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Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful start to the year it has been. We are incredibly proud of all our children and everything they have achieved. Over the past term, we have watched them grow in confidence, embrace new learning, and build stronger, more meaningful relationships with one each other and their teachers. Their curiosity, kindness, and resilience have shone through in every corner of the school.

This term's inquiries, centred around *Belonging* and enriched further through various other humanities inquiries, have been especially successful. The children have deepened their understanding of the world around them through exploring people, places, cultures and connections in ways that have sparked thoughtful conversations and inspired genuine enthusiasm for learning. It has been a joy to witness their developing sense of identity and community.

I was also immensely proud of all the children during their performances this term. They demonstrated such creativity, confidence and resilience, and for many, it was a chance to shine in front of their peers and families. We certainly have some budding dancers, singers and actors/actresses in the Whitchurch community! It was also a real pleasure to see and speak with so many parents and carers at these events; your presence and warm encouragement meant so much to the children and staff alike.

I feel profoundly privileged to lead the Whitchurch community. Working alongside such an incredible, dedicated, and caring team- as well as with you, our supportive families - makes this role both special and deeply rewarding. Your ongoing partnership is invaluable, and I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for the trust you place in us and for the many ways you continue to work with us for the benefit of all our children.

As we head into the Christmas break, I wish you all a restful, peaceful, and joy-filled holiday. May this time bring fun, togetherness and many moments of shared happiness.

Merry Christmas – Nadolig Llawen!

With warmest wishes,

Kelly Watkins



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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th January	First day back at school
Tuesday 6th January	Year 2 Immersion Day -
Tuesday 27th January	Call of the Wild Meeting for Parents
W/C 9th February	Parent Consultations
Friday 13th February	Last day of term
W/C 16th February	Half Term
Friday 27th February	Wear Red for Velindre
Tuesday 3rd March	Eisteddfod
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th March	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Thursday 12th March	Year 6 Rugby Festival - Whitchurch High Transition
Friday 27th March	Last day of term
W/C 30th March	Easter Holidays
W/C 11th May	Call of the Wild Residential Week
Wednesday 20th May	SPORTS DAY - Nursery (Morning) & Reception am SPORTS DAY - Nursery (Afternoon) & Year 1 and Year 2 pm
Thursday 21st May	SPORTS DAY - Year 3 and Year 4 am SPORTS DAY - Year 5 and Year 6 pm
Friday 22nd May	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
W/C 25th May	May half Term
W/C 1st June	STEM WEEK
W/C 8th June	Llangrannog Residential Week
Monday 20th July	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

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A MOMENT FOR THE MUSIC...





What a wonderful performance from our Choir at St. Michael's Church, Tongwynlais, as guests of the Castell Coch Choral Society.





Thank you to Mrs. Linda Morgan who conducts our choir, and to all our parents and friends who attended the service to support us.

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PTA Christmas Pantomime

Pantomeim Nadolig

Diolch yn fawr to the Parents and Teachers Association of Whitchurch Primary for organising and funding the Panto production 'Mission North Pole'!
Another big thank you to the wonderful company, Louby Lous, the children had a wonderful time!



Christmas Pantomime

Pantomeim Nadolig



Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a Christmas production of 'Pinocchio' at Bethel Baptist Church.



Christmas Concerts

We hope that all our Mums and Dads enjoyed all our Christmas Concerts this year!

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

























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Kinetic Theatre School



Da iawn to our Kinetic Theatre of Performing Arts after school group.
On Saturday 13th December, two groups took to the stage at the Welsh College of Music and Drama to perform “Elf Juniors” and “Frozen Kids”. We are so proud to see such talent at our school.



Christmas Card Competition



Da iawn to Liberty in Year 6, who entered Julie Morgan MS's Christmas Card Competition and won! Diolch to everyone who entered!

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Children In Need

Our school was bursting with spots, stripes, and bright colours as pupils and staff came together to raise money for children in need. The vibrant outfits brought plenty of smiles and showed how a simple splash of colour can help make a big difference. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped support such an important cause.









Children In Need











Remembrance Day 2025

Members of the School Council visited the Whitchurch Cenotaph to lay a wreath on behalf of all at Whitchurch Primary School.

Lest We Forget!



Remembrance Day 2025

Our pupils took part in meaningful Remembrance Day activities and observed a respectful two-minute silence to honour and remember those who served, still serve and make huge sacrifices for others.









School Council

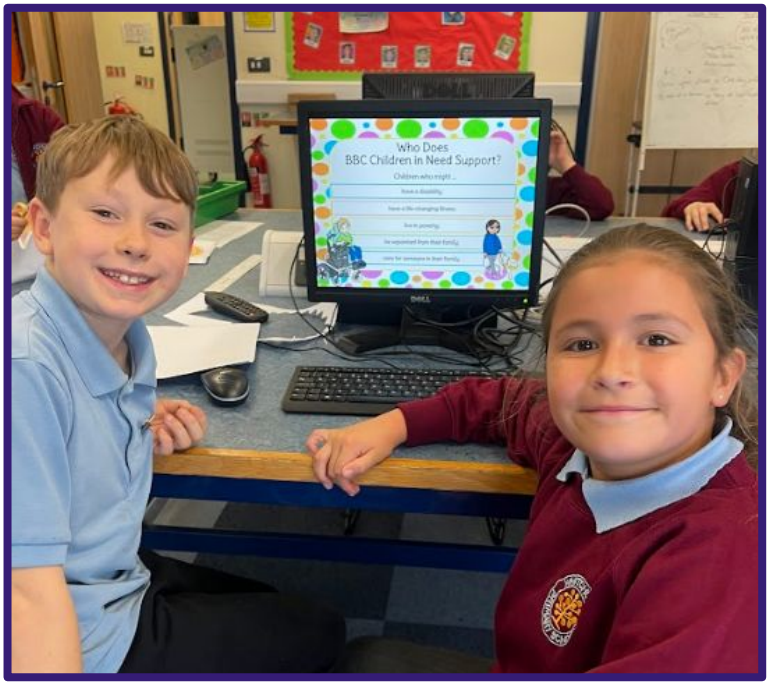
RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS

School Council pupils have been busy making a positive impact. They organised fundraising for Children in Need and helped spread important messages during Anti-Bullying Week. They also continue to share the Article of the Month to keep children's rights at the heart of school life.









RRS Committee

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Diolch yn fawr to the RRS Committee and Blwyddyn 5 pupils who organised fun and thoughtful games to promote children's rights. They worked with Year 3 to raise awareness for World Children's Day, helping everyone understand the importance of respect, fairness, and having a voice.

Maths Week Workshop

As part of Maths Week Wales, Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting maths workshop led by lecturers from Cardiff University. Through a range of fun, interactive games, pupils explored sequencing and patterns, developing their mathematical thinking while enjoying hands on learning. It was a fantastic opportunity to see maths brought to life in an engaging and memorable way!











Criw Cymraeg

The Criw Cymraeg wishes you all a Nadolig Llawen and Blwyddyn Newydd dda and would like to share with you some Welsh words that can be used over the festive period.

Say it in.... Cymraeg

Merry Christmas	Nadolig Llawen	Na-doh-leeg Lla-when
Happy New Year	Blwyddyn Newydd Dda	Blooy-thin Neh-with Tha
Hello	Shwmae / Su'mae	Shoo-my / Sm-aye
Please	Os gwelwch yn dda	Oss guail-loo-chun tha
Thank you	Diolch	Dee-olch
Goodbye	Hwyl fawr	Hoyl vaur
Gift	Anrheg	Ann-rhegh
Turkey	Twrci	Toor-kee
Cheers!	Iechyd Da!	Yeah-chid dah!
Celebrate	Dathlu	Dahth-lee
Family	Teulu	Tay-lee

DIGI DUDES

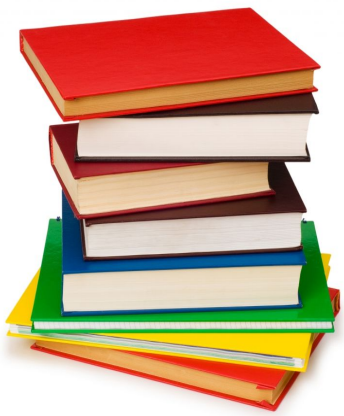
This half term, our Digi Dudes have been busy leading digital learning across the school! They delivered in-class assemblies all about PEGI age ratings, helping pupils understand why game age restrictions are important and how to make safer choices online.
We also enjoyed a fantastic Scratch coding workshop run by TechnoCamps, where pupils explored programming skills, problem-solving and creative digital thinking.



Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors have been working hard this term helping to organise the new school library. They have shared their ideas on what they would like it to look like and include and shared a task with the school to create their dream school library to enter into a competition. Thank you for all your hard work this term Reading Ambassadors!





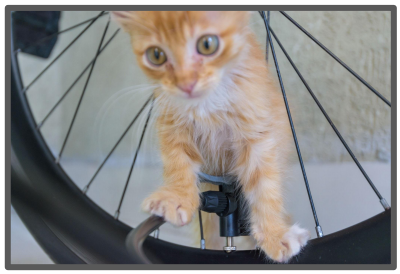


Active Travel Crew



We want to introduce you to our brand new Active Travel Crew from Year 6.
Evan, Aleyna, Alex, Arthur, Austin, Ollie & Ruby.
Our aim is encourage our school community to enjoy travelling to school in an active way.

Be fit, Stay strong!



Get on your bike!



Active Travel Crew

Our biggest event this term was our Bling Your Bike or Scooter Competition. The turn out was incredible, with bikes and scooters decorated with every type of Christmas decorations and lights. The winner even used her fresh Christmas tree to bling



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Here are our winners!

Sporting Success

Healthy Confident Individuals

Congratulations to all the children who have played sport this half term!













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Cardiff and Vale Urdd Football and netball Tournaments









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Congratulations to all the children who have played sport this half term!

Cathedral School festival





Fixture against Melin Gruffydd



We're looking forward to more sports fixtures over the next half term!

Year 6 Crucial Crew

This term, Year 6 participated in Crucial Crew, a programme of interactive workshops that teach children how to stay safe in a wide range of everyday situations. The sessions covered areas such as personal safety, online responsibility, emergency awareness, and making sensible choices. The children engaged brilliantly and came away with valuable skills they can use both now and in the future.









Year 1 School Trip

Year 1 enjoyed finding out about shopping in the past by visiting Miss Thomas in the Gwalia Stores. We also took part in a shopping workshop where we looked at how toys had developed and changed over time and had a fun chance to play with some of them.









Year 1 Theatre Trip

Year 1 had a fabulous festive time at the Sherman Theatre watching an engaging performance of The Frog Prince. This visit will help understand how stories can be enhanced with Expressive Arts for our Inquiry next term.









Year 5 School Trip

Year 5 had a great time in Cadbury's World.
This visit helped us understand the life of John Cadbury and the positive effect he had on his workers, the community and how he influenced positive change for child labour. We may have sampled some yummy chocolate too!












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Reception Intake September 2026



Applications close Monday 12th January

ND Community Coffee Morning

In January we will be hosting our first coffee morning with the Neurodevelopmental service. This is open to all parents and carers with a Neurodevelopmental diagnosis, anyone on the waiting list or anyone thinking about a referral.

ND COMMUNITY CONNECTORS CIC

Community Connector Coffee Morning

For parents/carers of children on the Neurodevelopmental Service waiting list or with a diagnosis

Includes information on:

Services and support available whilst waiting or post diagnosis

Location: **Whitchurch Primary School, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 1NL**

Date: **Monday, 19th January 2026**

Time: **9:15am till 10:30am**

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This is a safe space to ask questions, find support and network with other parents.



Advice and Support For Parents

Smartphone Free Childhood

A guide to the best child-friendly 'non-smartphone' options.

Advice and Support For Parents

Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd
Family Information Service

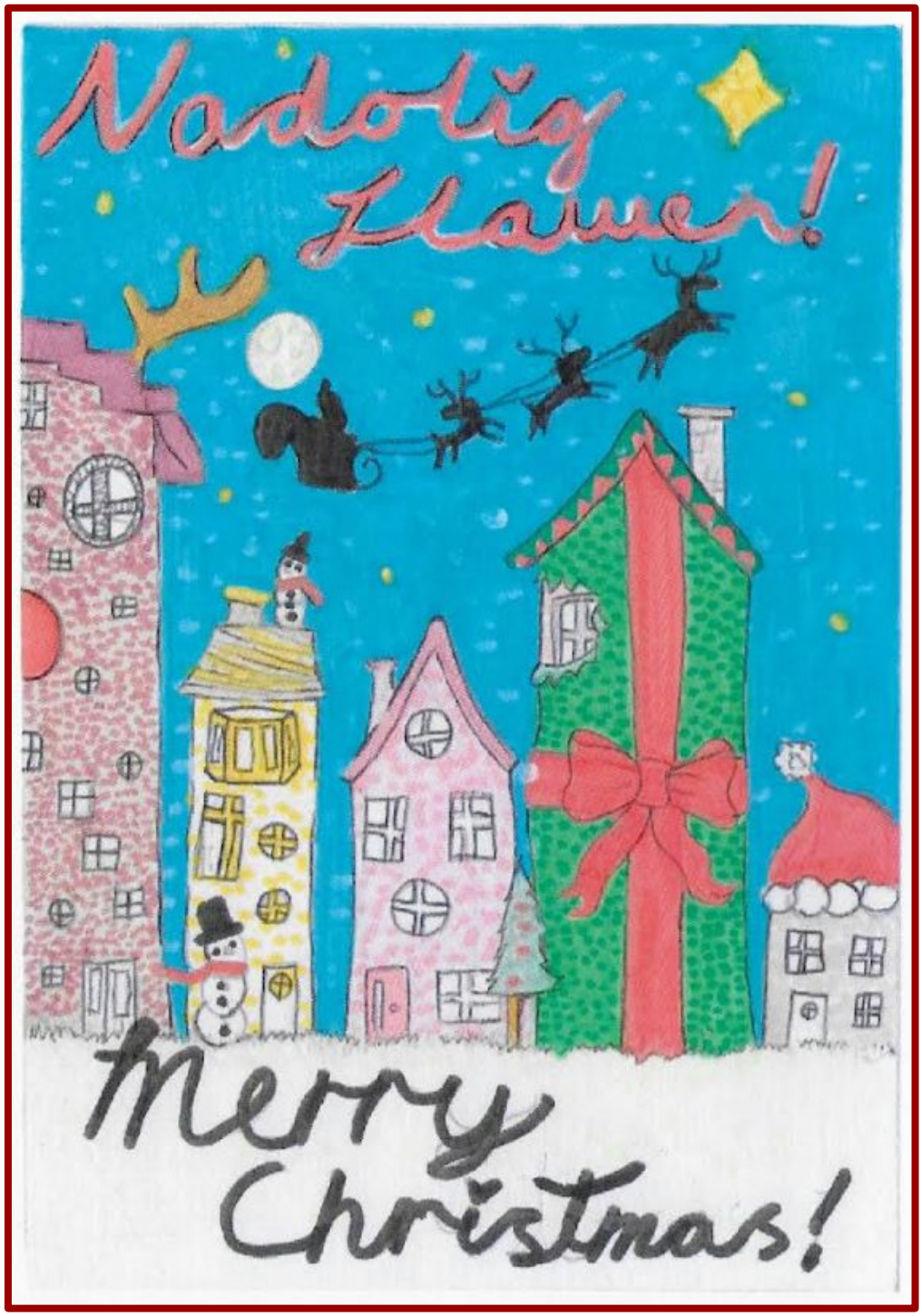
https://www.childcareinformation.wales/

Cardiff **Family**
Advice and Support

https://www.cardifffamilies.co.uk/parents-and-carers/cardiff-family-gateway/

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https://www.cardifffamilies.co.uk/family-wellbeing-service-for-professionals/



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From us all at Whitchurch Primary School, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you all in 2026!