



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19/09/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well and truly settled back into the school routine, and despite the wintry weather, it has been another fantastic week. Please scroll to the end of this letter to see some of this week's highlights.

Our attendance for this academic year is currently averaging at 95.7%, which is a very promising start. We aim to maintain and improve this throughout the year because regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, progress, and wellbeing. If your child is unwell, please do not feel pressured to send them to school just to meet attendance targets. We always prioritise health and safety.

Please note that holidays taken during term time are a significant factor in attendance dips, and we greatly appreciate your support in avoiding these where possible.

Parent consultations will be held this half term on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 16th October. These will be face-to-face meetings and we will notify you nearer the time when bookings will be made available via ARBOR.

We will soon be changing the platform we use to communicate with parents/carers. We will cease using ParentPay as a way of communicating with yourselves on 30th September. After this date, all newsletters, trip letters, consent forms etc will be issued via ARBOR. However, we will still be using ParentPay for you to order school meals for the time being. Please log-on to the email sent to you in July and again this week from us via ARBOR to register (please search your junk email if you can't locate this). If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 93.54%
which is below our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in red

26/09/25 – Year 6 transition morning to Stanwell (Please consent on Parent Pay)

02/10/25 – St Richard Gwyn Y6 Open Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

03/10/25 – INSET DAY

07/10/25 – Stanwell Y6 Open Evening – 3pm – 6pm

09/10/25 – School Photos – Full school uniform to be worn

09/10/25 – St Cyres Y6 Open Evening – 6pm – 8pm

10/10/25 – Food bank donations

06/11/25 – NHS - Flu nasal spray – Please complete consent form before this date, no consent form/no spray.

Details of all trips will be communicated through our new MIS system called ABOR.

MUSIC LESSONS

Lessons are offered by the Cardiff and Vale Music Education in harp, guitar, keyboard, woodwind and drums. Please book lessons via their website, www.cfmusiceducation.co.uk or email them at cfmusiceducation@cardiff.gov.uk.

We have a harp in school for children to utilise their lessons.

Lessons are offered by external teachers in violin and singing. Details are as follows:

Violin: Louisa Rich 07984 644299 / leadingnotes@hotmail.co.uk. Lessons suitable for Y1 upwards.

Singing: Sophie Herrmann Ascendancetheatrearts@gmail.com Www.AscendenceTheatreArts.co.uk

Please contact these individual teachers as soon as possible so that lessons can start promptly.

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

Highlights of the week...

As part of our enquiry question 'What makes me happy?' Nursery were encouraged to answer in full sentences, share their lovely ideas and paint cheerful self-portraits for our classroom display.



PIC•COLLAGE

This week Reception have enjoyed tuning in to their new topic 'What Makes Me Me?' They have used mirrors to look closely at their features, painting, collaging and drawing them.



Year 1 DJ loved our first trip into the school field to explore the changing seasons. We went on a colour hunt finding yellow, orange and green natural materials.



Year 1-2 had fun learning to use the gym safely 😊



Year 2 have loved reading our new class text Meerkat Mail.

They've enjoyed following Sunny's adventures, learning about his character, and showed great curiosity by asking thoughtful questions about the story ✉️✎️



Year 2/3 and Year 3 enjoyed their first nature-based learning activity outdoors. 🌲 🌳 🍃 ☁️
Pupils worked collaboratively together and were resourceful when collecting materials to make their very own wind chime. Excellent effort!



Year 4 had a wonderful time in nature-based learning. We used a branch diagram to identify some of the trees in our grounds such as sycamore, rowan and hawthorn. We made some bark rubbings and played a blindfold game to identify what tree our partner led us to!



Year 5 put their place value knowledge into action to answer questions in our Place Value treasure hunt this week. They worked collaboratively to solve the clues hidden around the outdoor area.



Year 6 enjoyed their Reading Cafe this week, where they 'tasted' a variety of books and poetry linked to our inquiry.



Foodbank Harvest Appeal 2025

If you would like to contribute to the Foodbank Harvest, please can all donations be brought in by Friday 10th October, Thank you.

DRAMA SINGING DANCE

JIGSAW CARDIFF & PENARTH



CARDIFF
Saturday AM, 3-18 years
Cardiff High School, Llandennis Road
Cyncoed, Cardiff, CF23 6WG
Saturday PM, 3-18 years
Howell's School, Umlandaf
Cardiff Road, Cardiff, CF5 2YD

PENARTH
Saturday AM, 3-18 years
St Cyres School, Sully Road
Penarth, CF64 2XZ
Sunday AM, 3-6 years
Belle Vue Community Centre
Penarth, CF64 1DA



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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



Clean beaches for
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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

rlynn@sullyandlavernockcc.co.uk

Time

2.00pm – 4.00pm



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

Registered charity in England and Wales 1004005 and in Scotland SC037480.
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Registered office: Overmoor House, Ross Park, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7US.



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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](#)