



JUNE NEWS LETTER



WELCOME MESSAGE

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of our parents for your continued support and understanding throughout this month. Unfortunately, the weather has not been on our side for Sports Day, Show Off Day, and our induction sessions, but we are hopeful that these events can be rescheduled so that the children can still enjoy and share them with you.

The new date for our induction meetings is **Wednesday 8th July**, and Show Off Day has been rescheduled for this week on **Wednesday 1st July**. We are keeping our fingers crossed for better weather; however, please note that if Show Off Day is unable to go ahead on this date, there will unfortunately be no further opportunity to reschedule it this year.

We appreciate that rearranging events can mean juggling work and other commitments, so thank you for bearing with us while we do our best to make them happen.

I would also like to thank you for your understanding regarding the roof works planned for September. As outlined in my letter, these arrangements are being managed by the Local Authority and are unfortunately beyond our control. However, it is important that the work is completed before winter. Please be assured that we will do everything possible to minimise disruption to the children's learning and daily routines.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding, and for the many kind words of support we have received from parents. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated and means a great deal to the staff and myself. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive school community.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Jo Bayliss
Headteacher

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- Wed 1st** – Show off day
- Wed 8th** – Nursery/Reception Induction meetings
- Wed 8th** – Year 6 Transition day St Cyres
- Wed 8th** – Year 6 Leavers service at Cathedral of Llandaff
- Thurs 9th/Fri 10th** – PTA Welly swap
- Fri 10th** – Nursery Class Worship (Nursery parents/carers invited)
- Sun 12th** – Year 6 Leavers Church contributions at St Peter's Church (10.15am)
- Mon 13th** – Reception to Year 2 Parc Play trip
- Tues 14th** – Year 3 to Year 5 Bristol Zoo Project trip
- Wed 15th** – Nursery Porthcawl Beach Academy trip
- Wed 15th** – Year 6 Leavers show at Parish Hall (10am)
- Thurs 16th** – Year 6 Bowling trip

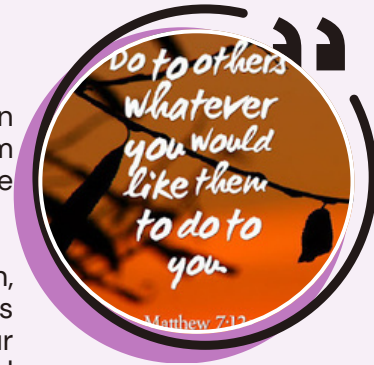




OUR VALUE

Our school value for this half term is Respect. This is such an important value for our children to understand, as it helps them develop positive relationships and become thoughtful, responsible members of our school community.

In school, this means treating others with kindness and consideration, listening carefully to different viewpoints, valuing people's feelings and opinions, and taking care of ourselves, others, and our environment. By focusing on respect, we hope to create a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and able to thrive.



CHURCH VISITS

I would also like to thank the Reception class who contributed to the service at St Peter's Church. They did a wonderful job speaking so clearly and confidently about their thoughts on respect.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but Mrs Bounds and Miss Jewell both commented on how fantastic the children were and how proud they made us all. Well done, Reception!

GLOBAL NEIGHBOUR

Our School Ambassadors, working alongside Mr Trigg, continue to work hard as part of our journey towards becoming active global citizens through our Global Neighbours work.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Trigg for organising the recent event at St Peter's Church, alongside Mrs Stamp and Mrs Saunders for their wonderful display, and to our governor, Sue Williams, for her support. The event was a great success and a fantastic celebration of the work taking place across our school.

Our School Ambassadors and Eco Committee members from Years 5 and 6 did an amazing job. It was wonderful to hear them speak so passionately and confidently about their work and the positive difference they are making within our school and wider community. They represented the school brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of them all.



An American Indian Tale

Adahy was a good father and as his young son, Kuruk, grew up he proudly taught him all that he knew. In time, Kuruk married and brought his new wife to live in Adahy's home.

Soon they had a baby son, Elan. As Elan grew older his grandfather, Adahy, began teaching the young boy all that he knew and Elan learned to **respect** the forest, its animals and all the different plants. As years passed by Elan's mother begrudged sharing her home more and more with the old man until in anger one day she told her husband that Adahy must leave.

Kuruk was horrified, "I can't make him go, this is his home and he built it for us." Angrily his wife replied "If you do not make the old man go then I will be off and I'll take our son, Elan, with me."

Kuruk knew he had been left with no choice, but he felt so guilty he couldn't bring himself to tell the old man himself. Instead he told Elan to take his grandfather far away, deep into the forest and leave him. "Give him this blanket to keep him warm", he said. Elan was horrified. "But I love and **respect** Grandpa. He has taught me all that I know. How can I do such a thing?" His father replied, "Elan, just do as I've asked."

So the next morning, thinking they must be going hunting, Adahy followed Elan deep into the forest. When the old man could walk no further and stopped to take a nap, the boy, with tears streaming down his face turned back and left Adahy sleeping. That evening as Elan returned, Kuruk and his wife saw the blanket. Elan explained, "I gave Grandpa half of the blanket. The other half, I will give to you some day."

His mother and father understood the message. They went straightaway and fetched Grandpa.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Who do you respect?

Draw or paint a picture of your chosen person and make a frame to surround it. On the reverse give 5 reasons why this person is worthy of special **respect**. The picture can then be hung in the school Challenge Gallery.



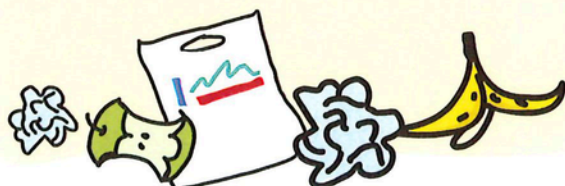
FAMILY FOCUS

Respect Detectives

It is important to show the same **respect** to other people that we would wish to be shown to us. It is also important to **respect** the built environment as well as the natural world. Go on a family walk in your village or town. Look around for signs that people **respect** the places where they live by looking after property and public spaces.

- Can you see any graffiti?
- Do dog owners clean up after their dogs?
- Do you notice litter anywhere?
- Are public facilities left clean and tidy – ie benches, telephone kiosks, toilets?

Write to your local council to let them know the results of your survey.



FASCINATING FACTS

Religious communities often treat their holy books with great reverence and **respect**. They believe the holy book contains God's teaching.

- Christians believe that the Bible is God's word to his people. They show **respect** and reverence by treating the Bible carefully. In some churches the Bible has a special stand called a lectern, from which it is read during worship.



- Orthodox Jewish men wear a kippah to cover their heads, as a sign of humility and **respect** towards God. The Torah scrolls are kept in a closed cabinet called an Ark and when reading them a pointer, yad, is used to follow the script so that the scrolls are not touched by hands.



- Muslims keep their holy book, the Qu'ran, covered and in a clean place, not on the floor nor with anything placed on top. To show **respect** and reverence they only handle the book with clean or gloved hands.



- Sikhs cover their heads and remove their shoes before going into a room housing their holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To show **respect** and reverence nobody sits higher than the Guru Granth Sahib and no alcohol is ever taken into the room.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



I was fortunate enough to accompany Mrs Stamp and our amazing Year 6 runners-up to Techniquet in Cardiff for the Climate Challenge Cymru Awards Ceremony.

What an incredible day it was! Our Year 6 finalists represented the school brilliantly, proudly showcasing their innovative technology project, 'Timmy the Turbo Turtle', designed to help revive the Earth's oceans.

Their interactive display captured the attention of guests and judges alike, sparking meaningful conversations about protecting our marine environments and inspiring positive action for the future.

The children also had the exciting opportunity to meet and ask questions to special guests, including Will Millard, Joe Wilkins, Helen Nelson, Llyr Gruffydd MS and His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Morfudd Meredith.

The following day, the children confidently presented their project to the school governors, giving them the opportunity to share their journey, explain the inspiration behind Timmy the Turbo Turtle, and demonstrate the impact of their work.

I couldn't be prouder of the children. Their creativity, teamwork and passion for making a difference were evident throughout both experiences. It was a privilege to share these memorable moments with them and celebrate everything they have achieved. Well done to everyone involved!

Llongyfarchiadau to Castell Caerffili (Tŷ Gwyrdd) for taking 1st place in Sports Day 2026! ❤️ What an incredible achievement!

All pupils showed determination, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship throughout every event, making it a fantastic day to remember. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you!

A huge thank you to all the staff, families and supporters who helped make the day such a success. We also want to thank everyone for your patience and flexibility—we're so pleased we were able to fit Sports Day in and enjoy such a wonderful event together. Da iawn, everyone!



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each week, attendance awards are given to the class with the highest attendance. This month, Year 3 have been amazing with an impressive 95.81% — 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 - Reception with 98.28 %

WEEK 2 - Year 3 with 96.55%

WEEK 3 - Year 5 with 94.63%



SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Congratulations!

Earlier in May, three of our Year 6 pupils – George, Ada and Phoebe – were confirmed by Bishop Mary at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe, following a series of confirmation classes with Father Andrew at St Peter's Church.

This is a very special milestone in their faith journey, and we are delighted to celebrate this achievement with them. Congratulations to all three pupils on their confirmation. We are incredibly proud of you and the commitment, thoughtfulness, and maturity you have shown throughout the process.

PTA NEWS

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA, who are always so supportive of our school. We really appreciate the enormous amount of time, effort, and dedication that went into organising the Summer Fete. It was fantastic to see so many families attending and supporting the event, helping to make it such a success.

We also have one final PTA event this term – our Welly Swap. If your child has outgrown their wellies, they can bring them into school on **Thursday 9th July**.

Then, on **Friday 10th July**, families are invited to come along and swap them for a larger pair. This is a brilliant way to encourage reusing and recycling while helping families prepare for the new school year.

If you do take part, please remember to update the name inside your child's new wellies before they return to school in September.




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