



High Street Primary School

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Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

ATTENDANCE

To help us achieve our target 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 and where children's attendance drops below 90% and repeated holidays are taken, there is a risk of a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine being issued by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Thank you for working with us to build on this success.

Attendance for the Week beginning 8th September was 93.93%!! We hit our whole school target of 92.5%.

Well done to each of the following classes who went beyond our target of 92.5%!	Nursery	100%
	Reception	95.2%
	Year 1	94%
	Year 2	95.8%
	Year 4	96.2%
	Year 5	94.3%

THIS WEEK

- **Parent Voice Group:** Everyone Welcome. We are meeting at 5pm on Wednesday 24th September in the Hall.
- 19th September, **Applications for Secondary Schools Sept 26/27** open. Online (Vale Admissions). Closes 21st November. Outcomes of applications 2nd March 2026.
- **LOST COAT – PLEASE CHECK AT HOME FOR A PINK LIPSY COAT WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE IN SCHOOL.**

WHITMORE 'FITMORE'

See letter at end of this Newsletter. Letters must be returned ASAP as without sufficient numbers the event may not go ahead.

PARKING ON ABERYSTWYTH CRESCENT

If driving, please avoid the use of Aberystwyth Crescent during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. This situation is dangerous and causing significant disruption. **In the event of an emergency, ambulances or fire engines would be unable to access High Street Primary school!!**

PARENTAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY

We've had a number of concerns shared by residents and parents/carers about children not always being closely supervised at drop-off and pick-up times. In some cases, children have run into the road, or onto residents' gardens and private property. We know how busy these times of day can be, but we want to keep all our children safe and to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. We kindly ask for your support in helping children to stay close by and supervised at all times. Together, we can make sure our school values of Respect and Kindness extend beyond the school gates and continue to shine through in our community.

COLLECTING CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please give staff time to bring your children on to the yard at the end of the day. All children from Year 3 to Year 6 must be dismissed by their teacher from their class line. At the current time, parents are intercepting children as they leave the building which makes it very difficult for staff to monitor who is leaving and with whom. Unless by a confirmed arrangement, every child has to be picked up by an adult. Do not send siblings as this again causes confusion. Our legal responsibility is to hand your child to an adult.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Each week we are serving around 450 breakfasts, helping to give children a smooth and positive start to their day. It's such a joy to open the doors each morning and be greeted by so many happy, smiling faces!

Just a gentle reminder that school officially begins at 8am. Before this time, if children are playing on the yard or using the equipment, their safety remains the responsibility of parents and carers. Insurance is not applicable. Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us keep every child safe and happy.



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Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been invited to participate in a 'Family Fun Day' organised by Whitmore High School called 'Fitmore'. The initiative has a focus on healthy living and improving fitness within the community and town. As part of the initiative members of High Street staff will be taking part in the Cardiff Half Marathon, alongside 50 members of staff from Whitmore High on Sunday 5th October 2025.

Leading up to this event we will be facilitating 'fun runs', led by Whitmore Sports Ambassador's. The High Street event will take place on Wednesday 1st October at Gladstone Park. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will attend between 9:30am and 11am. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will attend between 1pm and 2:30pm. Parents can meet us at the park at the relevant times for their child's year group. All pupils will participate in an age appropriate 'fun run' and we welcome family members to participate along with them. Your child can wear sports clothes to school on this day including appropriate footwear for running.

We would also like this to be an opportunity to raise some money for Barry based charity Vale Plus. We believe it is important for young learners to understand the need to support people within our community. Could each pupil and family member running, use the sponsor form attached, to raise a small amount towards this charity. All schools within the Whitmore cluster will combine their donations to make a significant impact in Barry.

We look forward to your support in launching 'Fitmore' the first event of its kind in Barry.

Many thanks

Mr D Manley
Director of Extra Curricula
Whitmore High School

I (name of parent/carer) _____ consent for my child _____ to attend the 'Fitmore' event at Gladstone Park on Wednesday 1st October. I consent for my child to walk to and from the event.

Signed _____

Date _____

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

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. A Class Apart in Dinas Powys will now hold uniform for High Street. Orders can also be placed online 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 24th September -
Wednesday 22nd 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@Hwbcmru.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 25th 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 26th September 2025
9am - 3pm
Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided



Let Mrs Walker know if you would like to join the course WalkerA98@hwbcmru.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 st September	INSET Day. School closed for children
Tuesday 2 nd September	Children return to school for the new academic year
Wednesday 10 th September	Parent Voice: Meeting @ 5pm
19 th September 2025	Applications for Secondary Schools Sept 26/27: Open Sept 19th 2025. Online (Vale Admissions). Closes 21st November. Outcomes of applications 2nd March 2026
Tuesday 23 rd September	Flu nasal spray: Consent forms completed online
Wednesday 24 th September	Creative Arts and Craft for Adults: In the Snug 9.15am to 11.15am with Mrs Walker
Wednesday 24 th September	Parent Voice Group: 5pm High Street Primary School
Thursday 25 th September	Families Learning Together: Building, creating, learning and exploring together @ 9am until 11.30am, provided by CAVAC in the SNUG
Friday 26 th September	Adult First Aid Skills: One day course with Mrs Walker 9am to 3pm
Week Beginning 13 th October	Nursery Parent Meetings: To be arranged closer to the time by Nursery Staff
Wednesday 1st October	'Fitmore' Family Fun Day organized by Whitmore Sports Ambassadors. Letter above. Please return ASAP
Monday 6th October	Full Payment of £145 for Y5 Residential to be paid by today. Please contact HT if we can support with this
Tuesday 7 th October	Tempest Photography: Family photographs from 8.30am and individual and sibling photographs taken during the school day
Tuesday 21 st October	Halloween Disco: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 3pm until 3.45pm Halloween Disco: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 @ 4pm until 4.45pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest: Items to be provided TBC by Vale Food Bank
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Week Beg. 3 rd November	Teacher / Parent meetings: Throughout week. Details to be confirmed closer to time
Wednesday 12 th November	Miss Anderson - Phonics/Spelling and Reading session: Supporting parents in understanding how we teach these areas at High Street. 2pm @ High Street. Everyone welcome

Monday 17 th November to Friday 21 st November	Year 5 Residential Visit to Treginnis Farm, St Davids
Friday 28 th November	Applications for Reception Sept 26/27: Open November 28th 2025. Online (Vale admissions). Closes 23 rd January 2026. Outcomes of applications 16 th April 2026
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas Concert: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 9.15am to 10am Christmas Concert: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 @ 2.15pm to 3pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Concert: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: @ 9.15am to 10am Christmas Concert: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 2.15pm to 3pm
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Friday 23 rd January	Applications for Nursery 26/27: Open 23 rd Jan 2026. Online (Vale admissions). Closes 20 th March 2026. Outcomes of applications 29 th May 2026
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	February Half Term
Week Beg. 23 rd February	Teacher/Parent meetings: Throughout week. Details to be confirmed closer to time
Date TBC	Date for Nursery Teacher/Parent Meetings
Monday 2 nd March	St David's Day Celebrations
Wednesday 24 th March	Spring Fair: Everyone welcome, 3pm to 4pm
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Half Term
Monday 13 th April	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Whitsun Half Term
Wednesday June 10 th	Sports Day: All Nursery pupils (am), Reception through to Year 6 from 1pm @ Romily Park (TBC)
Friday 3 rd July	Annual Report to Parents
Monday June 15 th to Friday 3 rd July	End of Year school trips to be confirmed by each class teachers later in the year
Monday 6 th July	Moving on Assembly – Reception @ 9.15am
Monday 6 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 1 @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 7 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 2 @ 9.15am
Tuesday 7 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 3 @ 2.15pm
Wednesday 8 ^h July	Moving on Assembly - Year 4 @ 9.15am
Wednesday 8 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 5 @ 2.15pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Transition: Visits to new classes
Thursday 16 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 6 @ 9.15am
Thursday 16 th July	Moving on Graduation – Nursery @ 11am (morning children) and @ 2.30pm (afternoon children)
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of School Year 2025/26
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Tuesday 21 st July to Monday 31 st August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day: Children do not attend school