



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19/12/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful way to end a brilliant term! This week, our Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Sherman Theatre to see a brilliant production of *Alice in Wonderland*. Meanwhile, Chaplin's Theatre Company delighted our younger children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 with their version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Both productions were amazing, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the themes and performances. We were also treated to a wonderful *Nativity* concert expertly performed by our stars in Nursery and Reception, bringing festive joy to us all.

A huge thank you to the PTA for their tireless work in raising funds that allow events like these to take place. The PTA also magically arranged for Santa Claus to visit the school and hand-deliver a surprise present to each pupil. Children, young and old, as well as adults, were truly spellbound by his presence.

Applications for Reception Places for September 2026:

Starting primary school is an exciting time for children and parents alike, but it can also be a stressful period while decisions are made and applications processed. Please be aware that the closing date for Reception admissions for September 2026 is **23rd January 2026**. If you would like to visit our school before making your decision, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Please keep the following important points in mind when applying:

- A school place will not be offered unless you make an application.
- Listing the same school more than once does not increase your chances of securing a place.
- Having a sibling already at the school does not guarantee a place, but please include their details on your application.
- Attending the nursery attached to your preferred school does not guarantee a Reception place; a new application must be made.
- Late applications can seriously reduce the chance of securing a place, so please note the closing date.
- Apply online via the Vale of Glamorgan Council

website: <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Polite Reminders:

- Please do not bring dogs onto the school site unless they are assistance dogs, as this is a safety risk.
- Please continue to park safely and considerately around the school.
- Morning registration for Reception to Year 6 begins promptly at **8:55 am**. Please ensure your child arrives on time.
- Jewellery (except small stud earrings on non-PE days) and acrylic nails are not permitted as they can hinder writing and presents a health and safety risk.
- Hair accessories should be in school colours (navy and white).
- All children must wear the correct school uniform, including on PE days. PE kit consists of a plain navy jumper/hoodie, plain blue leggings or joggers, and white t-shirts. No logos are allowed except for the school logo.
- Only black shoes or trainers are permitted on uniform days. On PE days, black or white trainers are preferred.
- As a healthy school, we only allow fruit at snack time and water in drinks bottles.

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Attendance:

Our attendance for this term is **93.35%**. Authorised absences (sickness, medical appointments) stand at **4.59%**, and unauthorised absences (holidays) at **2.05%**. Compared to this time last year, when full autumn term attendance was **94.3%**, authorised absences were **3.47%**, and unauthorised absences **2.24%**, we note a slight dip overall but are pleased that unauthorised absences have decreased.

Thank you to all families who have avoided booking holidays during term time. We look forward to continuing to improve attendance throughout the academic year.

Online Safety:

Many pupils may receive new phones, consoles, or tablets for Christmas. We strongly encourage you to use parental controls and safety features to ensure your child's online experience is safe.

Please remember that pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones on the school site. All phones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day and will be kept securely until home time.

Throughout this term, the children have been fantastic. They have worked hard and shown great respect to both peers and adults. We are all very proud of their efforts. Our Year 6 pupils led us in today's annual Christingle service, which was the perfect way to end the term—Diolch Year 6, you are simply the best!

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on **Monday 5th January**.

Merry Christmas!

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 90.36%
which is well below our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in red

5th Jan – Start of term for all pupils

23rd Jan – PTA – Wear what you love – Dantes Dwynwen – Non-uniform day – details to follow

31st Jan – Year 5 Atlantic College – final instalment due on Parent Pay

9th Feb – Year 5 London Trip – details to follow in January

11th Feb – Reception Class – Sherman Theatre trip – details to follow in January

13th Feb – Year 6 Abernant Trip – 3rd Instalment due on Parent Pay

1st Mar – Year 6 Abernant Trip – final payment due on Parent Pay

4th Mar – PTA - Silent disco – After school event – 3.30pm – 6pm – details to follow

Thank you all for donating to the
'Save the Children' Charity,
we raised £142.02



We would like to thank the PTA for yet again funding the
Sherman Theatre and Chaplin's Panto for the children –
They thoroughly enjoyed it!



Please note:

We will be coming back on Week 3 for the food menu in January,
many thanks (menus are at the bottom of this newsletter)

Highlights of the week...

Well done to all of our star performers in Nursery and Reception! We think you will agree that the children performed beautifully and we are so proud of them all! They sang loudly, spoke their lines clearly and performed their actions enthusiastically! A wonderful end to the term!



Reception and Nursery Continued



Year 1 DJ have had such a busy week. They all gave fantastic presentations speaking about their lives and how special they are. They also made and ate delicious Christmas cookies! Yummy!



Year 1-2 loved watching the younger children in their nativity.
Then we made snowmen pictures using lots of 2d shapes.



Year 2 ES have had a wonderful, festive week! 🎄 All of Year 2 enjoyed watching our Christmas pantomime Little Red Riding Hood 🦊. We also had a very exciting visit from Father Christmas – thank you for our lovely presents! We have also been busy making Christmas tree ornaments to take home ✨



Year 2- pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomime and receiving an early present from Santa who came to visit them in class



Year 3 had a wonderful time watching Alice: Return to Wonderland at the Sherman Year 4 have been busy using their skills they have been taught in NBL to make festive crafts 🧶 Pupils were captivated by what was a fabulous performance and enjoyed watching the talented performers 🎤 🎬



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Year 5 had a wonderful trip to the Sherman theatre to see Alice's return to Wonderland. The Christmas spirits were high with Santa driving our coach to the theatre and leading a sing along to start us off. Then on to watch a wonderful performance enjoyed by all.

Sherman Theatre Visit



We are very proud of Year 6 today for leading a beautiful Christingle Service, such a lovely way to end the term. 🎄



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Adult Community Learning team will soon be running a 'Digital Skills for Parents' programme at Sully Primary School. This course will start on Wednesday 14th January between 9.15am - 11.15am and will run for 5 weeks.

If you are interested in joining this course please could you let me know by email me at HarriesS8@hwbcymru.net

Kind regards

Shelley Harries, Deputy Headteacher

Adult Community Learning in the Vale

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adult community learning in the vale
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Vale of Glamorgan
BRO MORGANNWG

Vale Learning Centre
Canolfan Ddysgu'r Fro

SCHOOLS FAMILY ADVICE SOUTH WALES

Citizens Advice Cardiff & Vale provide free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of areas including debt, benefits, housing, employment and family.

If you or your family need help, please scan the QR code and complete the referral form and one of our team will be in touch.

CONTACT US

02921 111272
moondance@cacv.org.uk
Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm





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SULLY VILLAGE

CAROL SERVICE

6 pm Sunday 21 Dec

*Refreshments & Carol Singing
at the Old School to follow*

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm All Ages

11pm Candlelight Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

11am Holy Eucharist with Carols

ALL WELCOME

at

St John the Baptist, Sully



FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL



Courtesy of Cadoxton Youth Project

Saturday 20th December 2025



At Victoria Park Community Centre. CF63 1JY.

Please reserve your meal by Wednesday 10th

Dec. by phoning Rita on 07471 766623

FREE FOOD BAGS.

* Traditional Christmas meal
and mixers.

There are only 100 places avail-
able, so booking is essential.

Children under 16 years of age
must be accompanied by an
adult.

* Vegetarians are welcome.

Doors open 6.00pm

**FREE selection box
for kids!**



**NAME THE COUN-
TRY FLAG AND
FOOD DISH COM-
PETITION**



**FANCY DRESS
FACE PAINTING
RAFFLE**

All proceeds from the raffle goes to Ty Hafan, Marie curie, Macmillan and our chosen charities.

Thanks carol

Cadoxton Youth Project is supported by:



CLARE FOODS



GLOBAL FOOD



As we approach the winter season, the Welsh Blood Service is looking for more blood donors to give the best gift.

This year we are telling the story of Hannah, who received blood and platelet transfusions during her childhood cancer treatments. Hannah has now made a full recovery and wants to share her story.

Hannah's story: <https://www.welsh-blood.org.uk/seeing-is-believing-25-26/>

Hannah's story (video): <https://youtu.be/UbEVjdSUZSU>



Currently, blood stock levels of O-, the universal blood type, are lower than we'd like. So, we really need support to get the word out.

Key Facts to remember:

- 1 blood donation can save 3 lives, or 6 newborn babies.
- Our hospitals need us to collect 350 donations every day.
- Only 3% of the eligible population in Wales donate blood.

You, or someone you know, may need blood one day.

Booking link: <https://wbs.wales/ValeofGlamorgan>

If you'd like to support us, please let me know and I can send over personalised content, and a personalised booking link 😊

Thanks,
Laura

December & January donation clinics:

Fri 05 Dec 25	Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys
Mon 15 Dec 25	University Hospital Llandough
Tue 16 Dec 25	Barry Arts Memo Centre
Wed 17 Dec 25	Barry Arts Memo Centre
Mon 22 Dec 25	Llantwit Major Leisure Centre
Tue 30 Dec 25	Copthorne Hotel
Wed 07 Jan 26	Barry Arts Memo Centre
Mon 19 Jan 26	Leisure Centre, Cowbridge



Vale of Glamorgan – The Inclusion Service - September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the first term of the new academic year. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer holiday, and the children are refreshed and looking forward to a new year of learning.

We will be sending you termly newsletters via your school communication system to update you with attendance reminders, support that you can access and any updates you need to be aware of.

The Welsh Government have been clear that any child who has attendance below 90% is persistently absent from school. This means that any child with attendance below 90% in July will have missed a minimum of 19 school days.

Regular school attendance is vital to ensure your child does not miss out on lessons, support and social activities held within the school day. Missing school can also impact your child's future earnings. Data has shown that persistently absent pupils in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance. For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of £750 in future lifetime earnings.

This year, in line with other Local Authorities in Wales, any unauthorised holiday taken in term time could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of a £60 fine per child per parent. We support schools not authorising holidays due to the impact of lost learning and the opportunity to enjoy family days in school holidays.

We have launched our new parent Padlet which will help parents/carers understand more about our service as well as what support is available if you need it. Lots of advice and guidance can also be found – please scan the QR code to access the Padlet.



We hope your child settles into the new school year and enjoys all the lovely opportunities our schools have to offer. Don't forget to speak to your child's teacher/head of year if you have any concerns.

Best wishes



SINGING LESSONS

Partner/ small group lessons in Sully Primary School during the school day, working towards exams and performances.

Only £10/week!

www.AscendenceTheatreArts.co.uk
AscendenceTheatreArts@gmail.com



Harp lessons from Year 2 and up:
If you would like your child to take part in harp lessons please contact Eluned on:

elunedtheharpist@btinternet.com

We also have a school harp for pupils to practice with.

Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Cello Lessons

The cello teacher with Cardiff and Vale Music Education currently has space for cello lessons at the school. Upon signing up for lessons you would be able to loan a cello for free, and have the opportunity to join one of the ensembles after a term or two. If you are interested please sign up for tuition here <https://www.cfmusiceducation.co.uk/learn-to-play/sign-up-for-tuition/> or contact the cello teacher Tabitha by her email SelleyT9@hwbcymru.net

Week 1

Monday

Main Meal: Cheesy Pasta Bake served with a Medley of Green Vegetables & Garlic Bread

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding of the day: Welsh Yogurt served with Fruit Slices

Tuesday

Main Meal: Pork Meatballs in Gravy or Veggie Balls in Gravy served with Mashed Potato, Carrots, Peas & Cabbage

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Oat Cookie or Shortbread served with Fruit Slices

Wednesday

Main meal: BBQ Chicken topped with Cheese or BBQ Quorn Fillet topped with Cheese served with Mixed Grain Savoury Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli & Salad with Crusty Bread

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Fruit Jelly and Fruit Slices

Thursday

Main Meal: Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet served with New & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Broccoli & Gravy

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Ice Cream & Peach Slices

Friday

Main meal: Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers served with Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Peas or Side Salad

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Chocolate Sponge & Custard with Fruit Slices

Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.
Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

Week Commencing

2/6/25, 30/6/25, 1/9/25, 29/9/25, 24/11/25, 5/1/26, 2/2/26, 2/3/26



Week 2

Monday

Main meal: Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Salad & Coleslaw

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad & Coleslaw

Pudding: Welsh Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

Tuesday

Main meal: Beef Bolognaise or Vegetarian Bolognaise served with Pasta, Broccoli & Side Salad

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with Side Salad

Pudding: Chocolate Cake with Fruit Slices

Wednesday

Main meal: Homemade Chicken Curry or Vegetable & Lentil Curry served with Multi Grain Rice & Peas

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Fruit Jelly served with Fruit Slices

Thursday

Main meal: Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Cauliflower & Gravy

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: American Pancake served with Peach Slices

Friday

Main meal: Salmon Bites or Quorn Dippers served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Side Salad

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Chocolate Crispy Cake served with Fruit Slices

Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.

Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

Week Commencing

9/6/25, 7/7/25, 8/9/25, 6/10/25, 3/11/25, 1/12/25, 12/1/26, 9/2/26, 9/3/26



Week 3

Monday

Main meal: Tomato Pasta Bake served with Peas, Sweetcorn & Side Salad

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Welsh Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

Tuesday

Main meal: Beef Meatballs in Gravy or Vegan Meatballs in Gravy served with Wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Oat Cookie or Shortbread served with Fruit Slices

Wednesday

Main meal: Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage, Omelette, Beans, Tomato, Hash Brown & Mushrooms

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Fruit Jelly served with Fruit Slices

Thursday

Main meal: Slow Cooked Beef or Diced Quorn with Carrots in a Yorkshire Pudding served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Cabbage & Gravy

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Ice Cream served with Fruit Slices

Friday

Main meal: Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Quorn Fishless Fingers served with Chips, Peas, Salad & Coleslaw

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with Side Salad & Coleslaw

Pudding: Date & Orange Brownie served with Fruit Slices

Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.

Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

Week Commencing

16/6/25, 14/7/25, 15/9/25, 13/10/25, 10/11/25, 8/12/25, 19/1/26, 16/2/26, 16/3/26



Week 4

Monday

Main meal: Neapolitan Pasta Bake served with Cheese, Broccoli & Green Beans

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Welsh Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

Tuesday

Main meal: Beef Burger or Veggie Burger served with Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad & Coleslaw

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad & Coleslaw

Pudding: Fruit Yoghurt served with Fruit Slices

Wednesday

Main meal: Beef Chilli or Vegetarian Chilli served with Mixed Grain Rice & Potato Wedges served with Salad & Coleslaw

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad & Coleslaw

Pudding: Cheese & Crackers served with Fruit Slices

Thursday

Main meal: Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet served with Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Cauliflower & Gravy

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Pancake served with Peach Slices

Friday

Main meal: Salmon Bites or Quorn Dippers served with New Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans & Salad

Alternative: Assorted Baguettes or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad

Pudding: Chocolate Sponge & Custard served with Fruit Slices

Daily Dessert alternatives of Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.

Unlimited wholemeal bread available daily.

Week Commencing

23/6/25, 21/7/25, 22/9/25, 20/10/25, 17/11/25, 15/12/25, 26/1/26, 23/2/26, 23/3/26



**Allergen information to accompany this menu
is held in the Kitchen and available upon request.**

**Please contact your school for a special diet request form if your child has
specialist dietary needs.**

We aim to provide a healthy balanced school meal for every pupil.