



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12/09/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back over the past two weeks and to see them settle smoothly into the school routine. During this time, the pupils have been engaged in their short-term 'Identity and Belonging' projects. The work they have produced has been truly outstanding—please see the photographs below for some examples.

It has also been very rewarding to observe how well our Nursery and Reception children have settled during their first few days. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Starting Monday, pupils will begin focusing on their termly learning units. You can find the term's curriculum booklet on the school website under the '**Parents**' tab or by clicking [HERE](#). This booklet provides detailed information about each learning unit planned for the autumn term, as well as important details about home reading, homework, and key dates to remember, including our Christmas productions.

INSET days are essential for our staff to stay updated with new teaching methods and to work towards our school improvement goals. This academic year, our INSET days are scheduled as follows:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Friday 3rd October 2025
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

The Welsh Government has granted all schools an additional sixth INSET day. The date for this day is yet to be confirmed, but we will inform you as soon as it is planned.

Our school motto, '**Together Everyone Achieves More,**' is at the heart of everything we do. Collaboration is key to our success. We greatly value the views of our parents and carers and encourage you to either apply to be a parent governor or become a member of the parent forum. Governor meetings are held in the evenings once every half term. Parent forum meetings take place termly during the school day.

The closing date for receipt of parent governor nomination forms is **Tuesday 16th September 2025**. To complete your nomination form, please click the link below:

[Parent Governor Nomination Form](#)

Our parent forum meets termly to discuss ways to further improve our school for the benefit of all pupils. We warmly welcome all parents to join this forum. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 9th October at 2.30pm** in the staffroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 97.2%
which is well above our target of 95.1%**

Please contact the school office if you would like
help with any school uniform.

Please note:

Pupils are to bring a coat to school every day.
Bracelets will need removing – no jewellery is
permitted whilst doing PE.

Thank you.

Sully PTA:

We're excited to announce that all children will have the opportunity to take part in our Sponsored Obstacle Course on Friday 19th September, helping us raise funds for new equipment for every classroom in the school. These resources will be used to enhance the learning experience for all pupils, across all year groups.

This event is part of our wider fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising £10,000. Every contribution, big or small, will help us reach our target and make a real difference for every class.

Thank you for your continued support!

Highlights of the week...

Nursery have settled wonderfully into their new environment, embracing a new routine and making new friends. They have been especially busy at the creative station, creating beautiful paintings and exploring their imagination.



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Reception have had a wonderful week settling into their new classes. The children have been exploring the activities on offer. We are so proud of their resilience and curiosity!



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Year 1 DJ have had a fantastic week exploring our Learning Assets. We've built bridges, examined strange items, made towers and thought hard about our learning. Go Year 1!



We loved meeting the violin teacher and playing the violin in year 1-2.



Year 2 have had a brilliant first full week back! They've enjoyed exploring our school Learning Assets, showing resilience, curiosity, and great teamwork 🧩 🌱



Year 2/3 and Year 3 have really enjoyed their first full week in class. They have loved creating their own personal portraits which has helped us all to get to know each other better.

These portraits have made a wonderful display. 🖼️



Year 4 have created individual identity islands focussing on their interests and talents!



Y5 have been talking about their hopes and dreams for the future. We were inspired by the Little People Big Dreams books to design our own book covers for our future aspirations.



Year 6 have shown us what talented artists they are by creating amazing self-portraits inspired by the art of Romero Britto!





Winning the gold medal for children's sports classes

We take what children love to do the most (running super fast, jumping high and throwing far) and mix it with imaginative themes, learning to follow instructions, making friends, developing skills and burning energy!



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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

Great British Beach Clean

19th – 28th September



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Beach

Sully Community Beach
Clean, Sully Bay

Meeting place

Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue,
Sully

Contact your
local organiser
for more
information
about this
event

Date

20th September 2025

Organiser

Robin Lynn

Contact Details

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Time

2.00pm – 4.00pm



Sign up to this beach clean at
mcsuk.org/beach-cleans

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Sully Public Open Space Improvements Consultation

The Council carried out some previous community engagement in October 2023 and following the feedback received we are now proposing to implement the following enhancements within this green space:

- Upgrade the play area near Conybeare Road
- Install natural 'play on the way' elements, a fitness trail and nature trail throughout the adjoining public open space
- Install new seating and resting areas throughout the public open space
- Introduce signage, wayfinding and interpretative information
- Enhance biodiversity within the public open space through wildflower meadows, adjusted mowing regimes, bulb planting, native tree planting and hedgerow planting.

A drop in event will be held next Monday in the Jubilee Hall between 1:30pm and 4:30pm for people to speak to officers about the project which is being funded by Section 106 planning contributions from the new Gwel Yr Ynys housing development in Sully.

Further details about the consultation and a survey for comments can be found on our website via the link below:

[Sully Open Space Improvements | Participate Vale](#)