



*Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term!

## GENERAL REMINDERS

- Crocs are a health and safety risk on school premises. Please do not allow your children to wear these to school. Trainers or flat school shoes are ideal for everyday wear with trainers on PE Day. We can provide your child with wellies if they do not have their own for Forest sessions.
- On Forest School and PE Days, children need to wear leggings, joggers and t-shirt layers and a jumper / hoodie. Practical stretchy clothes are needed. Jeans and fashion items like crop tops are not permitted as they do not allow freedom of movement or warmth.
- 100 Parent questionnaires went out a few weeks before Christmas. 5 have been returned. If you still have one at home, please return as soon as possible as this will give us a better idea of the workshops and information sessions you would like us to provide over the next few months.
- CLUBS – Do you have an idea for a club? Could you share 45 minutes of your time each week to run it? All ideas welcomed! – Please get in contact (details above).

## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Everyone welcome!

- Parent Confidence and Resilience session 9am to 11.30am on Monday in the Cwtch.
- Fizzy Fun Science session 9 until 10am on Thursday in the Cwtch.
- Managing our Emotions – Parent and Child sessions on Friday 9am until 11.30am in the Cwtch.

## 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 89%. Just below our whole school target of 92.5%!**

Well done to the following classes who went beyond our target of 92.5%!	Year 5	94.64%
	Year 6	97.91%

## THIS WEEK (Ending 9<sup>th</sup> January)

**On Tuesday, Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a basketball session** at Whitmore. These sessions go far beyond developing personal skills such as resilience, perseverance and teamwork — they are an integral part of our transition programme at High Street. By participating, our learners experience the environment and structure of a secondary school setting in a supportive and engaging way whilst developing a curriculum skill-based activity.

**On Thursday, Year 5 enjoyed an inspiring 'Boxing' session** (non-contact!) led by former High Street pupils who are now at Whitmore, with support from Vale Sports and Play. This provided an excellent chance for our current pupils to engage with confident, capable peers, witness leadership in action and develop their own teamwork and communication skills. These sessions not only foster personal growth but also strengthen connections across year groups.

Both these sessions will continue over the next few weeks.

## NEXT WEEK (Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January)

**Careers Week. Inspiring future generations!** We are proud to be working towards the Careers Quality Award, having already achieved Stage 1 and Stage 2 over the past two years. This year, our focus is on Stage 3, where we demonstrate the impact of the Careers and Work-Related Experiences we provide for our children.

At High Street, we place a strong emphasis on helping children understand why they are learning and how school prepares them for life beyond the classroom. Careers and Work-Related Experiences are embedded across our curriculum, linking learning to real-life contexts, the world of work and future pathways.

Next week, we will be holding a Careers Week for all children from Year 1 to Year 6. Through a range of age-appropriate activities and visitors, children will explore different careers, challenge stereotypes and develop key skills such as problem-solving, creativity, teamwork and critical thinking. Our aim is to raise aspirations, build confidence and help children see how education supports their future choices.

Parents and carers play a vital role in this work, and we are extremely grateful to those who have already offered their time to share their real-life experiences. If you are unable to support Careers Week this time but would like to be involved in the future, please feel free to contact me - we would be delighted to hear from you.

#### 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](mailto:office@highstreetprimary.co.uk).

#### ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26 DIARY DATES

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

<b>January 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day: Children do not attend school</b>
From Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Careers Week: Raising children's knowledge, awareness and aspirations regarding future careers!</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Applications for Nursery 26/27: Open 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2026. Online (Vale Admissions). Closes 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Outcomes of applications 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	February Half Term
Week Beg. 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Teacher / Parent meetings: Throughout week. Details to be confirmed closer to time</b>
<b>Date TBC</b>	<b>Date for Nursery Teacher / Parent Meetings</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>St David's Day Celebrations</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Spring Fair: Everyone welcome, 3pm to 4pm</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Half Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET Day: Children do not attend school</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Whitsun Half Term
Wednesday June 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sports Day: All Nursery pupils (am), Reception through to Year 6 from 1pm @ Romilly Park (TBC)</b>
Friday June 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>High Street Hula on the front yard @ 2pm</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Annual Report to Parents</b>
Monday June 15 <sup>th</sup> through to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>End of Year school trips to be confirmed by each class teachers later in the year</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly – Reception @ 9.15am</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 1 @ 2.15pm</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 2 @ 9.15am</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 3 @ 2.15pm</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 4 @ 9.15am</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 5 @ 2.15pm</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Transition: Visits to new classes</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Assembly - Year 6 @ 9.15am</b>

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Moving on Graduation – Nursery @ 11am (morning children) and @ 2.30pm (afternoon children)</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last Day of School Year 2025/26</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>INSET Day: Children do not attend school</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July to Monday 31st August	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	<b>INSET Day: Children do not attend school</b>

#### 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. Follow the pathway below for further support and guidance:



*We now have a single front door to access the following services:*

- Family Information Service,
- Early Help services including Families First Advice Line, Team Around the Family, Vale Parenting Service
- Intake Children's Services.

This is called the **Vale Family Compass**.

The Vale Family Compass provides a range of information, advice, support and protection for children, young people, their parents, carers and families in the Vale of Glamorgan. It aims to provide you with the right information and support at the right time from your first point of contact.

A new website has been developed that is easy to navigate, supports self-help and allows you to access the right support at the right time:

- 0808 281 6727
- [familycompass@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:familycompass@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)
- [www.valefamilycompass.co.uk](http://www.valefamilycompass.co.uk)
- [@ValeFamilyCompass](https://www.instagram.com/ValeFamilyCompass)

The Vale Family Compass helps us meet our duty within Section 17 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. To provide information, advice and assistance relating to care and support, including support for carers.

#### Emergency Duty Team - Outside Office Hours

Contact Emergency Duty if you have a concern about a child outside office hours:

- Evenings
- Weekends
- Bank Holidays

- 02920 788 570

If you believe a child is in immediate danger of harm, call 999 and report it to the police.

#### 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](http://WWW.ACLASSAPART.CO.UK). We are currently working on school uniform being stocked at Ruckleys. We will keep you informed of our progress.

#### 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.




## Week 1

**Monday**

**Main Meal:** Cheesy Pasta Bake served with a Medley of Green Vegetables & Garlic Bread

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding of the day:** Welsh Yogurt served with Fruit Slices

**Tuesday**

**Main Meal:** Pork Meatballs in Gravy or Veggie Balls in Gravy served with Mashed Potato, Carrots, Peas & Cabbage

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Oat Cookie or Shortbread served with Fruit Slices

**Wednesday**

**Main meal:** BBQ Chicken topped with Cheese or BBQ Quorn Fillet topped with Cheese served with Mixed Grain Savoury Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli & Salad with Crusty Bread

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Fruit Jelly and Fruit Slices

**Thursday**

**Main Meal:** Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet served with New & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Broccoli & Gravy

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Ice Cream & Peach Slices

**Friday**

**Main meal:** Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers served with Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Peas or Side Salad

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Chocolate Sponge & Custard with Fruit Slices

**Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.**  
Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

**Week Commencing**  
2/6/25, 30/6/25, 1/9/25, 29/9/25, 24/11/25, 5/1/26, 2/2/26, 2/3/26




## Week 2

**Monday**

**Main meal:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Salad & Coleslaw

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad & Coleslaw

**Pudding:** Welsh Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

**Tuesday**

**Main meal:** Beef Bolognese or Vegetarian Bolognese served with Pasta, Broccoli & Side Salad

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with Side Salad

**Pudding:** Chocolate Cake with Fruit Slices

**Wednesday**

**Main meal:** Homemade Chicken Curry or Vegetable & Lentil Curry served with Mult Grain Rice & Peas

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Fruit Jelly served with Fruit Slices

**Thursday**

**Main meal:** Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Cauliflower & Gravy

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** American Pancake served with Peach Slices

**Friday**

**Main meal:** Salmon Bites or Quorn Dippers served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Side Salad

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Chocolate Crispy Cake served with Fruit Slices

**Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.**  
Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

**Week Commencing**  
9/6/25, 7/7/25, 8/9/25, 6/10/25, 3/11/25, 1/12/25, 12/1/26, 9/2/26, 9/3/26




## Week 3

**Monday**

**Main meal:** Tomato Pasta Bake served with Peas, Sweetcorn & Side Salad

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Welsh Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

**Tuesday**

**Main meal:** Beef Meatballs in Gravy or Vegan Meatballs in Gravy served with Wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Oat Cookie or Shortbread served with Fruit Slices

**Wednesday**

**Main meal:** Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage, Omelette, Beans, Tomato, Hash Brown & Mushrooms

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Fruit Jelly served with Fruit Slices

**Thursday**

**Main meal:** Slow Cooked Beef or Diced Quorn with Carrots in a Yorkshire Pudding served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Cabbage & Gravy

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Ice Cream served with Fruit Slices

**Friday**

**Main meal:** Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Quorn Fishless Fingers served with Chips, Peas, Salad & Coleslaw

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with Side Salad & Coleslaw

**Pudding:** Date & Orange Brownie served with Fruit Slices

**Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.**  
Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

**Week Commencing**  
16/6/25, 14/7/25, 15/9/25, 13/10/25, 10/11/25, 8/12/25, 19/1/26, 16/2/26, 16/3/26




## Week 4

**Monday**

**Main meal:** Neapolitan Pasta Bake served with Cheese, Broccoli & Green Beans

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Welsh Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

**Tuesday**

**Main meal:** Beef Burger or Veggie Burger served with Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad & Coleslaw

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad & Coleslaw

**Pudding:** Fruit Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

**Wednesday**

**Main meal:** Beef Chilli or Vegetarian Chilli served with Mixed Grain Rice & Potato Wedges served with Salad & Coleslaw

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad & Coleslaw

**Pudding:** Cheese & Crackers served with Fruit Slices

**Thursday**

**Main meal:** Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Cauliflower & Gravy

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Pancake served with Peach Slices

**Friday**

**Main meal:** Salmon Bites or Quorn Dippers served with New Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans & Salad

**Alternative:** Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

**Pudding:** Chocolate Sponge & Custard served with Fruit Slices

**Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.**  
Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

**Week Commencing**  
23/6/25, 21/7/25, 22/9/25, 20/10/25, 17/11/25, 15/12/25, 26/1/26, 23/2/26, 23/3/26



the **BIG FRESH**  
Catering  
company



**Allergen information to accompany this menu  
is held in the Kitchen and available upon request.**

**Please contact your school for a special diet request form if your child has  
specialist dietary needs.**

**We aim to provide a healthy balanced school meal for every pupil.**