Weekly Parent/Carer Communication 9.10.2026

Key Information

Grandparents Day
A big thank you to all the wonderful grandparents who joined us for Grandparents' Day! Your presence made the day extra special and we thoroughly enjoyed having you with us.

Scholastic Book Fair 9th to 14th October
The Scholastic School book fair will be joining us again this term with some exciting new books! It will be set up outside the front of the school at hometime from Friday 9th October to Wednesday 14th October. A cashless system will be in place to support ordering the books.

Bike Bus
Next week the Bike Bus will move to a Wednesday. Going forward, the bike bus will either take place on a Wednesday or Friday; we will keep you updated. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting point at Whitchurch Tennis Club!

When: Wednesday 14th October
Time: Meet at 8:10am. for a briefing. Depart 8:15am.
Meet at: Whitchurch Tennis Club, St Francis Road.

Harvest Food Donations
Thank you for all the generous donations so far! Tuesday is the last day to bring in donations as Cardiff Foodbank will be collecting the items from school on Wednesday morning.

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.

Christmas Concert Dates
We are delighted to share the dates for our Christmas Concerts this year. Please see below as a reminder of the details for the performances for the different year group's performances.

Year 3 Ararat Church	Monday 7th December 11am
Year 4 Ararat Church	Monday 7th December 1:30pm
Year 6 Ararat Church	Tuesday 8th December 11am
Year 5 Ararat Church	Tuesday 8th December 1:30pm
Year 1 School Hall	Wednesday 9th December 9:30 am (surnames A to J) Thursday 10th December 9:30am (surnames K to Z)
Reception School Hall	Friday 11th December 9:30am
Year 2 School Hall	Monday 14th December 9:30am (surnames A to J) Monday 14th December 2pm (surnames K to Z)

Nursery am Nursery classroom	Tuesday 15th December 9:15am
Nursery pm Nursery classroom	Tuesday 15th December 2:30pm

Key Dates For This Week:
Monday 12th October: 2BM and 2JF train trip to Taffs Well
Wednesday 14th October: 8:10am Bike Bus
Thursday 15th October: PTA Halloween Disco
2SB train trip to Taffs Well
Friday 16th October: Show Racism the Red Card - all pupils invited to wear red to school

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

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 Year 6 Cardiff Castle trip
Thursday 12th November	Year 5 Cadbury's World trip
Friday 13th November	Flu Spray Immunisations Reception to Year 6
16th to 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!)
Thursday 26th November	PTA Christmas event
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

Christmas Concert Performances

Show times for parents to watch:

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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 11th June	Year 6 Llangrannog
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