



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10/07/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very hot and busy week at Sully Primary School. Amongst the many highlights listed below, our children met their new teachers for next year and spent the morning in their new classrooms with their new classmates. The children, although a little anxious at first, were all happy in their new environment. A further transition morning will take place next Tuesday. Hopefully, by the end of term all the children will feel relaxed and confident about returning to school in September.

As we have discussed previously, attendance is a critical issue. If your child is not in school, they are not receiving their full education. Our target for this year is 95.1%. Our current average attendance for 25-26 is 92.7% and it is looking unlikely that we will meet the target. It is also highly possible that we will finish the academic year with a lower attendance figure than in 2024–2025. Alongside an increase in authorised absences, we are also seeing more unauthorised absences. We are particularly seeing many families taking children out of school for term-time holidays. Please consider the impact of such absences and plan family breaks during school holidays.

Please refer to the term dates and INSET days on the school website to assist with your holiday planning.

We have recently had a new telephone system installed. Some parents have told us that when we ring them the number shown on their screens appears as a London number (**020 4513 9730**). We have investigated this with the Vale of Glamorgan. Because schools are being migrated to the new system in phases, this temporary number currently appears for all Vale schools until the migration is complete.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 92.93%
which is well below our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...
Dates added/amended this week are in red

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 today

16-07-26 – Y6 Leaver's assembly – 9.30am – all welcome

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

INSET DAYS:

- Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Monday 2 November 2026
- Friday 5 February 2027
- Friday 19 March 2027
- Monday 19 July 2027
- Tuesday 20 July 2027

9th Sept – 3.30pm – Meet the teacher

Reporting your child's absence by 9am on the day:

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'

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

HEAD LICE

A case of head lice has been found throughout the school. As a matter of urgency could you please examine your child's hair for lice and nits. If your child is infected, please treat accordingly. For the current recommended treatment please check with your pharmacist, particularly if your child is asthmatic.

The best preventative measure is to comb your child's hair with a fine toothed comb at least once a week. Generous applications of the type of hair conditioner that does not require rinsing out will also help as lice cannot cling onto slippery hair.

Please ensure that long hair is tied back for school.

For more information on prevention and treatment of head lice, look on the NHS Choices webpage www.nhs.uk – head lice and treatment.

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 been busy harvesting the crops from their allotment. We dug up the potatoes and carrots and enjoyed the freshly harvested new potatoes as part of our snack.



We grated the carrots and added them to our simple cupcake recipe to create our own version of carrot cake.

Everyone was proud to taste something they had grown and prepared together.

Reception have been busy bees this week! Continuing our science investigations last week, we've been exploring melting and freezing with food. We have made our own ice lollies with fresh fruit and rice crispy cakes. The children have been brilliant with using their scientific vocabulary during our experiments. They have been brilliant scientists this week and have enjoyed tucking into their tasty treats. Da iawn Reception!

In Maths, Reception have been consolidating number and using lots of different areas in the classroom to work on their number formation in readiness for year 1!



Reception class continued:



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Year 1 DJ had a great week making their toys and games. We've had magnetic claw machines, shadow puppet theatres, shoebox guitars and magnetic racing games.





Year 1-2 enjoyed nature learning this week. We sketched the flowers and painted them using water colours. We also had a treasure hunt of finding feathers. We loved showing our teacher what fantastic bike riders we have become. Thank you so much Mrs Wood for teaching and encouraging us.

This week, Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed building and making their own games using magnetism, light or sound. We have loved seeing their cup phones, magnet mazes and shadow puppet theatres, and the children have enjoyed sharing their creations with one another





This week, Year 2/3 and Year 3 became authors, performers, and storytellers as they created and performed their very own shadow puppet theatre stories for our Reception children. They worked collaboratively to write imaginative scripts, design and make shadow puppets, and practise using expression and teamwork to bring their stories to life.

The Reception children were a wonderful audience, thoroughly enjoying the performances. Year 2/3 and Year 3 showed fantastic confidence, creativity, and responsibility as they entertained and inspired the younger children. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the kindness they showed by sharing such a special experience with others.

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Year 4 have had an amazing morning with Forces Fitness using the money they earned from their Enterprise Project. They showed great teamwork and resilience during the team building games. However, their favourite activity was the water fight, and they especially loved soaking Mrs Morgan!

Year 5 had a lovely treat on Thursday afternoon. We had a picnic on the field, enjoyed some water games and had sweet treats outside in the sunshine. We finished the afternoon off with an ice lolly.





Year 5 continued





Year 6 went on our last ever trip in Sully School to the beach, where we enjoyed making memories with our friends exploring the beach and creating pebble stacks. We had voted for our favourite biscuits which we ate at the beach and also had an ice cream when we returned to school! Thank you to our parent volunteers who came along to help.



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Year 6 Continued

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Families Learning Together



Understanding Our Emotions

Sully Primary School

Thursday 10th September - 9am

Sign up here!



Join us for a fun and interactive free course where families can learn about emotions together! Through games, creative activities, and storytelling, you'll explore different feelings and discover positive ways to understand and manage them. This course is designed for children and their Parents, Carers, or Grandparents to learn side by side. You'll work together on hands-on tasks that help you build confidence, communicate better, and develop important social and emotional skills. By the end, you'll have created your own useful tools and strategies to help you handle emotions in everyday life - All in a friendly, relaxed space where everyone is welcome.

OPEN TO YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6



CONTACT US

families@cavc.ac.uk

it's okay to feel your feelings



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SUMMER CAMP

10AM -3PM
27TH JULY-28TH
AUGUST

contact
Rob Walbyoff 07931665431

Members £17.50
Non members £22.50

Get Your Friends Playing Tennis

Fun social sessions – beginners to advanced welcome

Where: Dinas Powys Tennis Club (behind the Bowls Club)

When: **Saturdays**
20 June + 27 June + 4 July.
9am to 1pm

All rackets & balls provided, just turn up & have fun!

Contact: Rob 07931 665431 to book your place

All Ages!

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Monday - Friday

27/07/26 / 10/08/26 / 24/08/26

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10am - Wave 2
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9+

**Summer
Holidays**

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- **Tues 4th to Fri 7th August**
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*10-11 with valid ID only

For Who?

CORE A dynamic mixed-age experience for primary school children (5-11), perfect for siblings and friends to learn and explore together.

EXPLORERS Designed for Upper KS2 (8-11), allowing deeper dives into science to challenge curious minds. **FULL WEEK BOOKINGS ONLY.**

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5-11 | 8-11 | 11+

What will they do?

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History	H	Science	S

Where?

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See website for latest updates & venues

Join Us!

Whether it's a SINGLE DAY or a FULL WEEK, every moment at Mad Science Camp is packed with excitement! With flexible booking options, tailor the experience to fit your needs. Ensuring non-stop fun, hands-on learning, it's an unforgettable holiday filled with discovery.

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£45	+£50
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SCAN FOR BOOKING

GET IN TOUCH 01792 348205

Calling all future engineers, architects, and problem-solvers!

Get ready to put your creativity and STEM skills to the test with the Mad Science Family Challenge.

Can you build the tallest free-standing tower using just six sheets of paper and 15cm of tape? This is your chance to experiment, explore, and compete for an amazing prize: **a FREE week at Mad Science Camp!**

This challenge is all about thinking like a scientist, testing ideas, problem-solving, and having fun as a family. Get hands-on with real-world physics, engineering, and teamwork while pushing the limits of what paper can do!

What You'll Need

- 6 Sheets of A4 Paper
- 15cm Sticky Tape
- Measuring Tape

Rules

- Must be free standing
- As little tape as possible!
- Stand for long enough to measure!

Guidance & Deadlines

Please scan QR Code for detailed submission deadline & competition details including terms and conditions. 1 Entry per Open Competition.

How to Enter & Win!

- Build your tower.
- Measure it with a tape measure.
- Take a photo showing its height & a proof of measurement.
- Email your entry to: office@madsciencecamps.co.uk (Don't forget to add #MadScienceCamps and also @madsciencefamilychallenge).

The tallest tower wins a **FREE WEEK** at Mad Science Holiday Camp in the case of a tie, draw, missing, or tape usage not within the rules.

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Project

valenature.org

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A short accompanying message for you to use:

*Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **kids aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make a friend.*

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

🔗 Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>



Is your child finding it hard to make a friend?

The award-winning makers of The Dog House are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

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🌈 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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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.

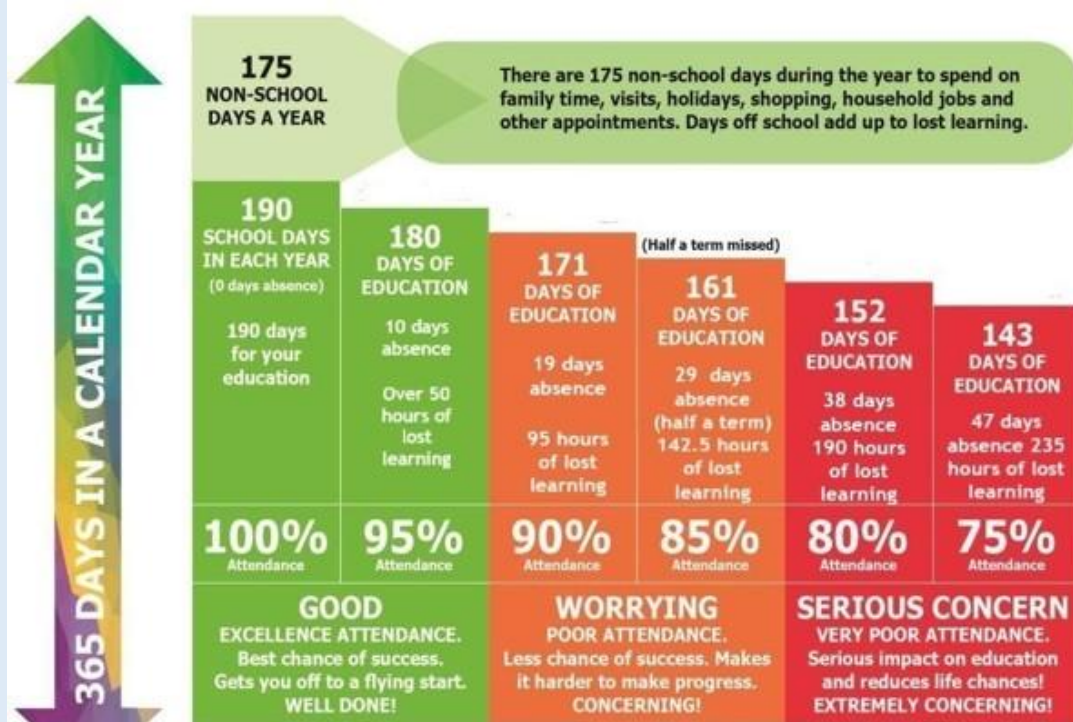


We hope your child settles into the new school year and enjoys all the lovely opportunities our schools have to offer. Don't forget to speak to your child's teacher/head of year if you have any concerns.

Best wishes

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Good attendance means being in school at least **94%** of the time or **180-190 days**.
Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.5%.



SINGING LESSONS

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

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