Weekly Parent/Carer Communication 11.09.2026

Key Information:

Meet the Teacher Event
Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers. We hope you found these meetings useful and informative, and that they provided a valuable opportunity to build positive relationships with your child's class teacher while learning more about the year ahead. We recognise that not all families were able to attend, so the presentations shared during the sessions will be sent out to all families to ensure everyone has access to the key information and important messages discussed.

Community Celebration Event Wednesday 23rd September 3:30pm to 5:30pm
We are delighted to announce our first Whitchurch Community Celebration, taking place on Wednesday 23rd September from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. This promises to be a really exciting event, bringing together children, families and members of our wider community. There will be a wide range of workshops for children to enjoy, including sports, music and dance activities, as well as food stalls. We are also looking forward to performances from our school choir, drumming from Whitmore Secondary school pupils and Teulu Dawns (Afrobeats dancing). We are currently finalising the organisations and individuals who will be supporting the event, and further information will be shared with families on Monday. We hope you will be able to join us.

There will be opportunities to purchase wristbands, which will give access to attending the different workshops, on Wednesday and Thursday next week on the school site. Detailed information will be shared on Monday.

We will also be setting up a Macmillan stall selling cakes and treats, and all proceeds raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Community Celebration Day Wednesday 23rd September
On the same day as the event, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes that celebrate who they are. This could include:

- Traditional clothing that reflects their culture or heritage.
- Team sports kits for clubs they play for, or that represent their culture or heritage.
- Uniforms linked to hobbies or interests, such as Scouts, Brownies or other organisations.

It is important to us to offer further opportunities for children to celebrate their identity, interests and achievements with our school community, and to also build on the classwork which the children have been completing during the first few weeks of term, which is focused on ‘Belonging’ and ‘Cynefin’.

Uniform and PE kit
Thank you to all families for your continued support in ensuring children come to school wearing the correct uniform. A consistent approach helps promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. If you are experiencing any difficulties encouraging your child to wear the correct uniform, please let us know so that we can work together to provide support. We would also like to remind parents that the PTA uniform rail is available by the school entrance, with items priced at just £1. Please ensure that all uniform, coats, PE kits and other belongings are clearly labelled, as we already have a large amount of lost property.

Also, a reminder that PE kit should consist of black bottoms (jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts), a plain white T-shirt and a school jumper or sweatshirt. We are seeing an increasing number of children attending PE in football kits or other clothing that does not meet the PE uniform expectations. Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring all children are dressed appropriately for school and PE activities.

Health & Safety announcements:
Parking and dropping off pupils
We would like to remind all parents and carers to park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please do not turn around in the entrance to the school car park, as this creates an unnecessary risk for pupils, families and staff entering and leaving the site. Unsafe or inconsiderate parking can make it difficult for children to be seen when crossing roads around the school, increasing the risk of accidents for everyone in our community. We would also like to remind families that mobile traffic enforcement cameras regularly operate in the streets surrounding the school and are issuing fines to motorists who park illegally, including on yellow lines. We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of all our children and families.

Dogs on school site
A reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We kindly ask all parents and carers not to leave dogs tied to railings, gates or fences around the school site. While we appreciate that many families are responsible dog owners, unattended dogs can become anxious or distressed in busy environments, creating potential safety risks. Some children and adults may also be nervous or fearful of dogs, and unexpected encounters can cause significant distress to the pupils coming into school. To help ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable when arriving at and leaving school, please do not leave dogs unattended anywhere around the school perimeter. Many thanks.

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.

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!
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
Thursday 8th October	Year 5 trip to Rhondda Heritage Park
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
Wednesday 11th November	Year 6 trip to Cardiff Castle
Thursday 12th November	Year 5 trip to Cadbury World
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 weekend.

The Whitchurch Team