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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a real privilege to write to you for the first time in our newsletters as Headteacher of Whitchurch Primary. Having been part of this wonderful school community for many years, I feel incredibly proud to now lead such a supportive, caring and inspiring team.

It has been a busy and rewarding first half term, filled with energy, positivity and a real sense of purpose across the school. I have been so impressed by the way our children have settled into their new classes. They have made an excellent start to the year, forming positive relationships with their teachers and embracing every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Throughout the term, we have seen fantastic learning behaviours, with children showing determination, collaboration and resilience in everything they do. They are demonstrating a genuine love of learning, supporting one another and approaching challenges with confidence and creativity.

Every child has taken part in an inquiry based around '*Cynefin*' and belonging, exploring what it means to feel connected to our community and our place in the wider world. Our autumn term inquiries, with a strong Humanities focus, have inspired deep thinking and meaningful discussions. The children are exploring important concepts such as conflict and peace, children's rights, and how communities can grow stronger together. Through this work, they are developing a rich understanding of Whitchurch, Cardiff, the World and the values that help us all to live, learn, and thrive together. Our shared values of Respect, Care, Inspire and Achieve underpin everything that we do.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support this half term. Strong relationships between home and school make a real difference, and together we can ensure every pupil enjoys positive, fulfilling, and memorable experiences here at Whitchurch.

It has truly been a wonderful start to the year. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November** .

Kind regards,

Kelly Watkins

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

AM	95.6%
PM	96.4%
RND	95.8%
RAW	96.1%
REB	96.8%
1CZ	95.7%
1DB	96.7%
1NR	94.4%
2BM	97.1%
2KS	95.3%
2JF	94.9%
3KC	95.9%
3TL	96.6%
3RP	94.5%
4RT	96.4%
4TP	96%
4MW	96.2%
5EL	96.9%
5LD	97%
5SJ	94.2%
6MR	97%
6PM	96.1%
6MS	91.8%

Attendance in school is extremely important to ensure that children achieve their full potential. Our school target for this year is to have attendance of at least 96% across the school. We are currently at 95.8% so almost at our target!

Congratulations to 2BM who are currently top of the table with an impressive 97.1%!

When reviewing our attendance, holidays during term time is still having an impact on our overall attendance figures.

Your Child's Attendance	National Guidelines
100% - 95%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
94.99% - 90%	Satisfactory, although your child may have to spend time catching up with work they have missed.
Below 90%	Cause for concern: - 1. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. 2. Your child may need extra support from you to help catch up with missed work. Your child may be missing out on a broad and balanced education.

Please help us to achieve our overall target of 96% this year!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C Monday 3rd November	Online Parent Consultations
W/C Monday 3rd November	Nursery Parent Meetings
Wednesday 5th November	Year 4 Trip - Senedd
Thursday 6th November	Year 4 Trip - Senedd
Monday 10th November	Year 3 - Roman Workshop
Tuesday 11th November	Year 5 Trip - Cadbury World
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18th November	Year 1 - St. Fagans Trip
Thursday 27th November	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 4th December	PTA Christmas Panto
Tuesday 9th December	Year 1 - Sherman Theatre

INSET Days 2025/2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 9th March 2026

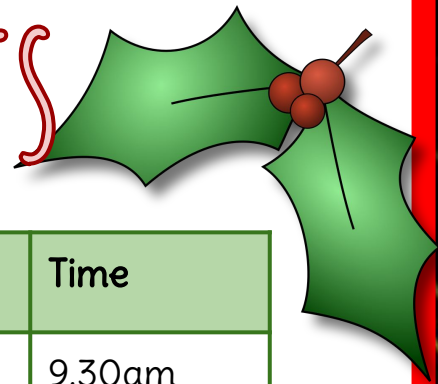
Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery (morning)	Thursday 11th December	9.30am
Nursery (afternoon)	Thursday 11th December	1pm
Reception	Tuesday 16th December (surnames A to J)	9.30am
Reception	Tuesday 16th December (surnames K to Z)	2:15pm
Year 1	Monday 15th December (surnames A to J)	9:30am
Year 1	Monday 15th December (surnames K to Z)	2:15pm
Year 2	Wednesday 17th December (surnames A to J)	9:30am
Year 2	Wednesday 17th December (surnames K to Z)	2:15pm
Year 3 (Ararat Church)	Tuesday 9th December	10am
Year 4 (Ararat Church)	Wednesday 10th December	2pm
Year 5 (Ararat Church)	Tuesday 9th December	2pm
Year 6 (Ararat Church)	Wednesday 10th December	10am



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN DAY

We are looking forward to meeting families who would like to come along to our nursery and reception open day on Wednesday 12th November. This is open to all families who will be applying for a place for their child in the next three years.

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Nursery & Reception Open Day

Wednesday
November 12th
4.30-5.30

Come and see
how we nurture
little hearts and
big dreams.



Will your child be starting
nursery or reception from
September 2026 onwards?



Telephone the school to
book a place - 20623441

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MEMORIAL EVENT



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported the memorial and fundraising event held in honour of our much-loved teacher and friend, Mrs Nikki Jones. It was a special afternoon, filled with warmth and fond memories as we came together to celebrate Nikki's life and the lasting impact she had on our school community.

Thank you to the incredible generosity of our families, staff, and friends. We are proud to share that we raised over £1,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support; a charity close to Nikki's heart. The event was a beautiful reflection of her kindness, dedication, and the love she inspired in those around her.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who baked, donated, shared memories, and joined us in remembering Nikki. Your support and compassion helped make the event a truly special tribute to an exceptional teacher and friend who will always be part of the Whitchurch family.







MACMILLAN



COFFEE MORNING

Our School Council Ambassadors were honoured to attend **Julie Morgan MS's Macmillan Coffee Morning** at the Brook Bistro. They proudly presented a donation on behalf of WPS and enjoyed meeting Julie Morgan and Anna McMorrin.



PTA HALLOWEEN COMPETITIONS

Llongyfarchiadau to the winners of the Friends of Whitchurch Primary pumpkin colouring and pumpkin carving competitions! Our School Council members had the difficult job of choosing from so many fantastic entries. Da iawn to everyone who took part!



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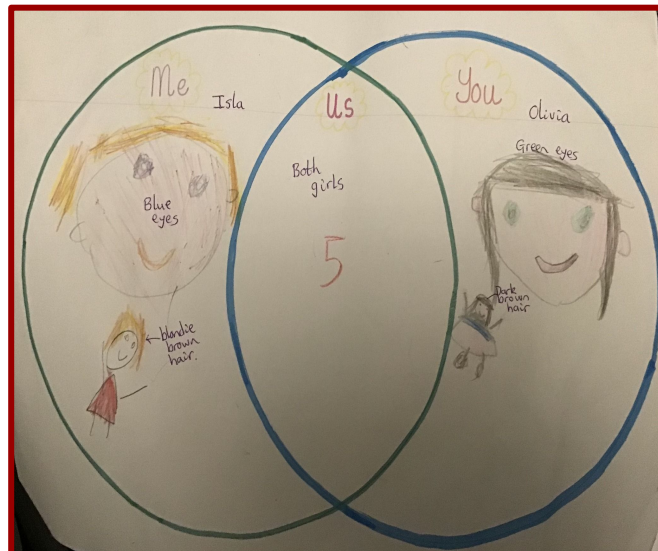


MYNEDFA ENTRANCE

**SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD**

Thank you for wearing red!

WPS proudly took part in *Show Racism the Red Card Day*; standing together to raise awareness and promote equality, respect, and inclusion for everyone.



★ Join Our School Community Celebration Group! ★

We Need Your Help!

Would you like to be part of a new school community group that celebrates the amazing diversity in our school?

We're inviting parents, carers, and community members to help bring fresh ideas, cultural knowledge, and perspectives to enhance our curriculum and school events.

☕ **Coffee & Cake Morning**

Come along for a friendly chat, share your ideas, and find out how we can work together to make our school community even more inclusive and inspiring.

**Date and time: 12th November at 9am at
Whitchurch Primary School**

Everyone welcome – we'd love a mix of cultures, experiences, and voices.

If you're interested, please contact the school office or email:
awilson@whitchurchprimary.cymru

