Weekly Parent/Carer Communication 28.09.2026

KEY INFORMATION

Community Event- thank you!
A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Community Event last week, and an even bigger thank you to all the members of our school community who helped to make the event such a wonderful success.

It was fantastic to see so many families coming together and enjoying an afternoon filled with sport, music, dance, laughter and fun. There was such a wonderful atmosphere throughout the event, with children and adults getting involved, having a go at new activities and, most importantly, enjoying time together as a community. It really was a fantastic celebration of our school community!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who organised and supported the event, led workshops and activities, shared their talents and helped things run so smoothly. The enthusiasm and generosity of our community made the day truly special. Thank you for helping to make it such a memorable occasion!

Macmillan Cancer Donations- thank you!
Another huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Macmillan stall. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise an amazing **£250** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This is an incredible charity and one that is particularly close to the hearts of many within the Whitchurch community. We are delighted that our school community has been able to contribute to the fantastic work Macmillan does in supporting people and families affected by cancer.

Thank you once again to everyone who baked, donated, bought a cake or supported the stall. Your generosity really does make a difference.

Attendance
Thank you for continuing to support your children to attend school every day when they are well. We have made a fantastic start to the year, with our whole-school attendance currently at **95.8%,** above our school target of 95.5%.

Our Reception pupils are currently leading the way, with an impressive average attendance of **over 98%**. All of our Year 2 classes, along with Class 4JP, are also achieving attendance of over 97% so far this year. This is a fantastic start and reflects the importance our families place on regular school attendance.

Every day in school provides valuable opportunities for children to learn, develop friendships and be part of our school community. Thank you for helping your children make the most of these opportunities.

If you need any further support, advice or guidance in helping your child attend school regularly, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help.

Grandparents Day - Tuesday 6th October
We are really looking forward to welcoming our grandparents into school on Tuesday 6th October. It will be a lovely opportunity for our children to share a little of their school life with their grandparents and for families to spend some special time together.

To help the day run smoothly, we have allocated different times for each year group:

- 9:10am – 10:00am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 10:10am – 11:00am: Years 3 and 4
- 2:45pm – 3:30pm: Years 5 and 6

We are very much looking forward to seeing our grandparents.

Harvest
As part of our Harvest celebrations, our Eco Committee is supporting our local foodbank and helping to collect much-needed donations for families in our local community.

We would be very grateful for any donations of tins and dry food (such as pasta and rice). Every contribution, however large or small, can make a real difference to those who may be facing difficult circumstances. Please can donations be handed to class teachers throughout this week and next week.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Key Dates For This Week:
None Applicable

Key dates for next week:
Monday 5th October: School will explore Harvest festival and will begin to accept food donations.
Tuesday 6th October: Grandparents Day
Thursday 8th October: Year 5 trip to Rhondda Heritage Park

Important Future Dates 2026/2027:

INSET Days - School closed to pupils:

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

Thursday 15th October	PTA Halloween Disco
Friday 16th October	Show Racism the Red Card - all pupils invited to wear red to school
Wednesday 21st October	Individual and siblings photograph day
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evenings online Nursery to Year 6
Friday 23rd October	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 26th - Friday 31st October	Half-Term
Monday 9th - Friday 13th November	Interfaith Week
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day Year 6 Cardiff Castle trip
Thursday 12th November	Year 5 Cadbury's World trip
Friday 13th November	Flu Spray Immunisations Reception to Year 6
Monday 16th - Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks to school
Thursday 19th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 20th November	Children in Need- wear pyjamas or own clothes to school (no onesies please!)
Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd December	Year 4 Senedd Trip
Thursday 3rd December	PTA Christmas Fair
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 2027

Monday 4th January	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th January	Return to school for all pupils
Monday 8th - Friday 12th February	Half-Term
Monday 15th - 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 parents 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 2027

Monday 5th April	Return to school
Monday 5th - Friday 9th April	STEM week
Monday 5th April	Year 5 cycling proficiency 5LD
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th May	Call of the Wild Group A
Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th May	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 31st May - Friday 4th June	Half-Term
Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June	Year 6 Llangrannog
Monday 14th June	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 14th - Friday 18th 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