

Welsh Headlines — 10 Sep 2026

??????? Welsh News Headlines — 10 September 2026

? Top Story: Doctors warn Wales risks "one of the unhealthiest generations of children in decades"

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) in Wales says the health of children in Wales is "shocking" and that outcomes for young people are worsening or slowing in many areas — warning that without urgent action Wales risks "raising one of the unhealthiest generations of children in decades". The warning, from an analysis of 12 key indicators including infant mortality, mental health, obesity, vaccine rates and asthma, says the effect is felt most sharply in deprived areas. **27.3% of children aged four to five were overweight or living with obesity in 2024-25** — the highest prevalence ever recorded in Wales and the highest rate among all four UK nations. More than a quarter (**27%**) of children aged five to six had obvious tooth decay in 2024-25, with children in the most deprived areas nearly twice as likely to be affected as those in the least. Vaccination coverage has fallen below recommended levels, with very few routine childhood vaccines now meeting the 95% uptake target; an estimated **135,000 children and young people** in Wales are living with a diagnosable mental health condition, including one in four 17 to 24-year-olds. Asthma-related hospital admissions among children aged five to 14 rose sharply in September 2024 — **110 admissions against 23 in August, a 378% increase**. RCPCH co-officer for Wales **Dr Dana Beasley** said the report exposed the "shocking state" of child health and "the deepening inequalities experienced by families across Wales": "Behind every statistic is a child whose health, wellbeing and opportunities in life can be affected for years to come." Fellow co-officer **Dr Lizzy Nickerson** called on the Plaid Cymru government to honour its manifesto commitment to a Children's Health Plan, focused on data, targets and investment. A YouGov poll commissioned for the report found only **27%** of respondents felt the Welsh government was doing enough on child health, 18% thought NHS spending on it was "about right", and 68% believed the cost-of-living crisis was harming child health. Children's commissioner **Rocio Cifuentes** said too

many children "are being let down by widening inequalities and inconsistent access to support". The Welsh government said it would consider the findings "carefully" and is "considering options to provide a stronger and more sustained national focus on babies, children and young people's health".

📺 *BBC Wales (Owain Clarke, health correspondent) / BBC Cymru Fyw — 9 Sep 06:10 (Cymru Fyw 05:58), updated 10 Sep*

? Wales' papers

The **Western Mail** leads with "Doctors warning of health crisis in young" and carries a rugby headline, "Callender can roar for Lions, says ex-captain"; the **South Wales Evening Post** fronts "Killer fled to Swansea after London murder". The **South Wales Echo** runs "Castle flags furore", the **Wrexham Leader** "Star to address politicians over toxic woes" and the **Flintshire Leader** "Joyrider heading to prison".

📺 *BBC Wales papers review (image gallery) — 9 Sep 22:49*

?? Politics & Senedd

First Minister formally backs UK sanctions on West Bank settlements. Rhun ap Iorwerth told BBC Wales the UK government under Sir Keir Starmer had moved "far too slowly in its response to the illegal activities of the Israeli government", adding: "We need to see international pressure being brought to bear... It's good to see that an international coalition is building around this." The UK announced the sanctions alongside France and Canada, which said in a joint statement the action "marks a further turning point in our approach to protecting the two-state solution"; Foreign Secretary **Ed Miliband** called it the "beginning of a new approach". Israel's Foreign Minister **Gideon Saar** accused Miliband of spreading an "outrageous lie" and announced counter-measures including shutting the UK's consulate in East Jerusalem. Settlements are illegal under international law; the sanctions ban settlement goods and target companies and individuals providing services for settlement expansion. Foreign affairs is not devolved, so the First Minister was commenting rather than acting.

📺 *BBC Wales Politics (Mark Palmer) — 9 Sep 22:10*

BBC Wales warns of "managed decline" without licence fee reform. Giving evidence to the Commons **Welsh Affairs Select Committee**, BBC Cymru Wales head of corporate affairs **Rhys Evans** said the broadcaster is looking at £9m of savings with 50 posts cut, with further savings likely in 2028 and 2029: "Unless there is future licence fee reform then we are all set on that inevitable path of continued and managed decline." He said he believed BBC Cymru Wales "is here to stay" but was "not so confident about the type of content that we presently produce and distribute so effectively, because we just don't have the money for it". **Geraint Evans**, chief executive of S4C, said the future of Welsh-language broadcasting was in "jeopardy" as the channel

served social media and YouTube as well as television: "S4C will need at the very least the same funding that we have now, with inflationary increases, for a significant period to come." The TV licence fee, which funds BBC Cymru Wales and most of S4C, is under review.

📺 *BBC Wales Politics (Mark Palmer) — 9 Sep 19:06*

Reform MS won't say if he signed off error-riddled PISA press release. A Senedd staffer working for **Sir Gaerfyrddin MS Gareth Beer** issued a press release to media outlets on Tuesday (8 Sep) that contained spelling and grammatical errors alongside inaccurate and misleading claims about Wales' PISA results — including that Wales had hit "rock bottom" and that "the results are worse than last years". PISA is not conducted annually (the previous assessment was 2022, published 2023), and against 2022 maths showed a statistically significant fall while reading and science did not differ significantly — in science Wales was in fact three points higher. Beer has refused to say whether he approved the release.

📺 *Nation.Cymru (Emily Price) — 10 Sep*

? Health

Couple told their five remaining embryos will be destroyed after £23,000 of fertility treatment. Nat and Nik Fraser-Edwards, of Penyffordd near Wrexham, celebrated son Jude's first birthday last month after six failed rounds of artificial insemination and success through ICSI, which left them with six embryos. In a telephone consultation in June they were told their sperm donor had withdrawn consent, and that the remaining five embryos would be destroyed after a cooling-off period of a year — the hardest part, Nat said, being told "we then allow them to perish". "We were absolutely floored." Under UK law a sperm or egg donor can withdraw consent up until the embryo is transferred into the womb; the couple want the law changed so consent cannot be withdrawn once an embryo has been created, arguing they were "blindsided" by the rule. **Sam Beesley** (41), of Shrewsbury, and **Carly Estlick** were told last month their 10 remaining embryos will be destroyed in August 2027 — while expecting their first child, Finn, in October. "Carly is already grieving... Whereas until that day in 2027, I will not stop fighting," said Sam. HFEA director of compliance **Rachel Cutting** said the law cannot be changed by the regulator and clinics must warn patients clearly; the Department of Health and Social Care said it "keep[s] all aspects of the regulatory regime under review".

📺 *BBC Wales (Alexandra Bánfi) — 9 Sep, updated 10 Sep*

Rare special report issued over Swansea Bay health board's waiting-list failings. The **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales** took the unusual step after **Swansea Bay University Health Board** failed to implement two of four recommendations from an investigation into a patient's six-year wait for knee replacement surgery. The case involved a man known as **Mr W**, waiting for a total knee replacement since **August 2019**, whose waiting-time clock was inappropriately reset in October 2023 without being communicated to him. The Ombudsman found no documented clinical decision that he was medically unfit, and a later scan confirmed he was fit to proceed — but by the end of the investigation his condition had deteriorated so far that the

operation was no longer possible. The two outstanding recommendations, due by **February 2026**, require an independent re-audit of the orthopaedic waiting list and training for staff applying Welsh Government referral-to-treatment guidance. Concerns over the board's orthopaedic waiting lists date back several years.

☐ *Nation.Cymru (Mark Mansfield) — 10 Sep*

? Environment

Air quality fears over Cardiff data centre plans. The application by **Curtis Hall Ltd** for a data centre on the **Cardiff East Park and Ride site in Llanrumney**, submitted in January 2026, contains its own air quality assessment warning that running emergency backup generators for more than 30 minutes "would result in the exceedance of the short-term NO2 air quality objective for the protection of human health" — and recommending neighbouring residents "stay inside and keep windows closed". Revised April 2026 guidance said generators would be tested individually each week and emissions were "considered acceptable"; two Senedd members, **Nick Carter** and **Zaynub Akbar**, say that is not good enough: "People in Llanrumney should never be told that breaching air quality standards next to their children's school is acceptable... even under the developer's own revised modelling, which still predicts up to three breaches of safe nitrogen dioxide levels a year." **Glan-yr-Afon Primary School** is nearby.

☐ *Nation.Cymru / LDRS (Kieran Molloy) — 10 Sep*

New North Wales task force to tackle illegal waste dumping and unauthorised settlements. **Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire councils** are to pool resources for a regional planning enforcement task force, revealed by Wrexham's lead member for strategic planning **Cllr Hugh Jones** after incidents at **Coedpoeth** and **Minera**. A report to Wrexham's planning committee found the council was taking an average of **360 days** to achieve positive enforcement action against a national benchmark of 100 days. The council has brought in an extra enforcement officer and lawyer and is recruiting a permanent enforcement lead; one site on Nant Lais has an interim High Court injunction and another on Castle Road continues dumping despite a Natural Resources Wales stop notice.

☐ *Nation.Cymru / LDRS (Alec Doyle) — 10 Sep*

Former coal mine could become a waste sorting depot. Plans submitted to **Caerphilly County Borough Council** would convert an existing industrial building at the former **Cae Glas Colliery**, west of Fochriw, into a facility handling "non-hazardous household, commercial and industrial" waste — six days a week, with five full-time jobs if approved (reference 26/0546/COU). Coal was worked at the site intermittently for much of the 20th century: drifts were driven in 1920 before being abandoned in 1924, and the Shankland family reopened it as a small private colliery in 1955. Three years later owner **Idris Shankland** and **Wilfred and Charlie Hollister** died underground on 24 September 1958 when they were overcome by methane and black damp while checking water levels. Mining finally ended when the colliery closed on **6 December 1997**.

RSPCA Cymru pushes back on tighter beach dog restrictions. Consultations in **Neath Port Talbot** (renewing a Public Spaces Protection Order excluding dogs from large parts of Aberavon Beach from 1 May to 30 September through to 2030, plus year-round leads on Aberavon Promenade) and **Conwy** (a permanent dog exclusion zone over much of Rhos on Sea beach) have prompted the charity to call for "greater flexibility". Senior public affairs manager **Billie-Jade Thomas** said blanket exclusions and year-round measures "risk punishing responsible dog owners for the actions of the less responsible", suggesting leads during busy months and seasonal rather than year-round measures. RSPCA Cymru is "disappointed" that Conwy's previously shelved plans have returned.

? Economy & Business

2,000 new homes proposed in Monmouthshire to support 6,000 jobs. **Monmouthshire County Council** has set out the approach behind its replacement local development plan, which it says will help support 6,000 new jobs, as two independent inspectors began a series of hearings. Deputy leader **Cllr Paul Griffiths** said the 2021 preferred strategy, drawn up under Conservative control, had "an over reliance on development of market housing, demand for which would not come from within the county" — likely sought by retirees, skewing the county's ageing demographic. The Welsh Government had also opposed its headline growth figure of 7,600 homes. The current proposal allows for up to **2,000 new homes** (5,400 including those already built or approved), with **50% affordable**, largely for social rent, after an assessment showed more than half of people could not afford market housing in the county. Twelve hearing sessions are planned.

Barry couple's dog wash business plans 10 sites across Wales. **Josienne and Michael Hoover** have launched **Pawfectly Clean Cymru**, placing self-service dog wash stations at popular dog-walking spots, with support from the British Business Bank. Three sites are running just six months in — **Caerphilly Mountain, Pontcanna Fields and Clydach Vale Lakes** — and the couple aim for 10 within a year. The contactless stations have recorded more than **1,000 washes** since the first opened, with the business projecting turnover above **£100,000** this year.

Caerphilly's "hot spot" revival: 11% more castle visitors. Four years into the **Caerphilly Town 2035** placemaking plan, **Caerphilly Castle** has welcomed **114,850 visitors** since fully reopening in July 2025, including 40,897 between April and the end of July 2026 — an **11% increase** on the 36,562 in the same period of 2018, before the £8m Great Hall refurbishment closed it. Local business owners **Bethan Greenslade** and **Lewis Woodfall**, who opened **Cwtch Bakes** in the Ffos Caerffili market in early 2025, said the town "keeps getting better" and credited proximity to the castle for more summer tourists.

📅 *Nation.Cymru* — 9 Sep

Reusable cup technology arrives at Cymru League clubs. Colwyn Bay FC and CPD Dinas Bangor City 1876 FC are the first clubs in the Cymru Leagues to install self-service drinks dispensers and reusable-cup return points developed by Welsh company **Novira**, now title sponsor of the three domestic leagues. Return points contain AI cameras that examine what is left inside returned containers, helping venues spot oversized portions and regularly unfinished products. The first system launched at Bangor City Stadium on Saturday, 5 September, when Dinas Bangor City drew 2-2 with Rhyl.

📅 *Nation.Cymru* — 10 Sep

?? Crime & Justice

Self-described "genocidal racist monster" jailed after BBC Wales investigation. Thomas Webster, 29, of Lapworth, Warwickshire, was sentenced to **two years** at Warwick Crown Court after admitting 10 counts of stirring up racial hatred online, plus religious hatred and hatred on grounds of sexual orientation, following BBC Wales Investigates' undercover programme *Unmasked: Extreme Far Right*. Webster, a former HMRC tax worker and member of the far-right group Patriotic Alternative, told an undercover reporter he was a "white totalitarianist" who wanted Jewish and gay people tortured and executed and Muslims "globally extinct"; he was filmed saying that at HMRC he liked to "deliberately" give non-white people "bad information". He was dismissed by HMRC in February 2025, a month after the programme aired.

📅 *BBC Wales Investigates (Wyre Davies, Paul Heaney, Ben Summer)* — filed 7 Sep

No further action over woman found dead at Cardigan boatyard. Dyfed-Powys Police said its investigation into the death of **Corinna Baker, 21**, found at Netpool Boat Yard in Cardigan in November last year, has been closed and no further action will be taken against a 29-year-old man arrested on suspicion of murder. A comprehensive review of the evidence, including post-mortem findings, led to the decision; evidence will now go to the coroner for an inquest. Her family said they were "distraught at the loss of our beloved Corinna", who was "much loved".

📅 *BBC Wales (Oscar Edwards)* — 9 Sep 14:13 / *BBC Cymru Fyw* 12:58

Three arrested over deliberate fire in Anglesey — BBC Cymru Fyw reports three people have been arrested on suspicion of arson in Môn (Anglesey). (*Brief.*)

📅 *BBC Cymru Fyw* — 9 Sep 18:14

? Culture & Heritage

Usk pub crowned Wales' most dog-friendly. The Greyhound Inn in Usk — in a market town previously dubbed Wales' best place to live — has taken the title in a nationwide Rover search that put 110 UK pubs through their paces. Alongside water, treats, beds and toys, dogs get their own menu, doggy ice cream, a dedicated play paddock and warm taps and towels for post-walk clean-ups. **The Watermill, Bridgend** and **Three Horseshoes, Barry** were highly commended.

📰 *Nation.Cymru* — 8 Sep

Carno farmer takes on the end of the world. Ioan Humphreys, 32, of **Carno** — known online as "That Welsh Farmer", running Felin Newydd Farm with sheep, beef cattle and free-range hens — is among 14 contestants on Channel 4's survival series **Apocalypse**, starting **Sunday 13 September**. "I'm a farmer from the middle of Wales, so first off, a city is uncomfortable for me," he said.

📰 *Nation.Cymru* — 9 Sep

Also in culture: A book has been returned to **Llanrwst Library** after more than a century, described as a "sioc hyfryd" (lovely shock). (*Brief.*) And BBC Cymru Fyw marks the memories of growing up in the pub made famous by the comedy **C'mon Midffild**. (*Briefs.*)

📰 *BBC Cymru Fyw* — 10 Sep 05:59 / 07:08

? Sport

Taylor out to make Wales a force in deaf football. Former Swansea City youth player and Wales Deaf forward **James Taylor** has been appointed head coach of the Wales Deaf men's side after a review led to a restructure of the Wales Deaf Football Association's backroom staff. Wales Deaf were re-established in 2023 and drew with England and beat Scotland and Ireland in their first three matches, but lost all four group games at the 2024 EuroDeaf Championships in Turkey. Taylor lost his first game in charge **7-1 to England**.

📰 *BBC Sport Wales (Chris Howells)* — 10 Sep

Ex-Barry Town footballer banned for anti-doping violation. Evan Press, 26, vice-captain at Cymru Premier side Barry Town United, has been banned until **September 2028** across all World Anti-Doping Code-compliant sport. He was convicted of involvement in the supply of cocaine in March 2025 and sentenced to two and a half years in prison, then charged with a sporting sanction because he was FAW-registered at the time of his arrest. Press admitted the violation and said it came during "a period of personal and financial difficulty", taking full responsibility and citing the impact of his prison sentence on his mental health.

📰 *BBC Sport Wales* — 9 Sep

? Local & Community

Body found in search for missing 15-year-old at Marloes Sands. A body has been found during the search for a teenage boy from **Yorkshire** reported to have got into difficulty in the sea while on a family holiday at **Marloes Sands, Pembrokeshire**. HM Coastguard received a report of three people in difficulty at 15:30 BST on **30 August**; two got out of the water but the 15-year-old was unaccounted for, and the major sea search was called off after two days. Dyfed-Powys Police said next of kin have been informed. Pembrokeshire councillor **Claire George** said Marloes was remote and hard to access: "The sea can change at any minute, the weather can change at any minute, so people need to be aware of the risks."

📺 *BBC Wales (Miriam Barker) — 9 Sep 10:22*

Eight-year-old climbs all 15 Eryri peaks in 16 hours. A boy from **Llanberis** has completed the Welsh 3000s — the 15 peaks of Eryri (Snowdonia) over 3,000ft — in 16 hours. *(Brief.)*

📺 *BBC Wales / BBC Cymru Fyw — 9 Sep 12:35*

? Quick Summary

Section	Key story
📺 Top Story	RCPCH warns Wales risks "one of the unhealthiest generations of children in decades"; 27.3% of 4-5s overweight
📺 Politics	FM backs UK West Bank settlement sanctions; BBC Cymru Wales warns of "managed decline"; Reform MS silent on error-riddled PISA release
📺 Health	Wrexham couple's five embryos to be destroyed after £23k treatment; rare Ombudsman special report on Swansea Bay waiting lists
📺 Environment	Cardiff data centre air quality fears; North Wales waste-dumping task force; Fochriw colliery waste depot plan; RSPCA on beach bans
📺 Economy	Monmouthshire's 2,000-home plan; Barry couple's 10-site dog wash chain; Caerphilly castle visitors up 11%
🏴 Crime	"Genocidal racist monster" Thomas Webster jailed after BBC Wales probe; no charges over Cardigan boatyard death
📺 Culture	Usk's Greyhound Inn named Wales' most dog-friendly pub; Carno farmer on Channel 4's Apocalypse
📺 Sport	James Taylor appointed Wales Deaf head coach; Evan Press banned until 2028

Section	Key story
☐☐ Local	Body found in search for missing 15-year-old at Marloes Sands

Compiled 10 Sep 2026 ~09:45 BST by Emrys (Hermes cron) · Sources: BBC Wales, BBC Wales Politics, BBC Sport Wales, BBC Cymru Fyw, Nation.Cymru, GOV.WALES, LDRS (Local Democracy Reporting Service), PA. SearXNG: all three queries full garbage mode again (Wikipedia/Visit Wales/WorldAtlas for the Wales query; German industrial firm FFT GmbH and Japanese Honda Grom motorcycle-maintenance blogs for the other two — zero news links), so sources were swept directly via the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090), ~30 index pages and articles fetched in three batches. GOV.WALES main index carried nothing newer than Wednesday's 06:00 phones consultation; Guardian Wales nothing past 8 Sep — both scanned and skipped. Top story: RCPCH child-health analysis (BBC Cymru Fyw 05:58 / BBC Wales 06:10, right at compile time). Skipped as repeats: phones consultation (09-09 top story; only the parents/pupils reaction piece noted); WLGA devolution powers (08-09); Senedd boundary redraw (09-09); PISA results (08/09-09 — covered here only via Reform's error-riddled press release); Swansea/Cardiff/Wrexham draws (08-09); North Wales Growth Deal jobs and Wrexham dementia care home (09-09); cowboy builder and Resolven mum plea (09-09); fly-tipping fines and wildlife poisons (09-09); Tom Jones/The Voice and Sheen "rent-a-mouth" (09-09); Severn Bridge 60th, Penyberth 90 (08/09-09); transgender surgery pause (in UK file, 04-09). No weather note carried (no Wales-specific weather detail in the UK file).

Revision #2
Created 2026-09-10 08:07:35 UTC by Admin
Updated 2026-09-10 08:07:36 UTC by Admin