



Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Friday 14th 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 last week was **91.9%! Below 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	92.59%
	Year 3	98.28%
	Year 6	96.6%

THIS WEEK (Ending 14th November)

Year 5 Money Counts Workshop: This is part of our delivery on school finance education where we explore earning money, saving and growing our savings. Following the workshop, we received an email from Nia, who ran the workshop to say how impressed she was with the children – their engagement, questions and answers. Well done Year 5.

Y6 Remembrance Event: On Tuesday, Mr Macpherson and our Year 6 children were invited by the Mayor on Tuesday to be part of the Armistice celebration. Their wonderful singing was met with lots of smiles! Well done Year 6.

WEEK BEGINNING 17th November

Year 3 Baltimore House: The children in Year 3 will work with a poet on Thursday morning before making their way to Baltimore House in Barry to share their work with the residents. This trip is covered by the 'local visits' consent signed previously by parents / carers.

Year 5 / 6 Treginnis Farm Residential: We will be leaving school at 9.30am on Monday and returning at approximately 1pm on Friday. Please ensure any medication (with medical forms) is handed to Mrs McKee on Monday morning. If children usually attend breakfast club, they can still do so. All children must arrive before 9.15am. All bags and cases will be collated in the SNUG ready for departure. Please make sure your child's name is on their case / bag. Contact Mrs McKee if there is any information you would like her to be aware of prior the trip. We will send a message via the office when we arrive and will upload pictures to the website each evening.

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.

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 Celebrations: Items will be collected by Vale Food Bank on Friday 24 th .
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
Monday 1st December	Sherman Theatre – Alice in Wonderland, Y3 through to Y6.
Thursday 4th December	Memo Cinema – Arthurs Christmas, Reception through to Y2.
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 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 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