



A P R I L NEWS LETTER



WELCOME MESSAGE

I would like to begin by offering a huge congratulations to our Criw Cymraeg and Mrs Day, who have led our Welsh language journey throughout the school and helped us achieve the Cymraeg Campus Silver Award. Llongyfarchiadau! This is an amazing achievement for the whole school and reflects the hard work and commitment of pupils and staff. We are incredibly proud of what has been accomplished and are excited to begin working towards achieving our Gold Award.

Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in their residential visit to Manor Adventure. I had the privilege of accompanying them alongside Miss Bush, Miss Matz and Mrs Bounds. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to these staff members, as trips like this would not be possible without their willingness to give up their time.

The children had a wonderful experience and truly embodied everything we stand for as a school: Respect, Believe, Achieve. They embraced every challenge, gave everything a go, and showed great courage when stepping outside of their comfort zones. I was immensely proud of each and every one of them. They were a credit to the school and demonstrated just how confident and capable they are as they prepare for their next steps.

Speaking of next steps, it is with both sadness and happiness that we share the news that Mrs Green has decided that the time has come to retire. Mrs Green has been a valued member of our school community for 24 years. The wealth of experience, knowledge and care she brings to the school is truly exceptional. She has supported countless pupils, families and staff over the years, and her dedication to the wellbeing of everyone in our school community has been remarkable.

I cannot speak highly enough of Mrs Green, and I know she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and families, both past and present. We will be sharing further information about how we will celebrate Mrs Green's retirement and her many years of dedicated service, so please keep an eye out for this. We thank her for everything she has done for our school and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Yours faithfully

J Bayliss

Mrs Jo Bayliss
Headteacher

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- Wed 6th - PTA Film Night (Rec-Y2)
- Sun 10th - Year 5 Church contributions at St Peter's Church (10.15am)
- Fri 15th - Year 2 Class Worship (Y2 parents/carers invited)
- Tues 19th - Sports Day (Rec to Y2 am / Y3 to Y6 pm)
- Wed 20th - Nursery Sports Day (Usual session times)
- Fri 22nd - Nursery places issued

JUNE

- Mon 1st - INSET DAY
- Tue 2nd - Return to school





OUR VALUE

Our school value for this half term is Friendship. This is such an important value for our children to understand, as it helps them build strong, caring relationships with others.

In school, this means showing kindness, supporting one another, listening and respecting each other's ideas, and working together as a team. By focusing on friendship, we hope to create a school where every child feels included, valued, and able to flourish.



CHURCH VISITS



I would like to say a big thank you to all the classes who have attended the class contribution services at St Peter's Church so far. It is these experiences that we give the children which enrich their learning further and help to develop them as reflective, inclusive and informed young people.

I fully appreciate that many families have other commitments on Sundays, and I am very grateful for the support of parents who enable their children to take part in this important part of our school community. As a school, we only ask for this commitment once a year, and it is greatly valued.

GLOBAL NEIGHBOUR

Our school ambassadors, working with Mr Trigg, continue to work hard as part of our journey towards becoming active global citizens through the Global Neighbours work.

During our most recent event this month, George and Harrison (Year 6) had the opportunity to speak with representatives from Christian Aid and the Church in Wales, representing our school brilliantly.

We are also looking forward to an upcoming event at St Peter's Church on Sunday 8th June. We would be delighted if you could come along to support us.



FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP.
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Friendship

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



READ TOGETHER...

Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



and



FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



A special well done to our incredible Year 5 team who had their project entered into the Net Zero Superheroes Competition 2026. This competition focuses on encouraging young people to explore ways of reducing carbon emissions and promoting more sustainable, environmentally friendly choices for the future. With over 340 submissions across the UK, one of our groups successfully made it through to the final — a huge achievement.

Whatever the outcome, their hard work and dedication to sustainability truly shines through. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Stamp, who is leading on this and working with the children to achieve such fantastic outcomes.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for your continued support in helping to improve attendance and punctuality across the school. I have noticed a significant improvement, and it really does make a difference.

When children arrive on time, they are able to settle into their wellbeing welcome and take part in Read Write Inc. and spelling sessions, which begin promptly at 9:00am. Starting the day in this way helps children feel calm, confident and ready to learn.

We are pleased to be meeting the Welsh Government attendance target of 95% and more, and I am very proud of this achievement. With your continued support, we can build on this even further to ensure every child gets the very best from their time in school.

Thank you once again for working with us to support your children.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each week, attendance awards are given to the class with the highest attendance. This month, Year 2 have been amazing with an impressive 98.77% — da iawn to them! 🎉 They now get to spin the wheel to decide their class reward... I wonder what it will land on!



WEEK 1 - Year 6 with 100 %

WEEK 2 - Year 2 with 99%

WEEK 3 - Reception with 97.59%



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



I hope you are all finding our new website useful. If you haven't already explored it, please do take a look, as all diary dates and upcoming events are regularly updated there.

It has also been lovely to hear from parents that our Instagram page is more interactive and is helping to give a real flavour of what is happening across our school community.

As always, I am very open to new ideas. Please feel free to come and speak with me if there is anything you feel we could improve or develop further communication.

PTA NEWS

A further thank you to our PTA and to all of you for the ongoing support you give them. Without this, we would not be able to continue providing so many valuable resources and experiences for our children.

Thanks to the most recent funds raised, we have been able to purchase new outdoor benches for our playground areas. These benches are multi-purpose and can also be used during class time. They are made from eco-friendly composite plastic making them more durable.

We are extremely grateful for your continued support in helping us improve our school environment for all pupils. Diolch yn fawr!




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PLEASE COME!

3:15 - 4:15_{PM} TUESDAY

in the School Hall

more info from The Values Committee

