



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17/10/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to meet with their child's class teacher this week. We had an excellent turnout, with over 98% of our families attending. If you were unable to attend, it is not too late—please contact the school to arrange a convenient time for a telephone consultation. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to build a strong partnership of support and challenge, helping your family get the very best from your child's education.

Following the receipt of more than three candidates for the role of parent governor, a secret ballot was held to fill the three vacancies on our Board of Governors at Sully Primary School. We are pleased to announce that Miss Rebecca Pereira, Mr Aaron Ellis, and Mr Owen Neil were elected as parent governors. We look forward to welcoming them to all future meetings.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Shw Mae Day, a special occasion dedicated to promoting and celebrating the Welsh language. Throughout the day, children were encouraged to start each conversation with "Shw Mae" (which means "Hi there" in Welsh). Our pupils eagerly embraced the challenge and demonstrated great confidence and ability in speaking Welsh throughout the day.

We will be hosting our annual book fayre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and warmly invite you to visit with your child and explore the wonderful selection of books available.

Next week is the final week of this half term. The school will close on Friday, 24th October, and will reopen to pupils on Monday, 3rd November.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 95.22%
which is above our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in red

20th – 22nd October – Book fair after school until 4:15pm
22/10/25 – PTA – Halloween disco – details below, consent on Parent Pay
23/10/25 – Y6 – Evacuee day – Dress up as evacuees
24/10/25 – Deadline for Y6 deposit for Abernant – On Parent Pay
26/10/25 – Deadline for Photo orders – Colorfoto - orders@clickfoto.co.uk
31/10/25 – Deadline for Y5 deposit for Atlantic College – On Parent Pay
24/10/25 – Last day of term – Pupils back on Mon 3rd November
06/11/25 – NHS - Flu nasal spray – Please complete consent form (below)
before this date, no consent form/no spray. Classes from Reception to Year 6
(Not Nursery)

We're excited to announce that the Book Fair will be returning to Sully Primary School from **Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd October 2025.**

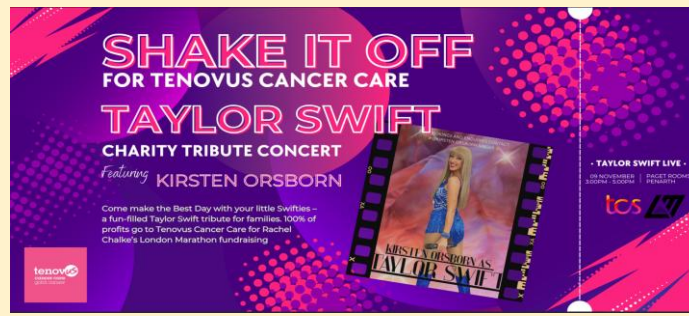
The Fair will take place in the school hall each day, straight after school until 4:15pm.

Please note that the Book Fair will be cashless. All purchases must be made online using a QR code, which will be clearly displayed in the hall during the event.

Our very own PTA Chair, Rachel Chalke, is going to be taking on the incredible London Marathon next year and raising funds for Tenovus Cancer Care in the process.

We are hosting a Taylor Swift Tribute concert as part of the fundraising campaign and would love to see as many faces from Sully School as possible. Tickets are available on Eventbrite and start from £10.

<https://taylorswifttributepenarth.eventbrite.com>



PTA Halloween Disco - Weds 22nd October - Please consent on Parent Pay.

Nursery and Reception classes on Wednesday 22nd October, 2pm-3pm can come to school in their fancy-dress outfits. Morning nursery pupils are welcome to return for the disco if accompanied by the parent/carer.

Years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Full school uniform during the day - Fancy dress for the disco.

Years 4, 5 & 6 - 5pm - 6pm - Full school uniform during the day - Fancy dress for the disco.



Sully Primary School will now be using the ARBOR MIS System for all messaging, clubs, trips and attendance. Parent Pay will still be used for school lunches.

If not already done so, to set up your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to <https://sully-primary-school.cymru.arbor.education/> clicking on '**Forgotten Password?**' and following the instructions on screen.

Your username is your email address.

If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions, please contact Sully Primary 02920 530377.

Reporting your child's absence:

You can now report your child's absence via our new MIS system called ARBOR.

Once logged on, click on the orange box 'Quick Actions' then click attendance and then click the green box (on top right) 'Log absence' or alternatively you can email us on office@sullyschool.co.uk or telephone: 02920 530377

Please remember to cancel any pre-booked meals if your child is unwell – thank you.

Please note: Due to a technical fault with the new MIS Arbor System, we will be continuing to collect trip money and purchasing of the school badges via Parent Pay until further notice.



Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives



Nyrsgol Ysgol | School Nursing
BSP Caerdydd a'r Fro i Cardiff & Vale UHB

September 2025

Help keep your child well this winter – make sure they have their flu vaccine.

Dear parent or guardian,

The School Nursing Team will visit your child's school soon. It's very important to protect your child from flu, to make sure they stay as healthy as possible.

Click here to fill in and return the online consent form as soon as possible and at least 5 days before the flu school session.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyijgkCoVkJM8ntyProwc0tRo7SIFodPD07y1M5RUQ1BFV0hZQkcwV0c4UzNWQjMzS01SVFI1Ri4u>



Further information and school dates can be found on the website below:

[Flu vaccine in schools: information for parents - Cardiff and Vale University Health Board](#)

NHS recommends that your child has a flu vaccination every year.

We welcome correspondence and phone calls in Welsh. We will respond to correspondence in Welsh without delay.

Yours faithfully,

School Nursing Immunisation Team
Riverside Health Centre
Email: Immunisation.CavuhbSchoolNursing@wales.nhs.uk
Tel: 02920 907661/664

After you have returned the consent form, please contact the School Nursing Immunisation Team on 02920 907661/664 before the vaccination session if:

- there are any changes to your child's health, or
- their asthma medication is increased, or
- they are prescribed oral steroids, or
- they become wheezy.

Highlights of the week...

Nursery enjoyed exploring the Nursery with their families during our Come and Play sessions.



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Reception have fully embraced their Nature Based Learning this week. They have been helping to weed the flower beds, plant bulbs and tidy up the outdoor area. The children loved finding minibeasts hiding in the plants. Their favourites were the worms and the grasshopper. We talked about how we can take care of our outdoor area.



Year 1DJ continued learning about life in Japan by having a class discussion about the practice of osoji where children clean their school at the end of each day. They loved cleaning the class and thought it was a good idea.



Year 1-2 enjoyed su mae day! We danced to the Mr Urdd song - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVbNF3h5_dM and enjoyed speaking Welsh 👍





Year 2 had a great time celebrating Shwmae Day, proudly using their Welsh and joining in with fun activities. They also loved making mini beasts from natural materials during nature-based learning. All the children showed lots of creativity 🌿 🐞



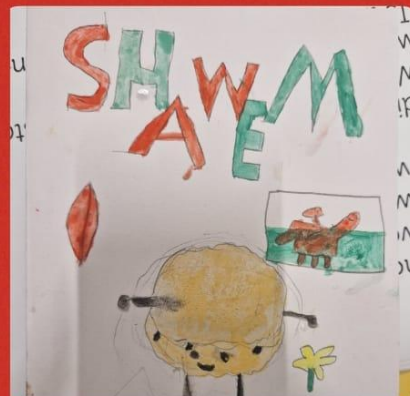
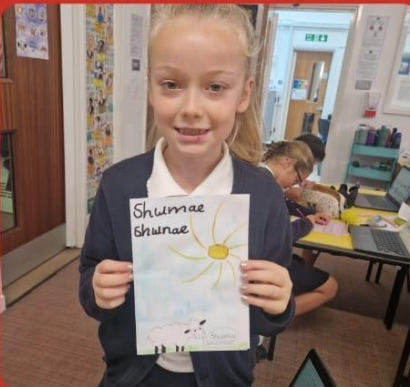
Year 2/3 ALB and Y3JE were very curious about why leaves change colour in autumn. They enjoyed finding autumn leaves to create their very own autumn wreath.



Year 4 had a wonderful 'museum' experience determining if artefacts were primary or secondary sources. The highlight of the session was a talk and workshop lead by parents. They had been on a Roman archaeological dig and allowed the children to handle primary sources of evidence to help deepen their understanding of the past.



Year 5 celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae by making greeting cards to send to friends and family, celebrating the Welsh language.





Year 6 created posters in the style of Welsh artist Swci Delic to celebrate Shw Mae Day, and also made videos of themselves speaking Welsh using Adobe.



October Half Term Holiday Activity Programme 2025

The Family Information Service are bringing you a whole week of frightfully fun activities this October! From Halloween discos and creepy craft sessions to spooky skating sessions, toddler-friendly Halloween spooktacular play, and even some ghoulish surprises. There's something for every little monster (and grown-up goblin) across the Vale of Glamorgan.

📍 Free and low-cost events | 🎪 Activities for all ages | 🎃 Halloween fun guaranteed!
❄️ Whether you're looking for thrills, chills, or just some autumnal fun, we've got you covered. Check out our Halloween programme.

Contact the Family Information Service (FIS) for information on childcare, help with childcare costs (including the Childcare Offer for 3 to 4yr olds), activities and services for children and young people (including The Index for children with disabilities or additional needs):

<http://bit.ly/4oiRwT1> English

<http://bit.ly/4h7ppnw> Welsh

Family Information Service / Gwasanaethau Gwybodaeth I Deuluoedd y Fro
Vale of Glamorgan Council / Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
01446 704704
FIS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT
COLLI'R YSGOL COLLI ALLAN

We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time everyday.
- Do not book holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your contact details.
- If your child cannot attend school, parents **MUST** contact the school on the morning of the absence

Did you know.....

- Your child's school expect them to attend everyday.
- That an attendance of 90% is 127 hours of lost learning.
- Attendance below 90% could result in a referral to the inclusion service, a fixed penalty notice or an Education Supervision Order.

Vale Of Glamorgan Inclusion Service Newsletter, September 2025.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go to school for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school, on time, increases learning and social opportunities.

Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)

An FPN can be issued for 10 unauthorised sessions per term. This is the equivalent to 5 school days. Schools can now request an FPN for holidays taken during term time

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school, celebrate their successes and listen to their worries.

If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact school first so that staff can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Please scan the QR code for further information



Unauthorised absences.

Unauthorised absences are codes...
O, U and G.

There are **175 days** non school days in a year. Please try and book medical appointments in those days or outside of school hours

Please ensure your child arrives on time to start school!

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.