



High Street Primary School

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Reach for the Stars, by Learning and Growing Together

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for this week is **92.22%** just below our whole school target of **92.5%**.

Year 3 (95%), Year 4 (97%) and Y6 (95%) Keep up the good work!

THIS WEEK

ESTYN INSPECTION

This week our Estyn report was published. It can be found online following this link.

<https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2026/06/Inspection-report-High-Street-Primary-School-2026.pdf>

A copy will also be sent separately to all parents via email.

CAREERS AND WORK RELATED QUALITY AWARD

This week we have also achieved our Careers Wales, Careers and Work Related Experiences Quality Award in recognition of our work over the last three years in addressing and embedding this within our curriculum offer. It has brought purpose and focus to our curriculum whilst raising learners awareness and aspirations for the future! Thank you to all those parents who have offered their services

SCHOOL DINNERS

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SUMMER FAIR

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BOOKS

Children's books will be sent home with them on Tuesday. Please provide a carrier bag.

CONTINUATION OF HOT WEATHER

Please ensure your child has sun cream applied, is provided with a sun hat, and water bottle. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER CHANGES

As we look ahead to September, we will be saying a heartfelt goodbye to several valued members of our High Street family.

After more than twenty years of dedicated service, Mr Macpherson will be leaving High Street Primary School to take up the role of Deputy Headteacher at Gladstone Primary School. Gareth has been an integral part of our school for over two decades, inspiring countless children and supporting generations of families and colleagues. His commitment, kindness and unwavering dedication have helped shape High Street into the school it is today. Whilst we are incredibly proud of him and this well-deserved opportunity, he will be deeply missed by pupils, staff and parents alike.

Mrs Williams, our wonderful receptionist, has been the welcoming face of High Street for so many families. For many children and parents, she has been the very first smile they see each morning, always greeting everyone with warmth, kindness and genuine care. Her unwavering dedication, compassion and friendship have made her an integral part of our school community, and she will be deeply missed by pupils, parents and staff alike.

After many years of dedicated service to High Street Primary School, Mrs Hamer has decided to retire. She has supported generations of pupils through her intervention work, making a positive difference to the lives of so many children and families. We thank her for her commitment over the years and wish her every happiness as she enjoys a well-earned retirement and the new adventures ahead.

Mrs Julia Smith will be leaving High Street to begin a new chapter. We would like to thank her for her years of service in Y Bont and wish her every happiness for the future. Miss Taylor will also be moving on to a new teaching role in Cardiff, and we thank her for all she has contributed during her time with us and wish her the very best as she progresses in her career.

We would also like to thank Miss Nicholls and Mr Dodd, who will be taking on wider roles supporting schools across the Vale, and Mrs George, whose caring and nurturing presence has been such an important part of Nursery and Reception over recent years.

Mrs Adams has cared for our children at lunchtimes for more than sixteen years. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have given to our school community. We will be forever grateful. Thank you.

Every member of staff leaving High Street has made a lasting contribution to our school. They will all be greatly missed, and we thank each of them for the care, commitment and dedication they have shown to our children and families. We wish them every happiness and success in the next stage of their journey.

September 2026

Year Group	Teachers	Supporting Staff
Nursery and Reception	Mrs Campbell	Miss John, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Riffart, Miss Hopkins and Mrs Sanders
Year 1	Mrs Jones (Our new Deputy)	Miss Edmunds, Mrs Riff
Year 2	Mrs Turnball	Mrs Allan
Year 3	Miss Vowels	Mrs Martin
Year 4	Miss Morris	Mrs Shaw and Mrs Jones
Year 5	Mrs Kingston and Mrs Hitchens	Mrs Smith
Year 6	Mrs Anderson	Mrs Jeynes

GENERAL REMINDERS / Requests

Tuesday 14 th July	Transition: Visits to new classes Picnic Lunch for Reception through to Year 6
Wednesday 15 th July	<u>Parents and Carers welcome.</u> - Reception and Year 1 on the school yard from 9.15 am to 10am. - Year 2 and Year 3 on the school yard from 10.15am to 11am. - Years 4, 5 and 6 will be at <u>Romily Park</u> and will start at 1pm. - What should the children wear? House colours, as for St David's Day and trainers - What happens if it rains? We will let you know via Arbor by 8.30am on the day if cancelled due to the weather. - Will another day be arranged if Sports Day has to be cancelled? No.

	• Refreshments? A tuck shop will be available under the bottom shelter. Items can only be purchased by parents and carers and there will be an opportunity to share these with children at the end of the session. • A tuck shop will also be set up at Romily Park. Again, items can be given to the children at the end of the session. • Can I take my child home straight from Romily Park? Yes. Any children not taken by parents or carers will walk back to school with staff for 3pm.
Thursday 16 th July	Moving on Assembly - Year 6 @ 9.15am
Thursday 16 th July	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Moving on Graduation – Nursery @ 11am and visit to Reception.
Friday 17 th July	INSET DAY: Children do not attend school
Monday 20 th July to Monday 31 st August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET Day: Children do not attend school
Thursday 3 rd September	First Day of school for children.

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WARM WEATHER GUIDANCE

With warmer weather forecast over the coming week, all schools are asked to implement the following control measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of pupil, staff and visitors.

General Precautions:

Sun Protection: Sunscreen should be applied before school. Please provide your child with a hat and to wear light, loose clothing.

Hydration access: Please provide your child with a water bottle. Pupils have continued daily access to drinking water in classes and refill stations are accessible.

Adjustment of physical activities: Intensity of PE lessons and awareness of peak heat (11am to 3pm) will be considered by class teachers.

Shaded Areas: Children will be encouraged to use shaded areas during outdoor sessions, break and lunchtimes.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

At High Street Primary, we encourage children to bring a healthy snack for break time. No processed foods. Items will be removed from children and returned at the end of the day.

- ☒ 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!

CHANGES TO FOREST (PE will also be on the children's new Forest Days)

Following half term:

- Reception – Wednesdays
- Year 2 – Thursday
- Year 3 – Monday
- Year 5 – Tuesday

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Clubs have now ceased for this academic year.

MUSIC LESSONS

<https://www.cfmusiceducation.co.uk/>

Do you want your child to learn to play a musical instrument in school? Follow the link above.

CF Music Education is a non-profit, joint service hosted by Cardiff Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council. We provide music experiences, performances and tuition for children and young people and are the lead organisation in the region for the National Plan for Music Education.

We teach around 7,000 children weekly to sing or play a musical instrument, deliver the [National Plan for Music Education](#) that supports the Curriculum for Wales. We provide an exciting and diverse range of music tuition, ensemble and collaborative opportunities for all.

Many of our students go on to play in National and UK ensembles such the National Youth Choir, Brass Band and Orchestra of Wales. We pride ourselves in looking after the needs of each child and providing the specialist tuition needed for each child to realise their potential.

CAREERS WALES

At High Street Primary School, we make purposeful links through learning to potential careers and opportunities to raise aspirations and awareness of the careers that exist and the potential opportunities open to them. For further information, check out our school website:

<https://www.highstreetprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+and+Work+Related+Experiences+%2F+Gyrfaedd+a+Phrofiadau+Cysylltiedig+%26%23226%3B+Gwaith&pid=83>

Careers Wales can also support you in planning your career, prepare you to get a job, to find and apply for the right apprenticeship, course or training. Following this link to find out more: <https://careerswales.gov.wales>

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. If you have a concern regarding the Headteacher, please contact our Chair of Governors – details are available in the school office.

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!

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.