



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24/10/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have certainly ended the first half term of this school year with a flourish! Some of our younger children have been busy in the kitchen, preparing, cooking, and enjoying Diwali treats. They also made a delicious winter soup using vegetables harvested from our raised beds.

Meanwhile, many of our older pupils have been dedicating their lunchtimes to auditioning for roles in our upcoming PS3 Christmas production of '*Sully's Wonderful Wizard of Oz*'. We look forward to sharing this exciting event with you all.

On Wednesday, our PTA organised some fantastic Halloween discos that were enjoyed by all the children. A huge thank you to the PTA members and volunteers for their hard work and for adding an extra sparkle to our pupils' experiences.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the Sully Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families visit and purchase books. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over £500 in rewards to spend on books across the school. Diolch yn fawr!

Our average attendance for this half term stands at 94.9%, a slight decrease from 95.3% at the same time last year. We truly value your continued support in improving attendance and your commitment to your child's education by planning holidays during school breaks.

All in all, it has been an extremely busy eight weeks, and I believe both our children and staff deserve a restful and refreshing break.

School will open to both pupils and staff on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 92.9%
which is well below our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in red

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

05/11/25 – Y6 Romeo by the Sea trip – please consent on Arbor

06/11/25 – NHS - Flu nasal spray – Please click link to consent

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyjgkCoVkM8ntyProwc0tRo7SIFodPD07y1M5RUQ1BFV0hZQkcwV0c4UzNWQjMzS01SVFI1Ri4u>

before this date, no consent form/no spray. Classes from Reception to Year 6 (Not Nursery)

13/11/25 – Y6 – Evacuee day – Dress up as evacuees (postponed from 23/10)

Details of all trips will be communicated through Parent Pay.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Sully Book Fair! It was lovely to see so many of you take time to visit and purchase books. Thanks to your fantastic support we have raised over £500 worth of rewards to spend on books across the school. Diolch yn fawr!

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.

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Big Fresh Catering have a new menu starting from Monday 3rd of November – Please scroll past the Highlights for the full menu.

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.

Highlights of the week...

Nursery explored Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They created beautiful Diya lamps from clay and decorated them with bright colours. They were also busy in the kitchen making delicious Nankhatai, traditional Indian shortbread cookies.



Thank you to the PTA for organising a Halloween party! Everyone had a wonderful time! The children loved dressing up and showing each other their costumes! The children loved exploring the pumpkins. They weighed them, drew them, counted them and put them in size order.



Year 1 DJ have been learning all about Diwali. We also made a spiced carrot soup with the carrots grown in our veg patch which was delicious.



Diwali Week in Year 1



Year 1-2 have enjoyed finding out about Diwali as part of our inquiry.
We listened to the story of Rama and Sita. We made divas, barfi sweets and Rangoli patterns in lots of different ways.



Year 2 have loved learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Lights! The children got creative designing their own beautiful rangoli patterns, made delicious barfi sweet treats, and crafted colourful diya lamps out of Play-Doh 🌟🪔



Y2/3 and Y3 have been learning about Diwali and created their own Rangoli patterns to brighten up our classrooms.



Year 4 have been learning how to make a safe fire and have also learnt their first knot, a clove hitch.



Year 5 have spent this week exploring the Windrush Generation and have put all of their research into some creative non-chronological reports.



Year 6 had a Magistrates Workshop. We learned about the job of a magistrate, and role played a court case. We found the defendant...

Guilty! 🧑🏻‍⚖️ 🧑🏻‍⚖️



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
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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



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.



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.