



Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for this week is **94.6%**, well above our whole school target of **92.5%**!
Well done to Reception (97.9%), Year 2 (96.2%), Year 3 (94.8%), Year 4 (96.5%) and Year 5 (97.3%)
Keep up the good work!

MOVING ON

At the end of the Spring Term, Mr Macpherson was appointed Deputy Head at Gladstone Primary School following a successful interview process. While we will be sorry to see him leave, we are delighted that he is taking this next step in his career. Fortunately, there is still time before we say our farewells, as he will begin his new role on 1st September 2026!

GENERAL REMINDERS / Requests

FRUIT SNACK ONLY: No processed snacks please – fresh fruit only e.g. apples, pears and bananas etc. Staff are unable to cut up fruit for children. No grapes please – potential choking hazard. Processed snacks, chocolate bars and crisps etc. will be removed from children and returned at home time.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR FOREST and PE: Please ensure children wear appropriate clothing for the Forest – cropped tops, shorts and expensive clothing is not permitted. PE clothing includes leggings, joggers, a t-shirt and trainers.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING: All going well! Swimming will continue everyday next week.

After School Clubs: Last session for football on Monday. Last session for Gardening Club on Tuesday. Two more sessions / weeks for Coding Club. Ballet will continue until half term.

THIS WEEK

CRUCIAL CREW: Year 6 enjoyed their Crucial Crew workshop this week at Barry Fire Station.

RECYCLE AND REUSE WORKSHOPS: Year 2 and Year 3 participated in workshops raising awareness of the impact of recycling. As an action, the children will now set targets to improve how well we recycle in school.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Families Learning Together

Cardiff and Vale College
Colleg Cymdeithas Ffao

Brains & Buttons
High Street Primary

Starts: Thursday
23rd April 2026
9:00am

For parents/carers of children in Year 4, 5 and 6

Contact the school to register your interest or come along to find out more!

COURSE DETAILS

A playful learning experience that brings kids and adults together to use their Brains and Buttons. Families will take on fun tasks – trying out coding, exploring Artificial Intelligence, learning how to stay safe online, making clay animation movies and more. With creative challenges and teamwork, everyone gets to learn new skills and have a great time together.

Contact us: families@hps.co.uk

ADULT LEARNING WORKSHOPS 9:15-11:30

06/05/26 Understanding Neurodiversity	13/05/26 Roles and Responsibilities of a classroom assistant
20/05/26 Enabling Access to Learning	03/06/26 Communication and Social Support
10/06/26 Behaviour, Emotional Regulation & Wellbeing	17/06/26 Introduction to Safeguarding

Non accredited workshops all welcome

Adding Qualities Cymru
Adult Learning

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Nature Nurture
High Street Primary School

Thursday 23rd April

1 pm

A FREE 10 WEEK FAMILY LEARNING COURSE, DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES TO EXPLORE, PLAY AND LEARN TOGETHER AS WE FOCUS ON THE BENEFITS OF THE OUTDOORS - BOOSTING WELL-BEING, CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION WITH NATURE. THROUGH PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES, STORYTELLING AND NATURE INSPIRED FUN, FAMILIES WILL EXPERIENCE AND LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF THE NATURAL WORLD.

RECEPTION TO YEAR 2
CONTACT MRS WALKER IN SCHOOL TO RESERVE A PLACE.

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 and Mr Macpherson are the leads for safeguarding at High Street. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you think a child is in immediate danger of being harmed, please contact the Police on 999. Further details can be found on our website.

UNIFORM

Uniform can now be purchased from Ruckley's uniform shop @ 42 Holton Road in Barry and also at Class Apart @ 9 Castle Drive, Dinas Powys.

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. Available in the Cwtch and Office.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

High Street Primary is a nut-free school. ⚠️ Even tiny traces of nuts can be life-threatening for some children. Please do not send nuts or products that may contain traces of nuts or are processed in a factory with nuts. Any items will be removed and sent home. Thank you for keeping everyone safe!

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 nuts or may contain nuts products.

❌ 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.

LUNCH MENU

Lunch Menus can be found on our school website.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26 DATES

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

SEPTEMBER 2025 / 26	
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Half Term
Monday 13 th April	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Tuesday 14 th April to Friday 24 th April	Y5 Swimming @ Barry Leisure Centre every morning. Further details will be shared closer to the time.
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Whitsun Half Term
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – Children do not attend school
Wednesday 10 th June Contingency Day Thursday 11 th June	Sports Day All nursery pupils (am) and Reception through to Y6 from 1pm @ Romily Park.
Wednesday June 24 th	Summer Fair from 3pm on school yard.
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 31st August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day: Children do not attend school