

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Annwyl Parents/Carers
Once again, our attendance this week exceeds our school target. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our children do not miss out on their education and access all the learning opportunities that we provide. In addition to this, a very sincere thank you from our office staff for confirming any authorised absences via the correct channels. Please remember that you are able to report your child's absence through Arbor, by email or by leaving a voice mail.

As a school, we believe that reading is a key and essential skill for life. Here is a visual reminder of the important role that home reading plays in this. Thank you for your commitment in supporting your child's learning.

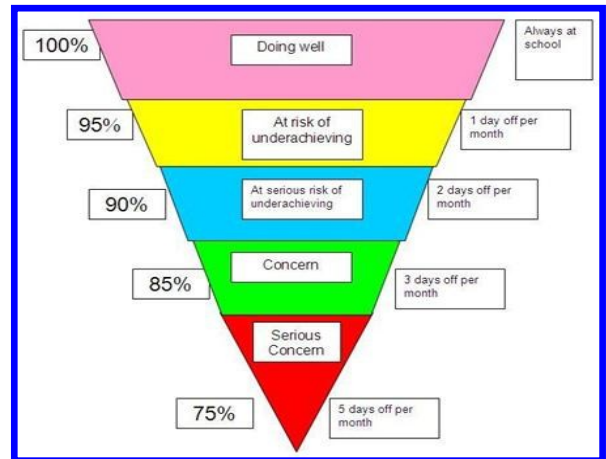
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies



PRESENTOLDEB

Below is a pictorial reminder to parents on how important it is for children to attend school everyday. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this area. School attendance for this week was 97.3%. A special well done to Class 2S who had the highest attendance with 99.2%. WELL DONE!



Patrwm Yr Wythnos

This week's patrwm is ...



Pwy wyt ti?
Who are you?



Rhian ydw i.



Dafydd ydw i.

Seren Yr Wythnos



Reception

Emily Sharifi

Trasha Sengar

Year 1

Lillian Holland

Rio Roldan Hara

Year 2

Alfie Duke

Olivia Knight

Year 3

Gwennan Strickland-Constable

Gracie Ellis

Year 4

Sofia Duarte

Carys Harding

Year 5

Eva Mason

Henry Dicks

Year 6

Kyla Burbidge

Diyan Gopal

Siaradwr Cymraeg Yr Wythnos



Year 1

Rohan Gillies

Julia Puchta

Year 2

Annabelle Cahill

Freddie Roberts

Year 3

Elliott Blofeld

Rory Read

Year 4

Alex Black

Sydney Howells-Grant

Year 5

Abi Wright

Zoe Broido-Green

Year 6

Finley Blofeld

Tyler Lingham

Charity Committee

This week, our charity committee met for the first time to discuss the charities they would like to support this year. In addition to the whole school commitment to supporting Children in Need, they have also chosen, Shelter Cymru and Allergy UK.

They will be sharing details of the first fundraising event in next week's newsletter.



Mito Awareness Week

A huge thank you to Key Stage 2 who turned the hall green today in support of Mito Awareness Week.



CHARITY CHAMPIONS

In the summer holidays, Scarlett-Mae and Joshua Folarin held a charity stall in Penarth Library to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital. The family were raising money for Noah's Ark due to the incredible treatment and care that Scarlett-Mae received there in April and May with her extended stay in hospital.

Scarlett-Mae and Joshua helped with the planning of the stall, created all of the signs, Joshua donated his surplus Pokemon cards and books and Scarlett-Mae made bracelets and keyrings to sell.

On the day, they sold items on the stall, took money, gave change and also did lots of glitter tattoos too.

Phoebe North from Year 6 and Macsen from Year 4 were also big helpers on the day; both creating keyrings and bracelets to sell on the stall.

I'm pleased to say that we raised £235 on the day and raised a further £553 on their Justgiving page for those who couldn't make it, bringing us to a total of £788 raised for Noah's Ark!

95% of the people that came to the stall were from Victoria Primary and everyone's support from school was incredible. A huge thank you from the Folarin family!



Year 1 Dinomania Visit

On Tuesday, Dinomania came to school to visit our Year 1 children! Year 1 asked lots of brilliant questions and discovered some incredible dinosaur facts. The best part was meeting the dinosaurs themselves – from the little babies to the huge Utah raptor named Ava! We had an unforgettable day filled with roars, surprises, and dino fun. A fantastic start to our Dinosaur Planet learning!



School Essentials Grant for September 2025 Academic Year

A School Essentials Grant (SEG) is available to assist families on a low income to buy school uniform, sports kit, uniform for enrichment activities, school bags, stationery etc.

This scheme opens on the 1st July 2025 and closes on the 31st May 2026. Application forms submitted before the 1st July 2025 will not be processed until after that date. Application forms submitted after the 31st May 2026 will not be accepted.

This grant can be used to help with the following:

- The purchase of school uniforms including coats and shoes
- Uniform for enrichment activities including but not limited to; scouts, guides, cadets, martial arts, sports, performing arts or dance.
- Equipment e.g. school bags and stationery
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology
- Equipment for out of school hours trips such as outdoor learning e.g. water-proofs
And laptops or tablets

If you meet the criteria and think your child or children might be eligible, complete and return a School Essentials Grant Application Form:

Who is Eligible

The grant is available to pupils who are eligible for free school meals or are looked after children who are entering:

- Reception class, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, or Year 6 of a maintained primary school at the beginning of a new school year
 - Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 or Year 11 of a maintained secondary school at the beginning of a new school year
 - In Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 or equivalent in a special school, special needs resource base or a pupil referral unit
- Please note this is **not** available to pupils attending private schools.

The funding is also available to all looked after children of compulsory school age.

The parent/guardian making the application must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
 - Income based Job Seekers Allowance (JSAIB)
 - Income related Employment Support Allowance (ESAIR)
 - Child Tax Credit, with a household income of £16,190 or less
 - Pension Credit (guarantee element)
- Universal Credit with net household earnings of less than £7400 p/a

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Our%20Council/Council%20Tax%20&%20Benefits/School-Essentials-Grant/English-SEG-App-Form-Sept-2025.doc>

Calendr 2025/2026

Y2 to Cardiff Castle
Chance Encounters workshop (Y3 and Y6)
Colorfoto—individual photos
Nasal flu vaccination

INSET—school closed to pupils

Stanwell Y7 Open Evening
St Cyres Y7 Open Evening
Parent/teacher consultations
Y4 to Caerleon
Rec virtual St Fagans workshop
Welsh Jambori Y2-Y4
Show racism the red card (**wear red**)
Y3 trip to St Fagans
Harvest Festival (**donation**)
PTA KS2 Spooky Disco

Half term

Anti—bullying week
Children in need day
PTA Christmas Fayre
PTA Wreath making workshop
Y5/6 Sherman Theatre trip
Y3/4 Sherman Theatre trip
Y1/2 Sherman Theatre trip

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Wednesday 24th September
Thursday 25th September
Friday 26th September
Thursday 2nd October

Friday 3rd October

Tues 7th Oct 5pm-7:30pm
Thurs 9th Oct 6pm-8pm
w/c Mon 13th October
Tuesday 14th October
Wednesday 15th October
Thursday 16th October
Friday 17th October
Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 22nd October
Thursday 23rd October

Mon 27th Oct—Fri 31st Oct

w/c Monday 10th November
Friday 14th November
Saturday 29th November
Tuesday 2nd December
Monday 15th December
Tuesday 16th December
Wednesday 17th December

Friday 13th February

Friday 1st May

Monday 20th July