



Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Wishing our High Street Community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The children will return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Have a lovely break!

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 91.84%. Just below our whole school target of 92.5%!

Well done to the following classes who went beyond our target of 92.5%!	Year 3	93.26%
	Year 6	92.89%

THIS WEEK (Ending 19th December)

- **Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Session Tuesday 16th December:** This special event was a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to spend time with their children and watch them perform their Christmas Carol. The children were very excited to spend time together and share in the joy and excitement of the Christmas season.
- **Christmas Parties Thursday 18th December:** A wonderful afternoon with lots of fun and excitement for the children as they enjoyed our Christmas parties. Check out the fun on our website gallery.
- **Christmas Concerts:** Videos of our concerts can now be viewed on our website.
- **Raffle Winners:** Raffle winners have been drawn and informed by Mrs Walker. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets!
- **Funds Raised:** To date, raffles, toy sale, gift sale, Jingle Mingle funds total more than £850! This money will be used to further develop our Family Engagement offer with Mrs Walker. A contribution will go to our current focus charity to build a school in Uganda and a portion to our school fund. Thank you to Mrs Walker and our 'Helping Hands' parent group for making this happen!

PARENTAL CONDUCT

High Street is committed to being a safe, respectful environment for pupils, parents/carers and staff. Our staff deserve to feel safe at work, and aggressive behaviour - including verbal abuse, intimidation or inappropriate social media posts - will not be tolerated. In such cases, the school may end conversations immediately, issue conduct warnings, restrict site access, require communication through senior staff, ban individuals from the premises, or report incidents to the local authority or police.

Please treat all staff with the courtesy and respect we expect for our children. If you have any worries or concerns that you feel need attention, please contact us via email at office@highstreetprimary.co.uk.

Family Engagement Newsletter



Hey Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our termly newsletter.

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had! I'd like to take the time, to say thank you all for your support in making our school community a great place. Looking forward to expanding even more next year with your help, any ideas will always be gratefully received.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Walker at Walkera98@Hwbcymru.net.



We started and finished another course with Cardiff and Vale College **BRIGHT SPARKS**

Years 4, 5 and 6 and their adults got the opportunity to learn lots of new maths games and skills, while having lots of fun! They made Lego bridges, made games, played Multiplication pong with dares, The Cwtch has never heard such laughter. Parents also took the opportunity to visit Barry College and went on an adventurous ghost hunt!



FIRST AID SKILLS

A group of parents took the chance to gain themselves a first aid certificate.

A day of fun, chat meeting new parents and a certificate in first aid on its way to you all, Well Done.

ADULT ART AND CRAFT

A very small bunch of parents started our arts and craft sessions and we continued into Christmas with some fabulous items made.



CARDIFF AND VALE CREDIT UNION



Our school savings club started in earnest after lots of summer fair sign ups, children have continued to bring in their hard earned money on a Wednesday morning to be saved and earning interest with Cardiff and Vale Credit union. Some great saving going on and a huge Thank you to Gemma for volunteering her time to help out. Forms are available from the office or Mrs. Walker if you want to join.



TALK WITH ME SESSIONS

We had have been lucky enough to become a pilot school for a Welsh Government Initiative called Talk with me.

Sessions have been great fun for the children, not sure some of my activities (musical instrument making) have been so great for the adults

👉 Sessions will continue after the Christmas break if you would like to join us.



POSITIVE NOTICING DAY

We joined in with Positive Noticing Day this year ensuring each child and staff member received a note about something positive that people had noticed about them. What a fabulous way to recognise people, and ensuring a positive culture within a classroom. Positive Noticing is a sure fire way to reinforce the behaviours you want to keep seeing in your children, and increasing their confidence too.



SPOTTY CHEER SQUAD

A huge thanks to those who joined us at our spotty cheer station for the Cardiff Half Marathon. A great time was had and apparently we could be heard at the next cheer station the other side of the roundabout by the Oyster Catcher!!



NEARLY NEW AND PRESENT SALE

In the absence of a Christmas fair this year the Helping Hands group tried something new. The nearly new sale and gift buying was a great success, along with selling hot drinks and cake at concerts and our raffle we have raised almost £850. Fantastic effort all. Many

Thanks for all your contributions and effort

Money raised will go towards school funds aiding trips and equipment, Uganda Marathon Charity, Beka School, and the Helping Hands.

GLAMORGAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE GRANT



We were lucky enough to be granted a sum of money to stock our food pantry, and supply a stock of hot drinks for a warm space, please come and make use of it, we have some great stock available can be open at drop off and pick up in The Cwtch

COMING UP IN JANUARY

FIZZY FUN

YEARS 4,5,6

Dive into a whirlwind of STEM-tastic activities with your child.



Cardiff and Vale College
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MANAGING OUR EMOTIONS

YEARS 3,4,5

Work together with hands on tasks to help build confidence, communicate better, and develop social and emotional skills for your child, creating a toolbox of strategies.

CONFIDENCE, RESILIENCE AND WELLBEING

One for just the adults,
come and learn more on
how to build these in
yourself and your child.



TRAIN TO BE A TEACHING ASSISTANT

Gain a teaching assistant
qualification with Adult
Learning Wales, learn about
ASD, ADHD, Paediatric
First Aid and more

On Going Info

PARENT COMPUTER AVAILABLE UNIFORM

If your child has grown out of their uniform
don't forget about our swap shop available in
the reception area.

If you have any good quality uniform that
no longer fits please consider bringing it in
to us.



A computer is now available in The Cwtch for
parents to use, if you need to fill out application
forms, produce a document, apply for a job, sort
out benefits etc, anything that's tricky to do on a
phone! come and use our computer.

If you need help filling out any forms, finding
information for your family, or some advice with
parenting life or mental health come and see Mrs.
Walker



BOARD GAME LIBRARY

Bored of the games you have at home?
In the Cwtch we have a selection of board
games you can borrow for a week. Pop into
the Cwtch on Wednesdays at 3pm to
borrow one.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26 DIARY DATES

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

DECEMBER 2025	
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Tuesday 13 th 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 10 th	Sports Day: All Nursery pupils (am), Reception through to Year 6 from 1pm @ Romilly Park (TBC)
Friday June 19 th	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