



*Reach for the Stars, by Learning  
and Growing Together*

# High Street Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## ATTENDANCE

We are delighted to share that our school's attendance figures show a positive and improving trend over the past two years:

2023/24: 89.18%

2024/25: 91.69%

This is fantastic progress. Our target for this year is 92.5%.

To help us achieve this, we kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive on time and attend school every day. Regular attendance makes a real difference to your child's learning and wellbeing. In line with guidance from the Vale and our Governing Body, please note that term-time holidays cannot be authorised. Thank you for working with us to build on this success.

**Attendance for the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> September was: 95.99%!!! Wow! Keep up the good work!**

## THIS WEEK

- Year 3 enjoyed a lovely day on Thursday at Technquest. A day of curiosity, awe and wonder!
- **Parent Voice Group:** Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this week. See attached document for minutes and the date of our next meeting.

## NEXT WEEK

- 19<sup>th</sup> September, **Applications for Secondary Schools Sept 26/27** open. Online (Vale Admissions). Closes 21<sup>st</sup> November. Outcomes of applications 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

## PARKING ON ABERYSTWYTH CRESCENT

Last week, our breakfast club food delivery was unfortunately cancelled as Tesco were unable to access the school site. As a result, children were provided with limited options for breakfast. This issue arose because vehicles were parked and abandoned - at one point, five cars in a row - in the middle of the road during drop-off. We have also had a number of complaints from residents where parents are parking outside their homes in 'residents only' spaces.

Such behaviour not only causes disruption but also poses serious safety risks. **In the event of an emergency, ambulances or fire engines would be unable to access High Street Primary school.** We kindly but firmly ask all parents and carers to park considerately. Please avoid parking on Aberystwyth Crescent and park further away to help keep the access road clear and safe for everyone. Your co-operation is essential in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of your children.

## GENERAL INFORMATION / REMINDERS

### COMMUNICATION WITH CLASS TEACHERS

If you are not able to catch teachers at the beginning or end of the day on the school yard, please send an email to the office. This will then be forwarded to the class teacher who will follow it up directly with you. [Office@highstreetprimary.co.uk](mailto:Office@highstreetprimary.co.uk)

### CONTACT DETAILS

Please let us know if your contact details or your child's allergy information changes, so we can keep them safe in an emergency.

### SAFEGUARDING

Mrs McKee, Mr Macpherson and Miss Kingston are the leads for safeguarding at High Street. Mr Jamie Phillips is our safeguarding Governor. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you think a child is in immediate danger of being harmed, please contact the Police on 999. If you think a child is at risk, not being looked after properly, or you have concerns about his or her welfare, please let us know or contact: 01446 725202 / Out of hours: 02920 788570.

### UNIFORM

From now on we will only be selling the uniform we hold in stock. Class Apart in Dinas Powys will now hold uniform for High Street. Orders can also be placed online [WWW.ACLASSAPART.CO.UK](http://WWW.ACLASSAPART.CO.UK)

### SWAP SHOP

This will continue so please ensure you pass on items which are too small for your child and swap them for larger sizes.

## FOREST SCHOOL and PE

From September, your child will have PE and Forest School on the same day each week (except for Nursery). Your child will need:

**For PE:**

Shorts, leggings or joggers, t-shirt and trainers.

**For Forest School:**

Old, comfy clothes - joggers and a jumper or t-shirt, shoes with good grip or wellies. We have spare wellies and waterproofs to lend the children on wet or muddy days. Thank you for your support!

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Reception	Year 1 Year 2	Nursery PE Year 6	Year 4 Year 5	Year 3 Nursery Forest

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, High Street Primary School is a nut-free school.

⚠ We have children with severe nut allergies, and even small traces of nuts can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing products are brought into school, such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts and mixed nuts, or snacks containing nuts.

Please check snack and lunchbox items carefully before sending them into school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and inclusive for everyone.

## HEALTHY SCHOOL

At High Street Primary, we encourage children to bring a healthy snack for break time.

Fruit or vegetables only – Grapes must be cut in half before they are sent to school as these are a choking hazard.

No crisps, chocolate, biscuits or processed snacks

No squash or fizzy drinks – please send in a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day. Milk is also available on a daily basis.

Helping children eat well supports their learning, concentration, and overall health. Thank you for supporting our healthy school approach!

## FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Open every day from 8:00am to 8:15am for children to have breakfast. After breakfast, children join fun activities and games. At 8:50am, children go to their classrooms to start the school day. If your child is new to Breakfast Club, please fill out a registration form before their first session. You can pick a form up from Reception.

## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

**Creative Arts and Craft for Adults**

Explore your creativity through fun crafts

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September -  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025  
9:15am - 11:15am  
in The Snug



Join us for 5 free creative workshops let Mrs Walker know if you would like to sign up!  
WalkerA98@hwbcymru.net

**Families Learning Together**

**Bright Sparks**

Location: High Street Primary

For family members of Y4, 45, Y6 pupils

Start Time: 9am (a.m. session)

Starts: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Hey there! 🌟 We're throwing open the school doors and inviting you to dive into the world of Bright Sparks at your child's school. It's all about fun and discovery as you get to peek into their learning journey. Forget the boring stuff—this is your chance to see the cool, new ways kids are learning today and enjoy some awesome one-on-one time with your child! Together, dive into activities packed with building, creating, learning and exploring 🌟 Come on, let's make some memories!

Contact us  
families@cavc.ac.uk



**High Street Helping Hands Learning Space**

**FIRST AID SKILLS**

**ONE DAY COURSE**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
9am - 3pm  
Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided



Let Mrs Walker know if you would like to join the course WalkerA98@hwbcymru.net

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26 DIARY DATES

Dates for the Academic Year. New information will be **added in red** when available.

SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>INSET Day.</b> School closed for children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Children return to school for the new academic year
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Parent Voice:</b> Meeting @ 5pm
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>Applications for Secondary Schools Sept 26/27:</b> Open Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> 2025 online (Vale Admissions). Closes 21 <sup>st</sup> November. Outcomes of applications 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Flu nasal spray:</b> Consent forms completed online
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Creative Arts and Craft for Adults:</b> In the Snug 9.15am to 11.15am with Mrs Walker.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Parent Voice Group:</b> 5pm High Street Primary School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Families Learning Together:</b> Building, creating, learning and exploring together @ 9am until 11.30am, provided by CAVAC in the SNUG
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Adult First Aid Skills:</b> One day course with Mrs Walker 9am to 3pm
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Nursery Parent Meetings:</b> To be arranged closer to the time by Nursery Staff
7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Tempest Photography:</b> Family photographs from 8.30am and individual and sibling photographs taken during the school day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Halloween Disco:</b> Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 3pm until 3.45pm <b>Halloween Disco:</b> Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 @ 4pm until 4.45pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Harvest:</b> Items to be provided TBC by Vale Food Bank
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>INSET Day:</b> Children do not attend school
Week Beg. 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Teacher / Parent meetings:</b> Throughout week. Details to be confirmed closer to time
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Miss Anderson - Phonics / Spelling and Reading session:</b> Supporting parents in understanding how we teach these areas at High Street @ 2pm. Everyone welcome
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Year 5 Residential Visit to Treginnis Farm</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Applications for Reception Sept 26/27:</b> Open Nov 28th 2025. Online (Vale Admissions). Closes 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026. Outcomes of applications 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Concert:</b> Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 9.15am to 10am <b>Christmas Concert:</b> Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 @ 2.15pm to 3pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Concert:</b> Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: @ 9.15am to 10am <b>Christmas Concert:</b> Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 2.15pm to 3pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>INSET Day:</b> Children do not attend school
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	<b>Applications for Nursery 26/27:</b> Open 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2026 Online (Vale Admissions). Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026. Outcomes of applications 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026.
February Half Term Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	February Half Term
Week Beg. 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Teacher / Parent meetings:</b> Throughout week. Details to be confirmed closer to time
<b>Date TBC</b>	<b>Date for Nursery Teacher / Parent Meetings</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>St David's Day Celebrations</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Spring Fair:</b> Everyone welcome, 3pm to 4pm
Easter Half Term Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Half Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET Day:</b> Children do not attend school

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Whitsun Half Term
Wednesday June 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sports Day:</b> All Nursery pupils (am), Reception through to Year 6 from 1pm @ Romily Park (TBC)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Annual Report to Parents</b>
Monday June 15 <sup>th</sup> through to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>End of Year school trips to be confirmed by each class teachers later in the year.</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly – Reception @ 9.15am</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 1 @ 2.15pm</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 2 @ 9.15am</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 3@ 2.15pm</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>h</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 4@ 9.15am</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 5@ 2.15pm</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Transition: Visits to new classes</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 6 @ 9.15am</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Graduation – Nursery @ 11am (morning children) and @ 2.30pm (afternoon children)</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last Day of School Year 2025/ 26</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>INSET Day: Children do not attend school</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July to Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	<b>INSET Day: Children do not attend school</b>