



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10/10/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for our parent evening consultations. To help us keep to schedule, we kindly ask that you keep your meeting to the allotted ten minutes. If you feel you need more time to discuss your child's progress or wellbeing, please arrange a separate appointment to avoid keeping other parents/carers waiting. If you have not yet booked a meeting, please do so by visiting ARBOUR.

Next Monday, we will be celebrating Harvest with assemblies in the school hall—a special occasion for us all to come together. As part of this celebration, we are collecting donations for the Vale Food Pod. If you are able, please send in any of the following items by Monday morning:

- Tinned corned beef
- Tinned soup
- UHT milk

This week, we welcomed four third-year student teachers from Cardiff Metropolitan University who will be completing their final teaching placements with us. They have been assigned to specific classes and will work under the guidance of our class teachers. They will be with us until February 2026, and we look forward to supporting their growth as future educators.

On last Friday's INSET day, our staff attended the National Education Show 2025. This event provided valuable opportunities to explore new strategies to improve standards, enrich learning experiences, and better support our pupils. Attending such events is vital for our team as it helps us continue to provide a first-class education. Our staff found the seminars inspiring and will be implementing new ideas in the weeks ahead.

Our Parent Forum also met this week and discussed a variety of topics, including school meals, PTA events, the parent questionnaire, and communication. We are very grateful for the contributions from parents, as we firmly believe that by working together as a TEAM, we achieve more. Minutes of this meeting will be uploaded to our website next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrea Waddington & Staff

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Dates for your diary...

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

14th & 16th October – Parent' Evening – Please book on the Arbor MIS system

20th – 22nd **October – Book fair after school until 4:15pm**

22/10/25 – PTA – Halloween disco – details on Parent Pay

23/10/25 – Y6 – Evacuee day

24/10/25 – Last day of term – Pupils back on Mon 3rd November

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 Parent Pay.

We're excited to announce that the Book Fair will be returning to Sully Primary School from **Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd October 2025**. The Fair will take place in the school hall each day, straight after school until 4:15pm.

Please note that the Book Fair will be cashless. All purchases must be made online using a QR code, which will be clearly displayed in the hall during the event.

Please note:

All after school clubs will be cancelled next week due to Parent's Evening.

When clubs are running the following week please can parents promptly collect pupils.

We are looking for reading volunteers – please contact the office if you can help.



**Our attendance this week has been 95.61%
which is above our target of 95.1%**

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.

Parent's Evenings – 14th & 16th October 2025

Parent's Evening appointments are now available online via ARBOR, if not already done so, please book your slot.

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.



Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives



Nyrsgol | School Nursing
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September 2025

Help keep your child well this winter – make sure they have their flu vaccine.

Dear parent or guardian,

The School Nursing Team will visit your child's school soon. It's very important to protect your child from flu, to make sure they stay as healthy as possible.

Click here to fill in and return the online consent form as soon as possible and at least 5 days before the flu school session.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyijgkCoVkJM8ntyProwc0tRo7SIFodPD07y1M5RUQ1BFV0hZQkcwV0c4UzNWQjMzS01SVFI1Ri4u>



Further information and school dates can be found on the website below:

[Flu vaccine in schools: information for parents - Cardiff and Vale University Health Board](#)

NHS recommends that your child has a flu vaccination every year.

We welcome correspondence and phone calls in Welsh. We will respond to correspondence in Welsh without delay.

Yours faithfully,

School Nursing Immunisation Team
Riverside Health Centre
Email: Immunisation.CavuhbSchoolNursing@wales.nhs.uk
Tel: 02920 907661/664

After you have returned the consent form, please contact the School Nursing Immunisation Team on 02920 907661/664 before the vaccination session if:

- there are any changes to your child's health, or
- their asthma medication is increased, or
- they are prescribed oral steroids, or
- they become wheezy.

Highlights of the week...

Nursery had a wonderful time going on a number hunt around the school grounds. Along the way, they collected leaves and twigs, which they later arranged carefully on the numbers chalked on the nursery playground. It was a fun and engaging way to combine outdoor learning with number recognition.



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Reception have been using balance scales to explore a variety of objects from around the classroom to find out which is the heaviest or lightest. The children also wanted to find out if large objects were heavier than small objects. They were surprised by their findings!



Year 1 DJ have heard all about Japan from Sunny the Meerkat. They then got to have a go using chopsticks, learnt about Japanese toy culture and even made some vegetarian sushi which was delicious.



Year 1-2 have loved finding out about Japan. We've made sushi and have thoroughly enjoyed using chop sticks.



Year 2 have created brilliant pieces of Serengeti artwork this week!
They worked carefully to include beautiful colours and details 🖌️ 🎨



Year 2/3 ALB and Year 3JE had fun creating portraits using a range of natural materials. They experimented with different expressions and hairstyles too.

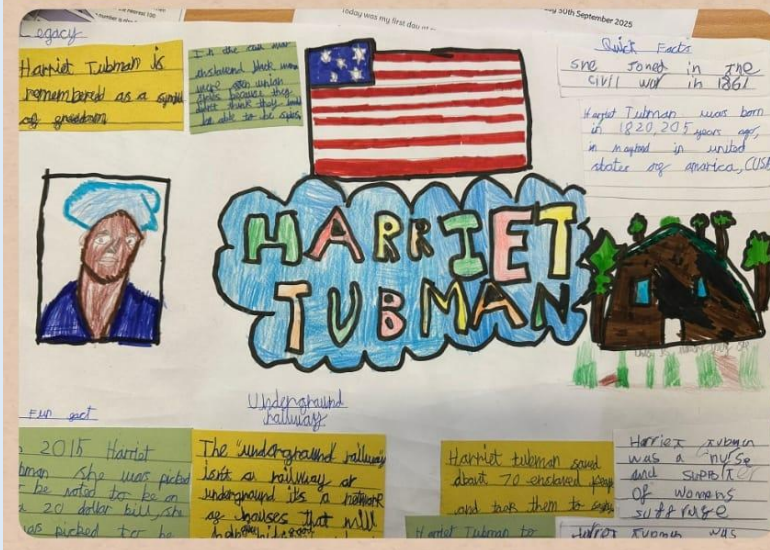
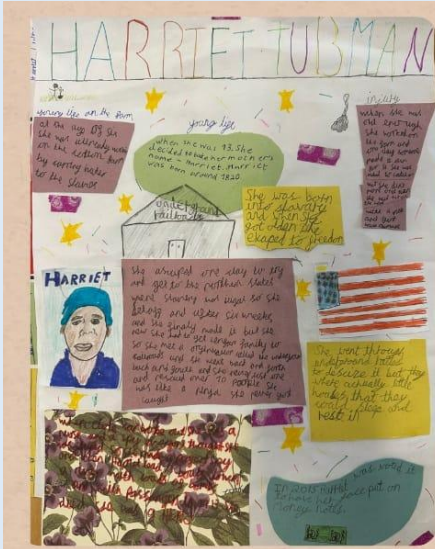




Year 4 have been creating marvellous mosaics. We saw a reconstructed mosaic from the Roman Baths in Caerleon on our trip and we were inspired to make our own. We have also been developing our digital skills and improving our sense of chronology by making a timeline of the Roman invasion of Britain.



Year 5 have been Finding Out about Harriet Tubman and the underground railroad this week. We created group posters to share what we learnt about her extraordinary life.



Year 6 delivered a powerful performance of In Flanders Fields to the rest of PS3 to conclude our National Poetry Week celebrations.



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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.