



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 05/06/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school yesterday for our Reading Café sessions. The children absolutely loved having a family member in class and enjoyed sharing books together. We are always looking for ways to promote reading — especially reading for pleasure — and thank you for taking the time to support us. Attached are information posters with simple ideas and guidance for reading for pleasure at home.

Our hardworking PTA have been putting the finishing touches to this afternoon's summer fete. The weather is looking promising, so if it stays dry the fete will take place on the school grounds. We hope to see you there (3.30pm - 5.30pm).

At Sully Primary our priority is to build an inclusive community where every pupil and family feels valued, respected and able to participate fully. Guided by our motto, "Together Everyone Achieves More," we teach and model our core values of kindness, honesty and respect so they shape everyday behaviour and learning. We believe these values underpin a healthy, thriving school and are grateful for your partnership in helping every child belong and succeed.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



**Our attendance this week has been 94.67%
which is below our target of 95.1%**

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in **red**

- 08-06-26 All Year 6 - Singing Event Stanwell – Parents drop off 9.15am and coach return to school at 1.45pm – Please consent on Parent Pay
- 12-06-26 Year 6 (Small group) Orchestra Event Stanwell Music Department
- 19-06-26 PTA Marvellous Men Sale – details to follow
- 23-06-26 Class ALB & JE Odeon Cinema Trip – Please consent on Parent Pay
- 24-06-26 Y5 Beach School – 1.30pm – 3pm
- 25-06-26 (Change of date from 19/06) Reception class Techniquet trip – Please consent on Parent Pay
- 25-06-26 PS2 (Year 1, 2 and 3) Sports Day (9.30am - 11.30am)
- 25-06-26 PS3 (Year 4, 5 and 6) Sports Day (1.30pm - 3.00pm)
- 25-06-26 Stanwell Open Evening
- 26-06-26 Reception Sports Day (9.30am - 10.30am)
- 26-06-26 Nursery Sports Day (11.00am - 11.30am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm)
- 26-06-26 Stanwell Transition Day
- 30-06-26 Back up Sports Day Reception (9.30am – 10.30am)
- 30-07-26 Back up Sports Day Nursery (11am – 11.30am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm)
- 01-07-26 Y6 PE Day at Stanwell School – Parents drop off at 9.15am and coach return to school at 12pm
- 02-07-26 Back up Sports Day PS2 & PS3 (9.30am – 11.30am)
- 06-07-26 Y6 Expressive Arts Event at Stanwell School – Parents drop off at 9.15am and coach return to school at 12.30pm
- 08-07-26 Y5 Beach School – 1.30pm – 3pm
- 13-07-26 Y5 Enterprise Event – Stanwell School – Parents drop off at 9.15am and coach return to school at 12.30pm
- 17-07-26 – Last day of Summer Term for all pupils

We are looking for relief Mid-Day Supervisors to cover sickness, please email the office on office@sullyschool.co.uk if interested, many thanks.

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.

Important notice:

Please can all uniform and snack pots
be labelled.

Thank you.

Spotlight on our recent Careers Fayre...

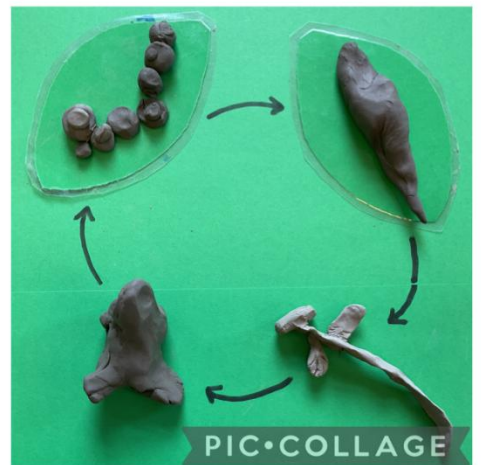
A huge thank you to everyone that volunteered to attend our Careers Fayre. The children absolutely loved it and could have spent all day exploring activities.



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Highlights of the week...

Nursery explored the question, "Do animals change when they get older?" by discovering the fascinating life cycles of butterflies and frogs. We observed live caterpillars, created butterfly nature crafts and used clay to make models of frogspawn, tadpoles, froglets and frogs.





Reception have had an exciting week this week! After reading the story 'The Snail and the Whale', the children were thrilled when the snail made a special stop as he passed through Sully on his journey around the ocean. 🐌 🐙 To our surprise, he dropped off some real sea creatures for us to explore! 🦀 🐙 The children were fascinated as they looked closely at the different creatures, carefully touched them and spoke about what they could see and feel. They used lots of wonderful descriptive language and asked thoughtful questions as they shared their discoveries with their friends. 🔍 The experience brought our story to life and sparked curiosity about the amazing creatures that live in our oceans.





The Reading Cafe was a great success! The children loved having Mums, Dads, Grandparents, brothers and sisters join them to share books together. It was fantastic to see the families reading to the children, the children wowing their families by reading to them and having the opportunity to explore a variety of books! So many positive comments and asking when we can do it again!

Year 1DJ loved having our reading cafe. We loved exploring books with our grown-ups and especially enjoyed the biscuits and squash!



Year 1-2 have enjoyed learning about sound this week. We have looked at Kandinsky's work and learnt that he was inspired by music to paint.

We then created our own masterpieces whilst listening to music. We loved working with oil pastels 😊



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Year 2 loved welcoming their families into our Reading Café this week. The children enjoyed exploring different genres of books and sharing stories while cosying up with friends and family. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us and helped make it such a lovely morning. 📖 😊





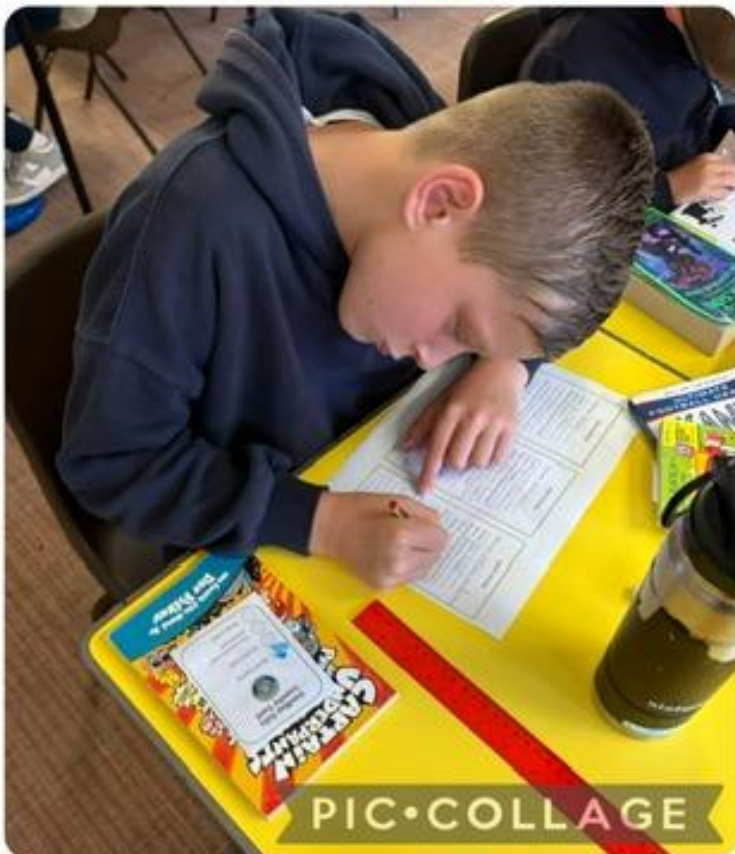
This week, our Year 2/3 and Year 3 Reading Café was a wonderful success. It was fantastic to welcome parents into the classroom to share the joy of reading with their children. The children were excited to showcase their reading skills, discuss their favourite books, and enjoy quality reading time together.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and helped make the session such a positive experience.

Year 4 are learning how to change the pitch when playing the p-trombone and p-cornet. This week, we also repeated 8 beats and played along to the C Jam Blues jazz music by Duke Ellington 🎵




Year 5 loved welcoming their families into our Reading Café Morning, where the classroom transformed into a cosy space for sharing stories and celebrating a love of reading. Pupils had the chance to read with their parents, explore a range of engaging reading tasks, and talk about the books they enjoy. It was a lovely opportunity to see the children so proud and enthusiastic about their reading journey 📖 ☕ .



Year 6 used immersive language to describe the sights, sounds and smells of the rainforest. They presented their work as a travel journal which they will use to write a setting description next week. 🌴 🌿


RAINFORST

ANIMALS:
 In jaguars with black
 recognisable spots and
 these high knees,
 yowls with their
 long slithering body.
 The frogs and howl
 they blend in and
 how they jump so high.
 Toucan. Set of talons like
 a hammer and these
 huge feet.



FEEL
 I can feel:
 Rushing rain.
 Leaf sound.
 Fuzzy leaves.
 damp moss.
 soft plants.
 a warm lake.


HEAR
 I can hear:
 roaring thunder.
 lots of different birds
 chirping wildly.
 splashing water.
 howling winds.
 coughing the frogs
 croaking. wild noisy
 monkeys. big piff



R&INFORISTS


FEEL
 I can feel a warm and
 beautiful tree.
 I can feel a gentle
 breeze passing at
 all times.
 I feel at peace with the
 peaceful jungle.
 The forest has a good type of
 light. It's not too bright. It's not
 too dark. It's just right. It's
 perfect. It's exactly what I
 need. It's exactly what I
 want. It's exactly what I
 love. It's exactly what I
 live for.

HEAR
 I can hear the sound of
 water dripping from the
 leaves. I can hear the sound
 of birds chirping. I can hear
 the sound of the wind blowing
 through the trees. I can hear
 the sound of the rain falling.
 I can hear the sound of the
 jungle.



See
 Earthy dark damp dirt.
 Fog as white as a ghost.
 Thick mist filling the air.
 Shadows of trees covering the mossy floor.
 Birds swooshing in and out through the
 thick mist.


Smell
 The leaves dripping as the sunlight rolls
 in.
 A strong fresh smell dropped off the trees.
 A earthy smell coming from the dirt.
 A sweet smell coming from the air.



HEAR
 Birds chirping softly near the water.
 Spikes rustling in their nests.
 Insects crawling on the floor.
 Water falling rapidly.
 Frogs croaking loudly.
 Rain hissing and splashing.
 Branches creaking and
 swaying.

EARTHY

TOUCH
 Moist air flowing through the trees.
 Damp mist touching the
 face.
 Warm wet leaves brush against
 the face.
 Hot earthy soil on the floor.



SEE
 Various green shades
 of moss.
 Various shades of brown
 and red.
 Various shades of blue
 and purple.
 Various shades of yellow
 and orange.

SMELL
 The leaves dripping
 with rain.
 The earthy smell
 coming from the dirt.
 The sweet smell
 coming from the air.

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

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There are just **THREE WEEKS** until the start of **Penarth Literary Festival** and we're delighted to reveal the full programme, including additional speakers, events for children and a seminar for adults.

The Festival will run from **Friday 19 - Sunday 21 June**, with events on the Saturday and Sunday taking place in Penarth's gorgeous Belle Vue Park Pavilion, on Albert Road, just a stone's throw from the bookshop.

Book your tickets today and join us for the most delightful literary weekend!

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

Please note the specific venues for events on Friday 19 June.



{Children's Event}

STORYTIME with Rhian Wright
and Sweetpea Magee

10.30 - 11.30 am

Griffin Books, Penarth

Get ready for a splash-tastic adventure! Join children's author and illustrator Rhian Wright for a very special Festival Storytime and live draw-along to celebrate the release of her new picture book, Sweetpea Magee: Mermaid Expert.

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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.





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