



High Street Primary School

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Friday 11th July 2025

ATTENDANCE: Attendance this week 93% - Target is 95%

Well done to everyone who has managed 100% attendance this week. Please remember that holidays are not authorised and arriving at school after 8.50am significantly impacts attendance.

GENERAL NEWS

MOVING ON ASSEMBLIES

It has been a joy to see the children so excited and proud to share their achievements with their grown-ups this week. Their enthusiasm and confidence has truly shone through during these celebrations of their progress, growth, and readiness for the next stage of their learning journeys.

Thursday 17th July: Year 6 Moving on Assembly for parents and carers 9.15am in main hall.

PERIOD TALKS

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent period education sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you joining your daughters for these open, supportive conversations about growing up. Led by Mrs Walker, the sessions provided a safe and respectful space to learn about what to expect during periods, how to manage them with confidence, and the emotional and physical changes that come with this important stage of development. We hope the sessions helped spark meaningful conversations at home and supported our girls in feeling empowered and prepared. Thank you for being part of this.

NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS (Win £1,000 for our School Library)

Nominate our school to #rebuildthelibrary and you could win a £100 National Book Token for yourself! Follow the link below: https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?utm_source=meta&utm_medium=paid&utm_campaign=schools-prize&utm_content=nominate-your-school-uk&fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLaSH1jbGNrAtpWLWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEeF4y5yXbOQO7FePnyH78xdtZ7LXLMwB6JZ-ieUZKJGFMj1ub0bwl1nHXcPG0_aem_tSbNcHzS_K9N9334nej-AA

CREDIT UNION

Credit union is running a school savings scheme at High Street Primary School. This scheme encourages children to develop saving habits and learn about personal finance from a young age. The credit union will be on the yard near the Snug every Wednesday morning. Children will need the support of an adult to open their account, but they can then bank from as little as 20p a week independently! Pop along on Wednesday on the yard from 8.50am for further information.

HATS, SUNCREAM AND WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a water bottle that can be refilled in school throughout the day. Sunscreen needs to be applied at this time of the year as our children spend a great deal of time outdoors. A hat should also be worn daily.

COMMUNICATION

The local authority has recently updated all school systems with Arbor. This means we will be moving away from the use of Group Ed. Please see attached information regarding this change.

NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

This is our new school email. Whilst there will be a period of transition between the use of this and our previous email, please use this email to contact school – office@highstreetprimary.co.uk

Dear families,

We are Friends of Chickenwood - a group of volunteers working with the council to make Chickenwood a more welcoming space full of nature and adventure. A place which can be enjoyed by us all, for the community to cherish.

If you are not sure where Chickenwood is, it is a hilly green space between Jenner Road and Porthkerry Road, just by Romilly Primary School. Over the years it has been neglected a little, or at least a bit forgotten. But we've seen the opportunity in this green area, the potential for it to be loved once more and used by the community to enjoy its wildness, it's incredible views across Barry and the Bristol Channel and its openness too.

We recently applied for a grant, which we were awarded, to use to begin to make the changes to make Chickenwood a beautiful natural oasis. As a result, a new Multi-Use Games area has been installed as well as a naturalistic seating area. The money will also help to find ways to make Chickenwood more biodiverse - somewhere local for nature to thrive.

We are now starting to look at different ways to fund the second part of the project.

As part of the recent changes, there are new steps and a seating near the multi-use games area, and this is where we need your help. We have been awarded some money from the National Lottery to fund an art project.

We want your ideas to bring the artwork to life. Please can your child draw a design with the theme **'Nature at Chickenwood'** and ask a parent or guardian to email a photo of your design to one of our group, Cllr Naomi Marshallsea.

Naomi's email is: nmarshallsea@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

From the designs we choose, those pupils will be able to work with the artists to incorporate their designs into the artwork. We would like to receive all artwork by the end of August.

Have fun and many thanks in advance,

Friends of Chickenwood



DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

(New information from this week in red)

Week Beg. 14th July	Transition Week Children will spend time in their classes in readiness for September 2025.
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Moving on Assembly for parents and carers 9.15am in main hall.
Friday 18th July	Last Day of Term
Monday 21st July	INSET Day. School closed for children
Tuesday 2nd September	Children return to school for the new academic year.

Staffing September 2025

Headteacher: Mrs McKee
Deputy Head: Mr Macpherson

Progression Step 1 Lead (Nursery / Reception) Mrs Campbell	Progression Step 2 Lead (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3) Miss Anderson	ALNco and Progression Step 3 Lead (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) Miss Kingston
Caretaker Mr Buckeridge	Business Manager Miss Braund	Receptionist Mrs Williams

September 2025 - Classes

Classes	Teacher	LSA's	Drop off and Pick Up
Nursery	Mrs Campbell (Monday to Wednesday) Miss John (Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Hancock	Aberystwyth Crescent gate @ 8.55am and 11.25am
Reception	Mrs Turnbull	Mrs George Miss Riffart (Monday & Tuesday) Miss Jones (Wednesday to Friday)	Aberystwyth Crescent gate @ 8.50am and 3pm
Year 1	Miss Morris	Mrs Allan Miss Edmunds	Slope at far end of playground @ 8.50am and 3pm
Year 2	Miss Taylor	Mrs Riff Mrs Shaw	Slope at far end of playground @ 8.50am and 3pm
Year 3	Miss Anderson	Mrs Martin Mrs Sanders	8.50am central door on yard for drop off and picked up from yard at 3pm.
Year 4	Miss Vowels	Mrs Jeynes	8.50am central door on yard for drop off and picked up from yard at 3pm.
Year 5	Mrs J Smith (Monday to Thursday) Mrs S Smith (Friday)	Mrs Smith	8.50am central door on yard for drop off and picked up from yard at 3pm.
Year 6	Mr Macpherson (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Hitchen (Wednesday to Friday)	Mr M Williams	8.50am central door on yard for drop off and picked up from yard at 3pm.

Other Roles and Responsibilities

Mrs Walker: Family and Community Engagement and Wellbeing interventions

Mrs Hamer: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Literacy Interventions

OTHER NEWS

FAREWELL TO MS JONES

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Jones, our wonderful Year 5 teacher, as she moves on to pursue a new career path. Her creativity, passion and dedication have left a lasting mark on our school and in the hearts of the children she's taught. Miss Jones has been a valued member of our team. We will miss her dearly and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Y BONT SPECIALIST PROVISION

From September 1st, Y Bont will transfer to the management of Ysgol Y Deri, aligning with other specialist provisions across the Vale. This means the provision will no longer be based at High Street.

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Evans, Mr House, and Mr Dodd—highly valued colleagues whose expertise will now benefit new settings. We thank them sincerely and wish them all the best.

We're pleased that Mrs Smith, Mrs Shaw, and Mr Williams will remain with us, joining our mainstream team where their experience will continue to enrich our provision.

Miss Hitchen (Y2 LSA)

Miss Hitchens has been a dedicated LSA with us, supporting pupils full-time whilst also completing her degree. This September, she begins her PGCE—taking the final step toward becoming a teacher. We are incredibly proud of her and wish her every success as she embarks on this exciting new chapter.

Kids FREE Summer Meal Offer
provided by: Joe & Co, Joseph Barber & Lunch at Twelve Catering

To help everyone with the cost of living crisis, I'm going to be offering a **FREE** kids meal pack to anyone who needs them.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER BREAK

Must be pre-ordered the day before via our Joe & Co Facebook Messenger, stating your name and number of packs required.

All packs will be prepared by our 5 star hygiene rated catering business, Lunch at Twelve Catering, and will include a sandwich, savoury item, cake, fruit and drink.

IMPORTANT: Please let us know of any dietary or allergy requirements

Collect from: Joe & Co, Broad Street Parade, Barry CF62 7AN.

Arbor We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the app store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0, iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
2. Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are Primary Guardians of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

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Week Beginning 2nd June 2025
Week Beginning 14th June 2025

Week 3

Monday
Main meal: Tomato Pasta Bake served with Peas, Sweetcorn & Side Salad
Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad
Pudding: Chocolate Crispy Cake served with Fruit Slices

Tuesday
Main meal: Mediterranean Chicken or Mediterranean Quorn Fillet on Multi Grain Rice served with Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower
Alternative: Various Pasta Salad Pots or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad
Pudding: Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices

Wednesday
Main meal: Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage, Omelette, Beans, Tomato, Hash Brown & Mushrooms
Alternative: Various Pasta Salad Pots or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad
Pudding: Fruit Jelly served with Fruit Slices

Thursday
Main meal: Slow Cooked Beef or Diced Quorn with Carrots in a Yorkshire Pudding served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Cabbage & Gravy
Alternative: Various Pasta Salad Pots or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad
Pudding: Ice Cream served with Fruit Slices

Friday
Main meal: Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Quorn Fishless Fingers served with Chips, Peas, Salad & Coleslaw
Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with Side Salad & Coleslaw
Pudding: Date & Orange Brownie served with Fruit Slices

Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.
Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

Week commencing