Weekly Parent/Carer Communication 07.09.2026

Key Information:

Welcome Back
It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this term. The school has been full of excitement, enthusiasm and smiling faces, and it has been wonderful to see the children reconnecting with their friends and teachers after the summer break.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. Staff have been incredibly impressed with how positively the pupils have approached the start of term. They have shown confidence, resilience and a willingness to embrace new challenges, whilst demonstrating our school values in classrooms and around the school site.

The calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school is a credit to the children, and we are very proud of the mature and positive attitude they have shown during these first few days.

A warm welcome to our new families and pupils who have joined our school community, as well as our new Nursery pupils who are starting with us this week. We look forward to getting to know you and working together throughout the year ahead.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in helping the children settle so well into the new school year. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Meet the Teacher Drop-in Sessions Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 9th September at 3:45pm and 4:15pm
We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' drop-in sessions after school this week. This is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and hear some key information about the year ahead.

The presentation has already been shared with Reception parents (same information as the presentation shared in July), but teachers will still be available for parents to drop in and see the environment and meet staff, if parents wish.

Presentations will also be shared with all parents and carers following the sessions, so please don't worry if you are unable to make the sessions. There are two sessions, both covering the same information, to provide flexibility for families and to accommodate those with siblings in different classes.

Health & Safety Announcements

Site Security
Over the summer, you may have noticed some changes to the additional gates at the front of the school site. These changes have been made to improve security at the front of the school and for Little Footprints Nursery. From now on, the footpath gates at the front of the school site (next to the car park entrance) will be closed from 9:15am until 3:00pm. The side gate will be the only access point to the school grounds during these times.

To enter the school building and speak with the office team, please also use the new intercom system located on the wall next to the main entrance doors. A member of the office team will be able to assist you.

Car Park
In line with the school's traffic management plan, only parents, carers or pupils displaying a Blue Badge may use the school car park.

For safety reasons, only Blue Badge holders and staff accessing their vehicles should walk through the car park. We have experienced several near misses involving families walking or using scooters in this area at the start and end of the school day. We therefore ask that all families use the designated footpaths around the school site.

Scooters and Bikes
It has been fantastic to see so many pupils travelling to school on their scooters and bikes. To help keep everyone safe, please ensure that children dismount and push their bikes or scooters once they enter the school grounds. Some areas around the school are narrow, and collisions can occur easily.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with these matters.

Key Dates For This Week:
Wednesday 9th September at 3:45pm and 4:15pm: Meet the Teacher Drop-in Sessions
Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September: Staggered start for Nursery (pupils have received their individual start dates)

Key dates for next week:
Wednesday 16th September: CHANGE OF DATE Year 4 visit to Bethesda Church
Thursday 17th September: Year 6 visit to Bethesda Church
Friday 18th September: Year 5 visit to Bethesda Church
Friday 18th September 2pm : Phonics and Reading workshop for parents in Nursery to Year 2. In Hall 1 from 2pm to 2:45pm with teachers, then practise techniques in class with your child/children until 3:10pm. Further information will be sent out later this week.

Important Future Dates 2026/2027:

INSET Days - School closed to pupils:

- Friday 23 October 2026
- Monday 4 January 2027
- Friday 19 March 2027
- Monday 14 June 2027

The key dates have been organised into the three school terms. To make the calendar easier to follow:

- **Purple** dates indicate INSET days, when the school will be closed to pupils.
- **Blue** dates highlight events where parents and carers are invited to attend or participate.
- **Orange** dates indicate school holiday half-term breaks.

The PTA will also share details of additional events with you throughout the year as they are confirmed.

As always, the Autumn Term is particularly busy, with many exciting events and opportunities for pupils and families. We hope that by sharing these dates early, you will be able to join us for as many of these occasions as possible. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Autumn Term

Tuesday 22nd September	Year 3 trip to Caerleon
Wednesday 23rd September 3:30pm-5pm	Whitchurch Primary Community Celebration event; more details to follow. Celebration of the Whitchurch Primary School community involving music, food and sports plus a Macmillan cake stall. We look forward to seeing you there!
Tuesday 29th September	PTA Christmas Card deadline.
Monday 5th October	Harvest Festival and food bank collections
Tuesday 6th October	Grandparents Days: 9:10am -10am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 10:10am-11am Years 3 and 4 2:45pm - 3:30pm Years 5 and 6
Friday 16th October	Show Racism the Red Card - all pupils invited to wear red to school
Wednesday 21st October	Individual and siblings photograph day
19th, 20th 21st October	Parents Evenings online Nursery to Year 6
Friday 23rd October	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October	Half term
9th to 13th November	Interfaith Week
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
16th to 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks to school
Friday 20th November	Children in Need- wear pyjamas or own clothes to school (no onesies please!)
2nd and 3rd December	Year 4 Senedd Trip
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day- wear Christmas jumper to school
December	Christmas Concerts; dates will be finalised and sent in the Autumn term
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn term

Spring Term

Monday 4th January 2027	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th January	Return back to school for all pupils
Monday 8 February 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027	Half term
15th to 17th February	Parent Evening meetings in person
Tuesday 2nd March	Whole School Eisteddfod
Wednesday 3rd March	Class photograph day
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day- pupils invited to dress up as favourite book character
Tuesday 9th March	Call of the Wild year 4 parent talk after school 3:40pm
Monday 8th March	Year 5 cycling proficiency 5SJ
Monday 15th March	Year 5 cycling proficiency 5EL
Thursday 18th March	Last day of term for the pupils
Friday 19th March	INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Summer term

Monday 5th April 2027	Return back to school
5th April to 9th April	STEM week
Monday 5th April	Year 5 cycling proficiency 5LD
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th	Call of the Wild Group A
Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th	Call of the Wild Group B
Monday 17th May	Sports Day am Morning Nursery & Reception, pm Afternoon nursery, years 1 and 2
Tuesday 18th May	Sports Day am years 3 and 4, pm years 5 and 6
Tuesday 18th May	Llangrannog parent talk year 6 after school 3:40pm
Friday 28th May	Photograph Day- Sports, Music and Pupil Voice Groups
Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half term
Monday 7th June to Friday	Year 6 Llangrannog

11th June	
Monday 14th June	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
14th to 20th June	Refugee Week
Week beginning: Monday 5th July	Curriculum Celebration Events to celebrate the year of hard work with your children and look at books. Specific dates and times to be confirmed.
Tuesday 20th July	Last day of term for pupils and end of term. School **will be open** to pupils on Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July.

We hope you have a fantastic week.

The Whitchurch Team