

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

18th September 2026
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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Annwyl Parents/Carers
Another exciting week has come to an end as the children begin their Autumn term themes. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm as they start exploring new learning and sharing their ideas with one another.

Over the coming weeks, we have many trips and visitors planned to bring the children's learning to life. These experiences will provide valuable opportunities for the children to deepen their understanding, ask questions and make connections beyond the classroom. Please keep an eye on the calendar page at the back of the newsletter for important dates and further information.

As a community focus school, we would like your support to help us recognise what we do well and where we can continue to improve. Please use the QR code to complete our short, anonymous questionnaire. Your views will help us identify our future actions and ensure that our school continues to meet the needs of our children and families.
Have a lovely weekend.



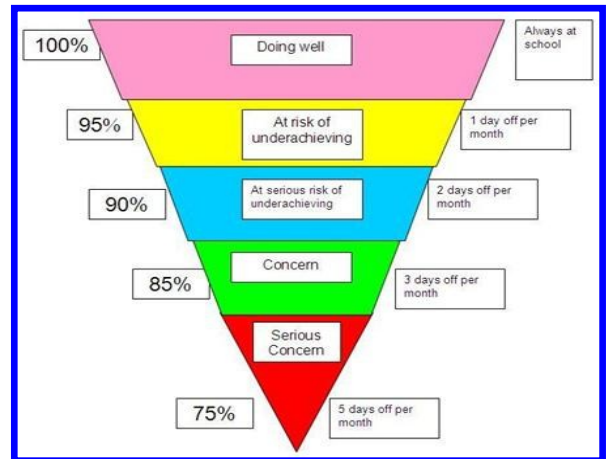
Mrs Davies

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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 96.3%. A special well done to Class 2S who had the highest attendance with 100%.

WELL DONE!



Patrwm Yr Wythnos

This week's patrwm is ...



Pwy wyt ti?
Who are you?

Ydw i.
I am *.



Moana
ydw i.



Bluey
ydw i.



Nemo
ydw i.



Carys
ydw i.



Rhys
ydw i.

Seren Yr Wythnos



Reception

Imogen Hann

Eve Enachi

Year 1

Elliot Jones

Lucas Beggs

Year 2

Olivia Murray

Aadea Das

Year 3

Immy Jones

Jacob Matthews

Year 4

Mollie Williams

Lily Mansfield

Year 5

Kiarna-Mae Wheatley

Isobel Williams

Millie Trobe

Year 6

Henry Dicks

Darcie Coslett

Siaradwr Cymraeg Yr Wythnos



Year 1	Elise Pusnik	Lyra Costain
Year 2	Rohan Gillies	Austin Elmer
Year 3	Haydn Orr	Eve Johnson
Year 4	Mia Khoshooee	Celyn Parker
Year 5	Catrin McDonald	Caspar Hill
Year 6	Alys Cornmell	Henry Hinton

Llongyfarchiadau to our new school ambassadors for this academic year.

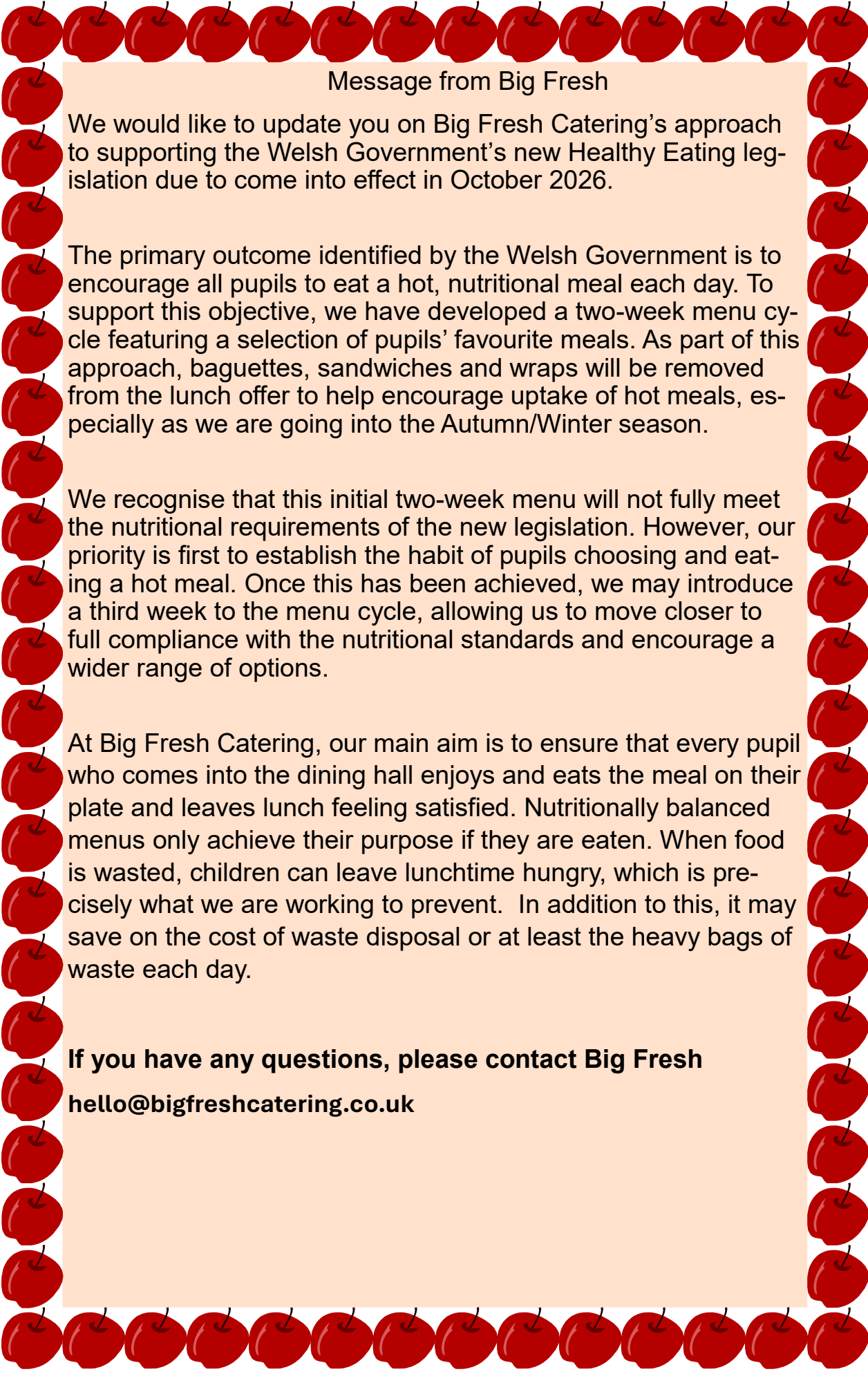
We are very proud to announce that Eleanor Hughes and Harri Patterson have been chosen, unanimously, as our new school Ambassadors, ably supported by Vice Ambassadors, Alys Cornmell and Eddie Powell. Well done, Children!



Llongyfarchiadau

Carys was first female, and first overall, at the Welsh Youth and Junior Championships last weekend in Pwllheli. She raced against a mixed variety of junior dinghies in Coached Regatta, completing 5 races yesterday – despite it being a foggy day! Well done Carys, we are very proud of you.





Message from Big Fresh

We would like to update you on Big Fresh Catering's approach to supporting the Welsh Government's new Healthy Eating legislation due to come into effect in October 2026.

The primary outcome identified by the Welsh Government is to encourage all pupils to eat a hot, nutritional meal each day. To support this objective, we have developed a two-week menu cycle featuring a selection of pupils' favourite meals. As part of this approach, baguettes, sandwiches and wraps will be removed from the lunch offer to help encourage uptake of hot meals, especially as we are going into the Autumn/Winter season.

We recognise that this initial two-week menu will not fully meet the nutritional requirements of the new legislation. However, our priority is first to establish the habit of pupils choosing and eating a hot meal. Once this has been achieved, we may introduce a third week to the menu cycle, allowing us to move closer to full compliance with the nutritional standards and encourage a wider range of options.

At Big Fresh Catering, our main aim is to ensure that every pupil who comes into the dining hall enjoys and eats the meal on their plate and leaves lunch feeling satisfied. Nutritionally balanced menus only achieve their purpose if they are eaten. When food is wasted, children can leave lunchtime hungry, which is precisely what we are working to prevent. In addition to this, it may save on the cost of waste disposal or at least the heavy bags of waste each day.

If you have any questions, please contact Big Fresh
hello@bigfreshcatering.co.uk

Invitation to Volunteer to Read with Children

Reading is a vital skill that enhances life chances, and we are keen to build on the excellent work already taking place in our school. Research shows that reading for 15 minutes a day improves fluency, engagement and the ability to access the wider curriculum. With this in mind, we are looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference to the reading experience of our children, many of whom do not read outside of the school setting.

We would warmly welcome adult and young people volunteers who are able to give their time on a regular basis to listen to children read. Supporting children in this way can have a powerful impact. A calm, encouraging reading partner can help build confidence, develop enjoyment and give children the extra practice they need to flourish.

Any amount of volunteered time is welcome, whether that is a short weekly slot or a little more when available. We understand that everyone has different commitments, and even a small contribution can make a meaningful difference. You do not need to have any special experience, as full training in the Better Reading Support Partners (BRSP) programme will be provided. This will ensure that all volunteers feel well prepared and supported in their role.

If you enjoy reading and would like to help children grow in confidence, we would be delighted to hear from you. By giving a little of your time, you can help open doors for our learners and support them to become stronger, more motivated readers.

Please contact Samantha Davies, headteacher of Victoria Primary School, if you are interested in volunteering or would like further information. The contact email is office@victoriaprimarieschool.com

We look forward to hearing from you.





Each week, in our 'No Outsiders' assembly, we ask the children 'What do you see in this picture? What do you notice? What might this story be about?'

No Outsiders – Everyone Belongs



This week in our *No Outsiders* assembly, we thought about being different and what makes each of us unique.

We learned about a very special baby giraffe who was born in Tennessee, America. Unlike other giraffes, this baby was born without any spots or patches! We talked about how giraffes normally a beautiful pattern of patches have covering their bodies. In fact, every giraffe has its own unique pattern – no two giraffes have exactly the same pattern. We explored what the word unique means.

Although this baby giraffe looked different from other giraffes, it was still a giraffe! This helped us to think about how being different doesn't make someone any less of who they are.

The zoo where the baby giraffe was born held a competition to choose her name. Some of the favourite names were Kipekee, meaning "unique" in Swahili; Firayali, meaning "unusual"; Shakiri, meaning "she is most beautiful"; and Jamella, meaning "one of great beauty".

This led us to talk about our own families and whether children have to look exactly like their mums, dads, brothers or sisters? Of course not! Families can have lots of differences – in how people look, what they enjoy, what they are good at and how they communicate.

We encourage you to discuss further with your child. Some ideas for discussion points could be:

What makes you unique?

Can you think of something that makes someone in your family different from you?

Why is it important that we don't expect everyone to be the same?

What could you say or do if someone told you they wished they were more like somebody else?

How can we make sure that everyone in our school feels that they belong?



PLANT & CAKE SALE

BOOKS * RAFFLE * REFRESHMENTS

**SAT 26 SEPTEMBER
11AM TO 1PM**

**VICTORIA SQUARE
PENARTH CF64 3EL**

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Are you worried about the increasing costs of starting back to school?

If you're in receipt of a means tested or disability benefit, you may be entitled to help towards your water bills.

You could
get up to
£300 off
your annual
water bill



We're here to help

Call us to talk through your
options: **0800 052 0145**
Visit us online for more information:
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Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives

Plant, pobl ifanc a'r fflw

Children, young people and flu

Gall y fflw fod yn ddifrifol
iawn i blant a phobl ifanc.

Flu can be very serious for
children and young people.



Yr hydref yma, bydd pawb o'r
dosbarth derbyn i flwyddyn ysgol
11 yn cael cynnig brechlyn fflw
chwistrell trwyn.

Efallai y bydd rhai'n cael y brechlyn
fflw trwy bigiad (heb gelatin) yn lle.

Siaradwch â'ch nyrs ysgol,
ymwelydd iechyd neu feddygfa am
fwy o wybodaeth.

This autumn, everyone from
reception class age to school year
11 age will be offered a nasal spray
flu vaccine.

Some may have the flu vaccine by
injection (gelatine free) instead.

Talk to your school nurse, health
visitor or GP surgery for more
information.

Gallwch gael gwybod mwy am
frechu rhag y fflw yn:
icc.gig.cymru/brechlynfflw

You can find out more about flu
vaccination at:
phw.nhs.wales/flu vaccine



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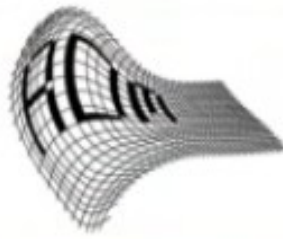
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Reid's Digital Music



Digital Music Saturday Club

11-Week Course
Starting 26th September
9:30am - 12:30pm
£264

Stanwell School, Archer Road, Penarth CF64 2XL
Enrolment Deadline - Monday 21st September

Embark on a musical journey with our Saturday Digital Music Club held in Stanwell School's music department. Tailored for pupils aged 7-11, this dynamic 11-week course teaches how to create original compositions using the powerful music production software package Reason. From MIDI sequencing basics to crafting original songs, young participants will grasp foundational digital music production concepts while nurturing their creativity. Designed for progression, returnees advance to more advanced courses, ensuring a continuous exploration of the exciting realm of digital music production. You can now book onto our course and join us for an immersive experience where young minds harmonise technology and creativity.

You can watch our informative video presentation to gain more insight into the content covered in our sessions, and listen to original compositions created by our pupils from previous courses.

Book Now

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Calendr 2025/2026

Y6 visit to Stanwell	Tuesday 22nd September am
Y4 trip to Caerleon	Wednesday 23rd September
Y1 Dinomania experience	Thursday 24th September
Nasal Flu immunisation	Friday 25th September
School nurse drop in	Tuesday 29th Sept 9-10 in the Community cafe
Y5 trip to WMC	Wednesday 30th September
Y6 trip to Swansea Theatre	Thursday 1st October
Individual school photographs	Friday 2nd October
Y3 to St.Fagans	Tuesday 6th October
Stanwell open day	Tuesday 6th October 3-6pm
Show racism the red card (wear red)	Friday 16th October
Parent/carers consultation week	w/b Mon 19th October
Harvest Festival	Weds 21st October
Children in need day	Friday 13th November
Anti-bullying week	w/b Monday 16th November
Winter Fayre	Weds 25th November 3:45pm
Y4-6 Christmas Production	Weds 2nd/Thurs 3rd Dec after school
Y3 Carols and crafts	Weds 2nd December pm
Y3-6 All Saint's Christmas Experience	Mon 7th December
Reception nativity	Weds 9th December
Nursery singalong	Thurs 10th December
Y1/2 Church Service	Friday 11th December
Whole school Theatre experience	Mon 14th December
Class Christmas Party	Thursday 17th December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 18th December
INSET—school closed to pupils	Monday 4th January
INSET—school closed to pupils	Friday 5th February
INSET—school closed to pupils	Friday 30th April
Y5 residential	Weds 5th—Fri 7th May
Y6 residential	Mon 10th—Thurs 13th May
INSET—school closed to pupils	Monday 19th July
INSET—school closed to pupils	Tuesday 20th July