



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17/07/26

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we said goodbye to our lovely Year 6 pupils. It's been a real privilege watching them grow into the confident, thoughtful young people they are. We believe they are now more than ready for the next step.

Good luck to every pupil; grab all the opportunities secondary school brings and keep aiming high!

We're also saying goodbye to two much-loved members of staff: Miss Grriffin (Year 1 LSA) and Miss Tipples (Year 5 teacher). We're really sad to see them go and wish them all the best. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication this year. Both pupils and staff will miss you both and request you do not become strangers to Sully Primary!

As we've said before, attendance really matters, if pupils aren't in school, they miss learning. Our target was 95.1% for the year, but our final figure for 2025–2026 is 92.6% (down from 93.8% last year). Even discounting the authorised absences during the heat wave on 23rd and 24th June, we'd still be below our target.

Please check the school website for term dates and INSET days when booking holidays. We want to avoid families receiving fixed penalty notices, so please plan trips for school holidays, bank holidays or INSET days where possible. Working together, I'm confident we can improve attendance next year.

Our first day back for pupils is Wednesday 2nd September, unless your child is starting Nursery or Reception, in which case you will have received a letter with a 'staggered start' date.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break!

Kind regards,

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 88%
which is well below our target of 95.1%**

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

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

8th Oct – Individual school photos – full school uniform to be worn

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 enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year party filled with food, dancing and games. It was a wonderful way to celebrate together and make special memories. We wish all our Nursery families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.





Reception have had a wonderful week talking about all their favourite memories from the year! The children wrote about their favourite memories. The theatre trip and Techniquet were favourites for many! We have chosen our favourite activities to do this week. Lots of arts and crafts, drawing and dancing!



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Reception continued:

Well done everyone for completing your first year of full-time school!
We have loved teaching you and we hope you all have a wonderful
summer break! Xx



Year 1 DJ had a lovely week presenting their finished games (and playing with them). We also had a lovely last week with Miss Griffin and we'd like to say a massive thanks and goodbye to her. She will be hugely missed at Sully.



Year 1-2 have had a lovely week thinking about all we have enjoyed and getting ready for our new class.

It's been a pleasure to teach you all - have a wonderful holiday.



Year 2 have had a wonderful final week in school! We are so proud of all the hard work, kindness and resilience they have shown throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to teach them and watch them grow in confidence and independence. Thank you for bringing your smiles, laughter and joy into our classroom every day. Have a fantastic summer and we wish you the very best of luck as you begin your Year 3 adventure ★



What an amazing year it has been! We are so proud of everything you have achieved. You have shown kindness, resilience, curiosity, and a fantastic attitude to learning every day.

Thank you for making Year 2/3 and Year 3 such a fun and memorable year. Your smiles, laughter, and hard work have made our classroom a wonderful place to be.

Have a fantastic summer, and good luck in Year 4. Keep believing in yourselves—we know you will continue to shine!





What a brilliant end to the last week of Year 4! The children performed brilliantly in their brass concert to the school showcasing the skills they have developed over the last 6 weeks with Harri from the music service. After the concert, they enjoyed exploring the rock pools on the beach and toasting marshmallows on our campfire to make s'mores.



Year 4 children have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year and we look forward to seeing how they continue to shine in Year 5. We hope they have a wonderful summer.





Year 5 have been busy creating their own 'Guide to Year 5' and were delighted to share these with the current Year 4 pupils this week. They offered lots of thoughtful tips and advice, helping the children prepare for the year ahead and encouraging them to make the most of all the exciting opportunities that Year 5 has to offer. It was wonderful to see our pupils taking pride in supporting the next group as they prepare for their transition.



Year 5 had an exciting morning at Stanwell School this week, where they took part in an Enterprise Project alongside pupils from Albert Road and Fairfield Primary Schools. Working in mixed teams, they were challenged to design a brand-new chocolate bar and create a marketing campaign to showcase its unique features. The children demonstrated fantastic creativity, teamwork and communication skills throughout the project, and represented Sully Primary exceptionally well.



We were very proud of their enthusiasm, confidence and positive attitude.



Well mixed emotions for our fantastic Year 6 pupils this week. There have been so many highlights this year and so many memories made along the way. We are so proud of everything they have achieved, culminating in a show stopping Leavers Service and a very competitive netball match against the teachers! We will miss you all so much, good luck in your next chapter 🥳🥳🥳



Year 6 enjoyed playing and winning a game of netball with members of staff!






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10:00 - 15:00**

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Barry's Street Art Festival 2026
22&23 August

'Hurts So Good' presents 'Paintworx Wales'

School Competition

Paintworx Wales is a high-energy celebration of street art, bringing together some of the Wales's top graffiti artists as they create stunning large-scale pieces live throughout the weekend. Immerse yourself in the colour and creativity with graffiti workshops, DJ sets, food stalls, skateboarding sessions, and plenty more to explore. It's a full day of art, music, movement, and community — all in one place.

Barry's Street Art Festival is funded through the Barry Neighbourhoods Board (via the UK Governments Pride in Place Fund) and is part of the Board's larger vision to celebrate and develop cultural events and support artists and performers across the whole of the town.

Date: Saturday 22 (11-7pm) and Sunday 23 August (11-5pm), 2026

Venue: Central Park, King Square, Barry, CF63 4RW

Cost of Event: Free (Follow 'Paintworx Wales' on Instagram to book)

Competition Details: On an A4 piece of paper, create your best graffiti style piece using the theme 'Barry'. Open to 10-18yrs. Entries must be handed in on arrival to the festival at Central Park on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August. Please add your full name, email address and mobile number to the back of your created piece in black biro.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and the top 5 will win a full day workshop with Kyle & Ceri of Hurts So Good at their studio in Barry.

Winner Announcement: Winners will be presented with their prizes at 4pm on Sunday 23 August.



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I'm Mr Ottley, I teach piano at Sully primary.

I provide friendly, nurturing and fun lessons for the children, at school, during the school day. Please scan the QR code or go to the website on the flyer above to get more info and sign up. If you have a query and would like to get in touch with me directly, please send a message to ottleyj6@hwbcmru.net.

All the best,
Mr Ottley



Get up to **30 hours** funded childcare



Check out if you're eligible

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for the Childcare Offer for Wales!

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of working parents and parents in Further and Higher Education (eligibility criteria apply)

For more information and your application go to:
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/childcareoffer

Or scan here:



Childcare Offer for Wales helpline: **03000 628628**



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






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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10am - Wave 2

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8 Themed Weeks:

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- EXPLORERS** (8-11)
- LABTECH** (11+)

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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!

#MadScienceFamilyChallenge

What You'll Need

- 6 Sheets of A4 Paper
- 15cm sticky tape
- Measuring Tape

Rules

- Start by free-standing
- As little tape as possible!
- Stand for long enough to measure!

Guidance & Deadlines

Please scan QR Code for current submission deadline & complete details including rules and prizes.

How to Enter & Win!

- Build your tower
- Measure it with a tape measure
- Take a photo showing its height & a proof of measurement
- Enter your entry to www.madsciencecamps.co.uk & on Facebook
- Tag @MadScienceCamps and use #MadScienceFamilyChallenge

The tallest tower wins a **FREE WEEK** at Mad Science Holiday Camp in the case of a tie, draw, something, it's a wrap and decide the winner.

Family Challenge Tremendous TOWERS

#MadScienceFamilyChallenge

HELPFUL SCIENCE: Strong Shapes

- Cylinders** Try rolling your Paper. Cylinders strengthen the paper, like a sturdy tree trunk.
- Triangles** Triangles are strong because they evenly distribute weight and resist bending.
- Walls** Walls add stability by lowering the center of gravity of your tower.

Get the whole family involved!

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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.

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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:

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| 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**

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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

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