



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12/06/26

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to the PTA and to everyone who supported our summer fete last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils (past and present) — and parents — enjoying themselves. Your time and support at events like this are greatly valued.

The weather has been very changeable this week and next week's forecast looks similar. Please remember to pack, or remind your child to bring, a coat to school each day. We believe it is important for pupils to get outside for fresh air and play even when it's slightly showery, but we do not want them to be wet or sitting in damp clothes. Staff will supervise outdoor play carefully and bring pupils inside if the weather becomes unsuitable.

Staffing update for September:

I am pleased to confirm that recruitment for the next academic year is now complete. The following colleagues will join us or continue in post in September:

Support staff:

Rhian Griffiths — continuing as full-time LSA (Nursery).

Allison Mitchell — commencing full-time LSA (PS2).

Ellen Cubbitt — commencing full-time Pupil Support (PS2).

Sidra Rasool — commencing part-time (0.5) Pupil Support (Nursery).

Teachers:

Helen Jones — continuing as part-time (0.5) teacher.

Evie Spencer — continuing as full-time teacher.

Poppy Davies — commencing short-term teacher (secondment cover — 2 academic terms).

Georgina Mavrakis — commencing part-time (0.4) teacher.

Lots of highlights this week including Year 2 undertaking their road safety sessions, Year 6 attending a singing event in Stanwell and Year 5's continuation of their swimming lessons. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who volunteer their time to support these activities — it is much appreciated by pupils and staff alike.

Attendance this week has been extremely low. A large proportion of which is due to unauthorised absences. Please work with us in ensuring your child attends school every day (when fully fit) and avoid booking holidays/trips during term time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 91.77%
which is very below our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in **red**

19-06-26 PTA Marvellous Men Sale – details below

23-06-26 Class ALB & JE Odeon Cinema Trip – **Please consent on Parent Pay**

24-06-26 Y5 Beach School – 1.30pm – 3pm

25-06-26 (Change of date from 19/06) Reception class Techniquet trip –
Please consent on Parent Pay

25-06-26 PS2 (Year 1, 2 and 3) Sports Day (9.30am - 11.30am)

25-06-26 PS3 (Year 4, 5 and 6) Sports Day (1.30pm - 3.00pm)

25-06-26 Stanwell Open Evening

26-06-26 Reception Sports Day (9.30am - 10.30am)

26-06-26 Nursery Sports Day (11.00am - 11.30am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm)

26-06-26 Stanwell Transition Day – **Parents to drop off at 9.15 and parents to pick up at 2pm – lunch provided**

30-06-26 Back up Sports Day Reception (9.30am – 10.30am)

30-07-26 Back up Sports Day Nursery (11am – 11.30am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm)

01-07-26 Y6 PE Day at Stanwell School – Parents drop off at 9.15am and coach return to school at 12pm – Please consent on Parent Pay

02-07-26 Back up Sports Day PS2 & PS3 (9.30am – 11.30am)

06-07-26 Y6 Expressive Arts Event at Stanwell School – **Parents drop off at 9.15am and coach return to school at 12.30pm – Please consent on Parent Pay**

08-07-26 Y5 Beach School – 1.30pm – 3pm

13-07-26 Y5 Enterprise Event – Stanwell School – Parents drop off at 9.15am and coach return to school at 12.30pm – Please consent on Parent Pay

17-07-26 – Last day of Summer Term for all pupils

We are looking for relief Mid-Day Supervisors to cover sickness, please email the office on office@sullyschool.co.uk if interested, many thanks.

The PTA Marvellous Men Sale will take place in school on Friday 19th June. We are looking for volunteers to help the children choose, buy, and bag items at the sale. If you can help, even for an hour, please email sullypta@gmail.com to let us know.

We have lots of lovely new items available for the children to buy, priced between 50p and £3 per item. If your child wishes to buy gift(s) for the Marvellous Men in their life, please send them to school on the 19th with their money in an envelope, clearly marked with their name and class.

As always, any profit made from the sale will go towards buying resources for the children.

Thanks for your support

Sully PTA

Free Welsh Taster Classes

*Are you interested in learning a bit of Welsh? Aberystwyth University have free **Welsh at Home courses at Taster level** for parents and carers of children in the Vale of Glamorgan. We have a Monday evening class running from 6 - 7.30 for 5 weeks starting on the 8th of June. We also have a Wednesday morning class running from 9.30 - 11 for 5 weeks starting on 3rd June. The links to register for these free classes are here and in the attached poster:*

Monday evening: [Monday Welsh at Home](#)

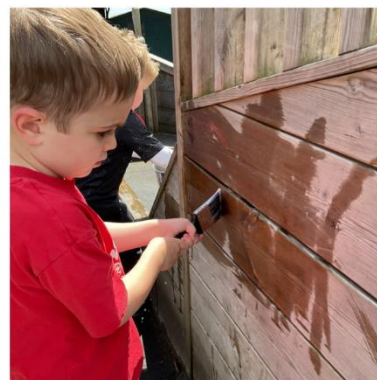
Wednesday morning; [Wednesday Welsh at Home](#)

If you need more information before registering, please contact Olwen Morus on olm25@aber.ac.uk.

Highlights of the week...

Nursery have enjoyed exploring a variety of mark-making activities this week.

We have been busy practising writing our names and numbers using the correct formations. They explored writing on the whiteboard, with paint and chalk and in sand, foam and with water.





Reception were very excited to find lots of red, ripe strawberries in our vegetable garden.

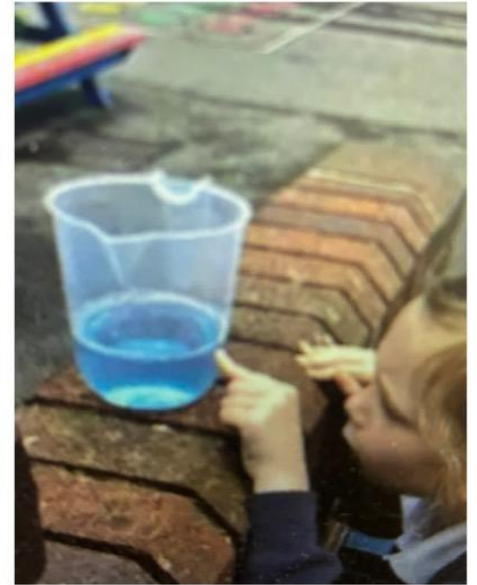
The children carefully picked the ripe strawberries, they gave them a good wash and we shared them out! Everyone thought they were delicious!



Year 1DJ had lots of fun preparing our raised beds for planting up lots of veg and some flowers. We've planted lettuces, radishes, carrots, nasturtiums and sunflowers. We're now hoping for some sun to get them growing!



Year 1-2 have been busy learning about time - days of the week months of the year and units of time. In our outdoor learning we have been learning about capacity and reading scales on the measuring containers.



This week, Year 2 have enjoyed taking part in their first Road Safety sessions outside of school. The children listened carefully and followed instructions sensibly. They have also enjoyed exploring different types of sound and discussing how sounds can make us feel. To finish the week, the children recreated artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, using a range of shapes, lines and patterns to express sound through art 🎨 🖌️





This week, our Year 2/3 and Year 3 pupils enjoyed a wonderful nature and mini-beast hunt outdoors alongside our Reception pupils.

🌳 🌸 🔍 🐛 It was lovely to see the older pupils showing kindness and care towards the younger children, supporting them and leading their learning. 🌿

As part of their inquiry, pupils also explored the force of magnets by creating their own magnetic fishing games. They had lots of fun working with their peers, testing their creations, and discovering how magnets can be used in a fun, hands-on way.



Year 4 have been learning about sustainable eating and sustainable transport as part of this term's inquiry.

Eating sustainably helps prevent climate change, and global warming. The things you eat can affect animals as well.

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SUSTAINABLY!

eat Sustainably

• USING FOOD IN SEASON
Using goods in season often need much less energy to grow and look after. Fruit is often grown in hot climates!

• GROW YOUR OWN FOOD!
If you grow your own fruit and veg, it doesn't have to travel at all! This means that you get your...

• EATING LESS

| Foods (***) | Place of origin | Food miles (miles) | Rounded to nearest 10 (miles) | nearest 100 (miles) | nearest 1,000 (miles) |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| chicken | The Netherlands | 221 | 220 | 200 | 0 |
| beef | Ireland | 228 | 230 | 200 | 0 |
| bananas | Costa Rica | 5,424 | 5,420 | 5,400 | 5,000 |
| grapes | South Africa | 5,608 | 5,610 | 5,600 | 6,000 |
| potatoes | Germany | 578 | 580 | 600 | 0 |
| soya beans | Canada | 3,332 | 3,330 | 3,300 | 3,000 |
| herbs and spices | Madagascar | 5,650 | 5,650 | 5,700 | 6,000 |
| nuts | Vietnam | 5,737 | 5,740 | 5,700 | 6,000 |

Save our planet... Stop global warming... Buy local... Eat in season

Remember that every piece of food matters.

Reducing food waste help save water, energy, land, and wildlife habitats.

• Bring a reusable lunch box and water bottle.

Reusing items helps reduce waste.

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FINISH IT!

Finish the good on your plate

Finishing your food means it won't waste all that good that was given to you. Not getting rid of lots helps the world. Less things in landfill and more things e...

Choose goods that don't have to go around the world. Choose local goods because if they have to go around the world they cost little and are giving off lots of greenhouse gases.

Choose foods that are in season. Food that is in season means that it will have less energy...

Year 5 have continued to enjoy their swimming lessons this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children growing in confidence and developing their skills in the water.

As well as improving their swimming ability, the children have been learning important water safety and lifesaving skills. This week, they experienced swimming while wearing lightweight clothing, helping them understand how this can affect movement in the water. They also learned about safe places to swim, beach safety flags, and how to make sensible choices around water.

We are very proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitudes the children have shown throughout these lessons.



Year 6 had a wonderful time visiting Stanwell School for a singing event. They enjoyed taking part in a range of singing and dancing activities and were treated to a special sneak peek of Be Our Guest from the upcoming Beauty and the Beast junior production! 🌹 🎵





**Cycle Skills
Training for
Children**

9+

**Summer
Holidays**

Introduction to Road Riding

4-day course in Penarth 10am-12pm

- **Tues 28th to Fri 31st July**
- **Tues 4th to Fri 7th August**
- **Tues 11th to Fri 14th August**

Pedal Power instructors

£120 (own bike) / £140 (bike provided)

 **training@cardiffpedalpower.org.uk**

 **02920 390713**



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Penarth *Literary* Festival.

19 - 21 June 2026



Even if the sun is hiding this week, we're feeling the summer vibes here at Griffin Books. And of course the arrival of summer means that the festival season is almost upon us!

There are just **THREE WEEKS** until the start of **Penarth Literary Festival** and we're delighted to reveal the full programme, including additional speakers, events for children and a seminar for adults.

The Festival will run from **Friday 19 - Sunday 21 June**, with events on the Saturday and Sunday taking place in Penarth's gorgeous Belle Vue Park Pavilion, on Albert Road, just a stone's throw from the bookshop.

Book your tickets today and join us for the most delightful literary weekend!

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

Please note the specific venues for events on Friday 19 June.



{Children's Event}

STORYTIME with Rhian Wright
and Sweetpea Magee

10.30 - 11.30 am

Griffin Books, Penarth

Get ready for a splash-tastic adventure! Join children's author and illustrator Rhian Wright for a very special Festival Storytime and live draw-along to celebrate the release of her new picture book, Sweetpea Magee: Mermaid Expert.

For children aged 2-5 years.

Find Out More

Click [here](#) for further details



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Wyndham Street, Barry

10-
11.30am
Fridays
(term-
time)

Do you care for a child up to five years old with additional or emerging needs?

Come along to our group for a cuppa and a chat with other parents, carers and education professionals while the children play.

No diagnosis or referral needed – just drop in

For more information text or call:
07596 889100



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EVERYONE WELCOME - JUST POP IN!

DROP-IN CLASSES

String Steps for 3-8 year olds
11:30am-12:30pm
Thinking about group violin? Come and see what it's all about!





🌈 Summer Programme 🌈

A friendly neurodiverse youth group for young people aged 9–13 (Years 4, 5, 6 & 7)

What is Spectrum Squad?

Spectrum Squad is a welcoming, inclusive youth group where neurodiverse young people can **be themselves**, make friends, and enjoy spending time with others who understand their experiences. We create a relaxed, supportive environment focused on **connection, confidence and fun**, especially supporting young people as they transition between primary and secondary school.

What happens in sessions?

Each session has a **gentle theme**, with lots of **free-choice activities**, including:

- 🧱 LEGO challenges
- 🎨 Arts and crafts
- 🎮 Games and social activities
- 🍪 Making snacks
- 😌 Relaxed hang-out time

Summer term dates

Sessions will run in Room 1 of Penarth Methodist Church, Woodland Place, Penarth, CF64 2EX from 18:15 – 19:30:

20 April ✅ First session FREE (to try it out) 11 May 📅 £30 per young person for the term

1 June 15 June

29 June

Who runs Spectrum Squad?

Sessions are led by a **qualified youth worker**, supported by **trained, DBS-checked volunteers** with experience of working with neurodiverse young people.

Want to find out more?

For a friendly, no-pressure chat, contact **Hannah Woods**

📞 07896 863174

✉️ hannah@outofthewoods.ltd.uk

👉 Or join our **Spectrum Squad Facebook Group** [here](#) for updates and information.



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& Mental Health
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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.





SINGING LESSONS

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

Only £10/week!

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AscendanceTheatreArts@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.