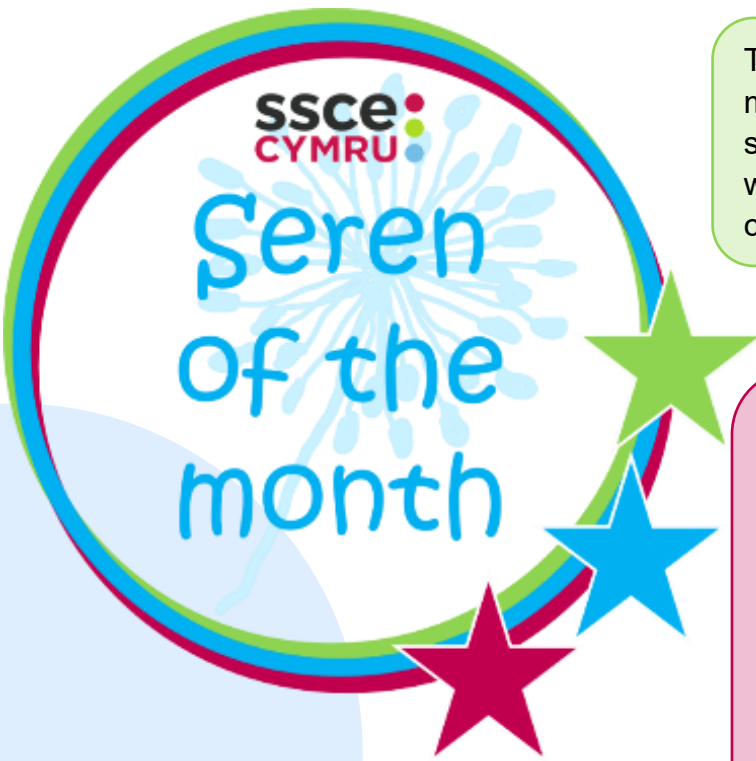
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This is an opportunity for our team to publicly recognise an SSCE Cymru STAR, and say thank you to a Service child, member of school staff, work colleague, network member or organisation that have positively collaborated with us or shown exceptional support to Service children in education and their local Armed Forces community. We are grateful to work with some truly inspiring individuals and groups who ensure that Service children continue to feel valued and celebrated here in Wales.

Seren of the month – November 2026

November's Serens: Jack and Merci (Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School), Ava (Llangatwg Community School) and Joshua (Dwr Y Felin Comprehensive School).

SSCE Cymru recognises these four Neath Port Talbot pupils for volunteering to share their experiences as Service children and what Remembrance means to them, representing their schools and local authority.

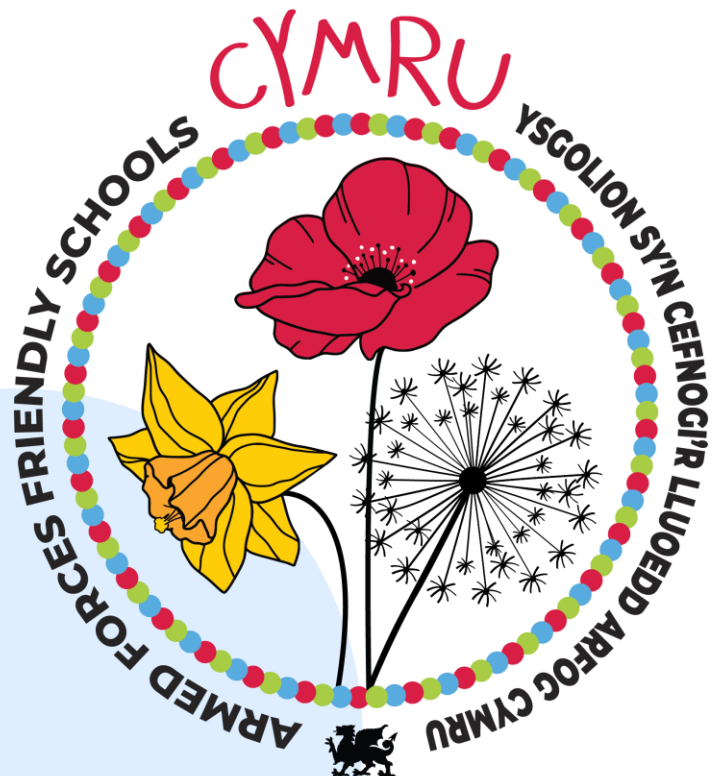
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School hosted the recording, joined by Neath Port Talbot Armed Forces Champion Cllr Tim Bowen.

Their recording featured at the Mayor's Remembrance Concert in Neath on Friday 23rd October. See the recording on the SSCE Cymru website [here](#). A proud moment for the Neath Port Talbot Military Family, this demonstrates the local authority's ongoing Service Pupil Promise commitment to ensuring "Service children and young people feel recognised, championed and supported to flourish."

Thank you to everyone involved, especially Jack, Merci, Ava and Joshua. Their reflections connect Remembrance with Armed Forces families today, helping them feel heard and valued while showing younger generations why we remember and carry this legacy forward.



Jack, Merci, Ava & Joshua
Service children from schools in Neath Port Talbot



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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to achieve their Bronze, then Silver, then Gold status. The objectives are to embed good practice for supporting Service children, create a positive environment for Service children to share their experiences and encourage schools to become more engaged with their Armed Forces community.

This month, we are pleased to congratulate the following schools for achieving their AFFS Cymru status:

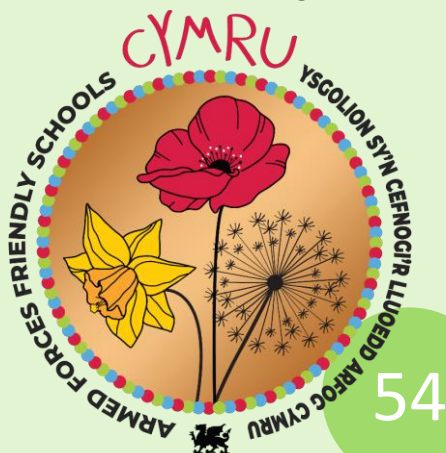
Bronze: St Illtyd Primary School (Vale of Glamorgan)

Bronze: Alltwn Primary School (Neath Port Talbot)

Gold: Rydal Penrhos School (Conwy)

Congratulations to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status.

So far, 54 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 54 have achieved Bronze, 18 have achieved Silver and 11 have achieved Gold!!!



SSCE Cymru resources

Supporting children in times of conflict

SSCE Cymru has a webpage dedicated to providing resources relevant to supporting children and young people during times of conflict.

Although some of the resources refer to a specific conflict, many of the resource can be applied to other conflicts. Times of conflict and crisis affect many families, Service and civilian, and a school community plays a vital part in ensuring our families feel safe and supported during a potentially challenging time.

Some of the resources included on the webpage include:

- [SSCE Cymru: Recommended resources Padlet](#)
- [UNICEF: How to talk to your children about conflict and war](#)
- [Childline: Worries about the world](#)
- [Save the Children: How to talk to children about war](#)
- [Barnardos: Talking to children about war](#)
- [The British Psychological Society: Supporting children to manage anxiety over war, conflict and crises](#)
- [Place2Be: Talking to children and young people about war and conflict](#)

Remembrance 2026



11th November 2026

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

SSCE Cymru digital wall of Remembrance



SSCE Cymru invites you to share with us **'What Remembrance means to you'**.

This year, for Remembrance, SSCE Cymru would like to create a digital wall of Remembrance giving Service children, their peers and school staff the chance to share what Remembrance means to them.



Remembrance 2026

Events

Remembrance Sunday

8th November

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Armistice Day

11th November

The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

We mark Armistice Day around the UK with a 2-minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Army RET Remembrance Live Assembly

09:00-09:20 Wednesday 11th November

The Army Regional Engagement Team (RET) from Wales will be delivering a live assembly of Awareness and Remembrance for all schools.

The event is open to all year groups and available in English and Welsh.

RBL Remembrance Live Assembly

10:25-11:05 Wednesday 11th November

The Remembrance Assembly is a free online learning event which brings children together from across the UK on Armistice Day. With music, poetry, voices from the Armed Forces community, inspiring locations and plenty of creative ways to remember, it's the ideal way to help young students aged 9–14 connect with Remembrance.

Resources

Teaching Remembrance resources

Produced by the Royal British Legion, all resources are:

- Available for all key stages and Youth Groups
- Made up of lesson plans, bitesize activities and assemblies to support teachers and parents
- Free and linked to National Curriculum
- Differentiated to provide both support and challenge
- Available in Welsh.

Poppy Scotland

Poppy Scotland provide a range of FREE learning resources highlighting the importance of remembrance, veterans and the poppy.

BBC

The BBC have free teaching resources for Primary and Secondary aged pupils. CBeebies also have an alternative video for the 2-minute silence for young children.

Upcoming events

Service Children's Progression
 ALLIANCE

SCiP Alliance Conference 2026



18th Nov 26
YORK
10 YEARS IN
PARTNERSHIP

This year's conference will focus on the value of partnerships - exploring our shared achievements and how we can work together to accomplish more for children from Armed Forces families.



Funding

Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund (SSCE-WF)

Schools and local authorities in Wales can apply for grant funding to deliver projects and interventions during the 2026/27 academic year, to provide support for Service children who meet the Welsh Government's definition of a Service child. There are three grants available.

Small project grants

Schools and local authorities in Wales can apply for a small grant to deliver a project which provides support to their Service children.

Up to £500 projects – open to all local authorities and local authority maintained schools in Wales.

Up to £1,000 projects – open to all local authorities in Wales and local authority maintained schools in Wales that hold a valid Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status.

Priority themes:

- Academic support
- Wellbeing support
- Service children voice.

Application deadlines:

Round 2: 11th December 2026

Month of the Military Child grant

Schools and local authorities in Wales can apply for up to £500 to deliver activities and celebrations during Month of Military Child in April.

Application deadline:

12th February 2027

Intervention grant

Schools in Wales can apply for up to £500 to provide short-term, targeted support for an individual Service child or a small number of Service children, to help address immediate barriers to learning, wellbeing, and engagement due to the impact of the Armed Forces Lifestyle.

Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the academic year and will be reviewed within 14 days of submission.

Funding

NEW SSCE-WF good practice examples

This document provides a range of examples of grants awarded through the *Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund* and the impact of those projects.

[Available here](#)

SSCE Cymru funding advice

These documents provides advice from the SSCE Cymru team for schools and local authorities, to assist them when applying for funding to support Service children / local Armed Forces community. The checklist includes suggested actions to help when preparing and completing a funding application. The ideas and suggestions document includes examples of activities that applicants could incorporate as part of funded projects to support Service children.



[See further information here](#)

Funding drop-in sessions

These informal drop-in sessions are aimed at supporting schools and local authorities in Wales with accessing funding to support Service children in education.

Upcoming drop-in sessions:

Wednesday 11th November 15:30-16:30
Thursday 26th November 09:00-10:00
Thursday 3rd December 15:30-16:30



[See further information here](#)