



High Street Primary School

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Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

ATTENDANCE

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 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 22nd September was 93.45%! Above our whole school target of 92.5%!

Well done to each of the following classes who went beyond our target of 92.5%!	Year 2	94.6%
	Year 3	96.1%
	Year 5	95.4%
	Year 6	93.7%

THIS WEEK (Ending 3rd October)

Wednesday 1st October: Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Wednesday.

Everyone had a fantastic time and raised a significant amount of money for the named charity – Vale Plus! Photographs are on their way to the website!

Friday 3rd October: Today we have been visited by Vale of Glamorgan Music Service who introduced a range of musical instruments to our children. We were also very lucky to watch our young musicians in actions with children sharing their progress on cello, guitar, drums and piano.

NEXT WEEK (Beginning 6th October)

FARM RESIDENTIAL: Full payment of £145 for Y5 / Y6 FARM Residential to be paid by MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER. Please contact us if we can support with this. Email address at top of this newsletter.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY: Family photographs (including siblings from other schools and children who are not of school age) from 8.30am and individual and sibling photographs taken during the school day.



Join our Spotty Cheer Squad, don't let Mrs Walker loose her voice on her own again!



We helped cheer on thousands of runners last year and had great fun doing it. Come and help us this year.

Sunday 4th October 10am Cogan Station
Let Mrs Walker know if you can come.

GENERAL INFORMATION / REMINDERS

YEAR 6 PROM – FUNDRAISING: Year 6 Parents are currently busy fundraising for the Year 6 Prom next Summer. They are going to run a raffle which will be drawn on Tuesday 21st October (same day as Halloween Disco). Tickets will be £1 a strip. Prizes will include a main hamper and two small baskets. Any donations gratefully received!! Requests for tickets can be sent to the office in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the outside. These will then be handed to those organising the Prom on your behalf.

TRANSPORT NEEDED!

Our school choir are eager to share their talents with local residential homes for the elderly. We already have a few dates in the diary. Would any parent / company have a mini bus we could access to transport the children to these events? We of course could hire a bus but do not want costs being a barrier to children performing and elderly audiences missing out on these wonderful opportunities.

CAREERS DAY

As a school we are currently working on the last stage of our Careers and Work Related Experiences Quality Award. With this in mind, we would like to run a 'careers day' for our learners. This would involve parents and family members coming into school to briefly share some information about their jobs, roles and responsibilities and will then respond to questions prepared

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

by the children. If you are willing to participate or know someone who can, please let me know as soon as possible so we can start making arrangements. McKees12@hwbcymru.net

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 now stocks uniform for High Street. Orders can also be placed online WWW.ACCLASSAPART.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!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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.

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
Friday 19 th September	Applications for Secondary Schools Sept 26/27 : Open Sept 19 th 2025 online (Vale Admissions). Closes 21 st November. Outcomes of applications 2 nd 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
Monday 29 th & Tuesday 30 th September	Year 6 : Parent consultations re residential trip 3.00pm – 3.30pm
Week Beginning 13 th October	Nursery Parent Meetings : To be arranged closer to the time by Nursery Staff
Wednesday 1 st October	'Fitmore' Family Fun Day: Organised by Whitmore Sports Ambassadors. Please contact reception for a consent letter – to be returned ASAP
Monday 6 th 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 David's
Friday 28 th November	Applications for Reception Sept 26/27 : Open Nov 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 Feb to Friday 20 th Feb 2026	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 24th March	Spring Fair: Everyone welcome, 3pm to 4pm
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Half Term
Monday 13th April	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May	Whitsun Half Term
Wednesday June 10th	Sports Day: All Nursery pupils (am), Reception through to Year 6 from 1pm @ Romilly Park (TBC)
Friday June 19th	High Street Hula on the front yard @ 2pm
Friday 3rd July	Annual Report to Parents
Monday June 15th through to Friday 3rd July	End of Year school trips to be confirmed by each class teachers later in the year
Monday 6th July	Moving on Assembly – Reception @ 9.15am
Monday 6th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 1 @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 7th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 2 @ 9.15am
Tuesday 7th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 3 @ 2.15pm
Wednesday 8th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 4 @ 9.15am
Wednesday 8th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 5 @ 2.15pm
Wednesday 15th July	Transition: Visits to new classes
Thursday 16th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 6 @ 9.15am
Thursday 16th July	Moving on Graduation – Nursery @ 11am (morning children) and @ 2.30pm (afternoon children)
Friday 17th July	Last Day of School Year 2025/26
Monday 20th July	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET Day: Children do not attend school