

22/05/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe we are halfway through the last term of the year! It has been a wonderfully busy start of the summer term with our Year 6 pupils going on their residential trip with our Year 3 and 4 classes taking part in the Cardiff Literary Festival at the museum. Last week our Year 4 pupils also visited Cilfynydd Welsh Water Centre for a hands-on learning experience. Across the school, pupils have helped design our new mural, taken part in the Cardiff Sumdog Mathematics competition, and celebrated the official opening of our school garden. We also enjoyed a fabulous Nursery Sports Day, filled with energy and smiles. It's certainly been a vibrant and exciting few weeks!

### Year 6 Residential



Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at Parc Bryn Bach, embracing every challenge the residential had to offer. They showed impressive resilience, perseverance and teamwork as they abseiled, gorge-walked, go-karted and rock-climbed. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, stepping outside their comfort zones and making memories that will stay with them long after Year 6.



### Year 3



Year 3 had an excellent day learning about the Senedd elections. Rob, who works at the Senedd, visited to explain how elections in Wales take place. The children explored the different political parties and their key aims before taking part in their own vote and counting the ballot papers. It was a great introduction to democracy in action.

### Year 1

Year 1 and Acorns Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to St Fagans, where they learned all about toys from the past. The children loved seeing how toys have changed over time and exploring real historical examples. It was a fun and engaging way to bring their topic to life.



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## Garden Update



Last Friday marked the official opening of our new Reflection and Well-Being Garden. We are delighted to have this calm, nurturing space on site and look forward to the children using it throughout the school day.

## Nursery



Nursery had a fantastic Fun Day yesterday, enjoying a lively and energetic Sports Day filled with smiles, teamwork and plenty of excitement. The children took part brilliantly and had a wonderful time celebrating being active together.

For the last half term, we will be celebrating creativity during Art Week where parents and carers will be invited to join their children for an art activity—and welcoming Tee2Sugars the Welsh Graffiti artist to bring our mural designs to life. We will also be celebrating Refugee Week in June, and pupils will have the opportunity to learn all about the theme 'Courage'. As we approach the end of term, we will begin preparations to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 leavers assembly and will be organising an end of year party day - further details will be shared soon. I have included some key dates below – please note that the new academic year begins on 1<sup>st</sup> September, however, the school will be closed for pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September due to staff inset training days, therefore children will return on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful half term break, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself, the school office, or your child's class teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Kind regards,**

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Date	Event/Activity
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Diversity Exhibition – Year 6
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Week – Reception to Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Official School Opening – in the afternoon (further details to follow)
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Reception to Year 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Surf School Trip
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nursery - end of term Coffee Morning/Afternoon for parents
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 – Cathays High School Transition Day
15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year school party
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Party
20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> July - 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holidays
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school

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