



"Working Together, Learning Forever"

13th October 2026

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you!

A huge thank you for all your support for the start of term, there have been many great things going on in school and your children have been working very hard. I've had the pleasure of attending our PTFA meetings this term, a group of parents and friends of the school who work tirelessly to raise funds for the 'extras' for your children. They are a small, but very dedicated group! Over the past year they have raised significant sums of money for all children through their events. If you would like to join this group or find out more about what they do, please contact the school. This is a genuine, open invitation for you all to get involved to make the school a better place for all your children.

Shwmae Day

We are excited to inform you that we will be celebrating Shwmae Day again at school on Friday 16th October! This special day is dedicated to promoting the Welsh language and culture, and it's a fun way for our children to learn and engage with a key part of Wales's heritage. On Shwmae Day, students will have the opportunity to greet one another with the Welsh phrase "Shwmae" which means "Hello" or "How's it going?" It's a great way for children to connect with the Welsh language in a lively and interactive way. We encourage all families to join in the fun and use the phrase at home too, creating a sense of community both in school and beyond. We look forward to celebrating this vibrant part of our culture together. Pupils can wear something red, green or white on this day.

PTFA disco

Our wonderful PTFA will be organising a disco for pupils during the school day on the last day before half term (Friday 23rd October). The children can wear non- uniform and may wish to wear their Halloween costumes if they want. The children can bring some money in for sweets, drinks etc., which the PTFA will be selling. There is also a voluntary contribution of £1 towards school funds.

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A reminder on our expectations in relation to attendance

Parents are required by law to ensure that children attend school regularly. Good attendance is critically important for a child's learning pattern to develop smoothly and for progress to be maintained. **If your child misses school for any reason, please telephone or send a written message of explanation on the first day of absence.** Unless we receive such a message within 3 days, the absence will be recorded in the register as unauthorised. In cases of long or frequent absences, or persistent lateness when arriving in school, the Education Welfare Officer will be notified. We are currently having a number of parents/carers not ringing to inform us of absence.

If you intend to go on holiday during school time, you will need to complete a request for absence form, which is available from the school office. The school, have adopted the local policy on attendance and completion of this form does not guarantee that these days will be authorised. Our attendance officer, will follow the guidelines set out in the policy and present them to the Headteacher who has the final decision if the absences will be authorised or not.

No pupil will be allowed to leave school unless collected by a responsible adult, for example, when being collected for medical appointments. You will need to ensure that your child must be signed out at the school office prior to being taken. Please let the class teacher know if your child will be arriving late at school or is to be collected for an appointment. When returning to school after an appointment, make sure that your child is signed back into school again.

BBC Children in Need Friday 13th November

The children can wear non-uniform in on this day with a voluntary contribution of £1 which will be given to the charity. The children will be undertaking a number of activities in relation to this in school on the day.

After school clubs

Due to Christmas activities, the last after school clubs will take place during the week commencing 16th November. **Therefore, there will not be any after school clubs from the week commencing 23rd November.** The clubs will restart in the new year.

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As per the school walking to and from school policy/agreement, a reminder that even though Y5 and 6 pupils can walk on their own with permission at the end of the school day, all pupils, including Y 5 & 6 must be collected from after school clubs from Autumn half term to Easter. This is due to the darker nights and the later finish of the after- school clubs.

Anti-Bullying Week

We will be taking part in national anti-bullying week activities during the week commencing 16th November. To launch these activities, the children can wear odd socks on Monday 16th.

Burlais Closet

We will again host our Burlais closet on the 18th November at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity for families to come in and have newly new and new clothing (0-13), hygiene products and child essentials free of charge. There are baby equipment items that can also be requested prior to this day, please contact Miss Begum at the school for more information on this.

Christmas concert tickets and dates

Tickets will be on sale from the main office from Monday 16th November. There will be a limit of 2 tickets per family for the Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 concerts and 2 per child for the Y3, 4, 5 & 6 performances. You will have to choose one of the performances as we are limited for space. Tickets will be priced at £2 per ticket with all monies going back to buy resources for the children. Please do not bring non -school age pupils to watch as again, space is limited. **If you or any of your guests require any assistance or a wheelchair space, please can you let us know.**

Monday 7th December 9.30am & 2pm years 5, 6 and Mr. Bowen's class

Tuesday 8th December 9.30am & 2pm years 3,4 and Mrs. Jenkins class

Thursday 10th December 9.30am Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2

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INSET days and return after Christmas holidays

The children will finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December, this day will be a non-uniform day for pupils at no cost. **The children return to school after the holidays on Tuesday 5th January.** Monday 4th is an INSET day.

Important dates

Friday 16th October – Shwmae day – wear something red, white or green to school

Tuesday 20th October – Individual school photos (school uniform)

Friday 23rd October – last day in school before the half term holidays (PTFA disco, non-uniform day for pupils)

Monday 2nd November – INSET day (school closed to pupils but open to staff)

Tuesday 3rd November – School starts back for pupils after the half term holidays

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (non-uniform)

Monday 16th November – Wear odd socks to school for the start of National Anti-Bullying week

Wednesday 18th November – Burlais Closet

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