



5th September 2025

Value for this half term: Kindness

Dear Parents/Carer,

What a lovely start to the school year! So many happy smiling faces. I have been very proud of every child. Welcome to our new children and families!



Meet the Teacher

- Y1/2 Thursday 11th September
- Y3 Wednesday 17th September
- Y4 Monday 15th September
- Y5 Tuesday 9th September
- Y6 Wednesday 10th September

All meetings will be held in KS2 hall at 3.30pm straight from pick up.

Reception and Nursery are planning something slightly different for a few weeks' time once the children have settled in.



Dates:

Wednesday 17th - Y4 trip to St Fagans

Advanced notice: Colorfoto - individual and sibling photos Tuesday 7th October



Applying for Free School Meals:

With the introduction of Universal Free School Meals fewer people are applying for Free School Meals.

You may be entitled to Free School Meals which carry other benefits for your child.

In Wales, eligibility for free school meals can unlock additional support beyond just the meals themselves. This includes the **School Essentials Grant**,

- helps with costs like school uniform, stationery, and sports kit.
- Schools receive extra funding to help towards costs of trips such as Storey Arms and funding towards music lessons
- Additionally, there are wider support programs like the Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

The link below will give you more information and you can start your application.

<https://www.gov.wales/free-school-meals-information-parents-and-carers>

Attendance:

Well done for excellent attendance this week!

Below you can see what different percentages of attendance looks like in terms of days missed during just one school year. If a child has consistently low attendance over a number of years the impact on their education and the progress they make is enormous. Wherever possible please book holidays during the school holidays. **Holidays will only be authorised for attendance over 95%.**

Number of days missed in one school year

5 days off = 97%

10 days off = 95%

20 days off = 90%

30 days off = 85%

40 days off = 80%

50 days off = 75%

60 days off = 70%

70 days off = 65%

INSET days for 2025-26

Friday 24th October

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February

Monday 20th July

Diolch,



Sophie Notley

Headteacher

