



Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Friday 7th November 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 end of the term was **93.28%! Above our whole school target of 92.5%!**

Well done to each of the following classes who went beyond our target of 92.5%!	Reception	94.78%
	Year 1	93%
	Year 4	94%
	Year 6	93%

THIS WEEK (Ending 7th November)

Parents Meetings: Thank you to everyone able to attend.

Tuesday 4th November: Thank you to everyone able to attend our Christmas Craft for Adults session on Tuesday. Three more sessions to go – please let Mrs Walker know if you would like to attend as numbers are limited.

Litter Picking in Year 4: Well done to Year 4 for doing such an amazing job in our local community on Thursday. Your good work was noticed by a resident who phoned school to say thank you and congratulate you on your wonderful behaviour! Well done!

Duffryn Gardens: The children in Year 6 welcomed staff from Duffryn Gardens on Thursday to support them with the development of our Forest area.

NEXT WEEK (Ending 14th November)

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER: Wear something comfy (or you PJ's) and make a donation!



We are delighted to be participating in **Positive Noticing Day this year on Wednesday 12th November 2025**. We will be spending some time during the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. It is simple, practical, and highly effective. Being positively noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health. We will be encouraging pupils (and staff!) to positively notice one another.

We encourage families to join in at home too. You can write positive notes for family members on luggage labels, post it notes or pieces of paper. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents/carers are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure.

You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily positive noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame. Here are some ideas to get you started:

'I noticed that you put your plate by the sink, that's really helped me this morning, you are very thoughtful, thank you.'

'Doing your homework without me asking shows real independence. I love the determination you are showing.'

'You are so good at sharing with your sister/brother. You are such a kind person.'

'I noticed that you were really kind to X at school today. That made me really proud of you.'

'Thank you for putting your clothes in the washing basket. I notice that you are following the routine and remembering it perfectly. You are really trying and I appreciate it.'
We hope you enjoy the day, and we want to say that 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, engage them in learning and enrich our school community!
Thank you.
You can find out more about positive noticing and Positive Noticing Day at <https://www.positivenoticingday.com/homeadults>

OTHER NEWS



High Street Helping Hands Learning Space
Christmas Craft for Adults
Tuesday 4th November for 4 weeks
9:00am - 11:15am
in The Snug

Join us for 4 workshops let Mrs Walker know if you would like to attend, limited spaces available
WalkerA98@Hwbcmru.net

PARENT NEARLY NEW SALE: Parents are invited to buy nearly new toys, games and books for their children. Individual items are priced from 20p to £4. The Snug will be open on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th November at 8am to 8.15am, 8.50am to 10am and 2.30pm to 3.15pm.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS SALE: An opportunity for the children to buy Christmas presents for their parents / carers, siblings and family members. Items are priced from 20p to £2. Children will be able to buy these gifts at breaktimes in school time and after school in the SNUG on Monday 1st December, Tuesday 2nd December and Wednesday 3rd December.

PHONICS, SPELLING AND READING FOR PARENTS: Miss Anderson will share how we teach these areas at High Street. 2pm in the Hall @ High Street on Wednesday 12th November. Everyone welcome.

HELPING HANDS PARENTS GROUPS: If you would like to be part of our existing group of parents who support the school with fundraising events, please join Mrs Walker on Wednesday 19th November @ 5pm in our main hall.

PARENT VOICE GROUP: Everyone is welcome to join us at 2pm on Monday 1st December. Our Agenda will be shaped by your responses and questions in an audit shared next week. We will address identified areas during our meeting and will then share the outcomes with everyone.

CAREERS DAY – TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026

Thank you to those who have already responded. 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 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

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.

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.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.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26 DIARY DATES

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

Dates of Events	Autumn Term 2 Events
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
Wednesday 12th November	Positive Notice Day (See above)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need – (See above)
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
Monday 1st December	Sherman Theatre – Alice in Wonderland, Y3 through to Y6. Details to Follow.
Thursday 4th December	Arthurs Christmas – Memo Hall Cinema, Barry. Reception through to Y2. 1pm to 2.45pm
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
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day!
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Tuesday 13th January	Careers Day: Raising children's knowledge, awareness and aspirations regarding future careers!
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 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 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 3 rd July	Annual Report to Parents
Monday June 15 th through 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 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 4 @ 9.15am
Wednesday 8 th 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