

St Nicholas C/W Primary School

Spring 2025

Newsletter

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16th January	<i>PTA committee meeting 3:30-4:00 in Dosbarth Oak</i>
W.c. 20th January	<i>After School clubs begin</i>
31st January	<i>Wear Red for Velindre</i>
7th February	<i>Children's Mental Health Awareness Day—Crazy hair day</i>
21st February	<i>INSET DAY—School closed for pupils</i>
24-28th February	Half Term
5th March	Ash Wednesday
6th March	School Eisteddfod
7th March	World Book Day Celebrations
11th March	Oak Parent Engagement (8:50 and 2:30)
13th March	Willow Parent Engagement (8:50 and 2:30)
14th March	Birch Parent Engagement (8:50 and 2:30)
12-14th March	Llangrannog Residential Years 4,5,6
17th March	Maple Parent Engagement (8:50 and 2:30)
18th March	Sycamore Parent Engagement (8:50 and 2:30)
20th-21st March	Urdd Residential Year 3 Only
21st March	Comic Relief (Details to follow)
1st April	Oak Celebration of Learning—parents invited 1:30
2nd and 3rd April	Parents Evening
3rd April	Maple Celebration of Learning—parents invited 2:00
8th April	Easter Bonnet Parade 1:00 and Easter Service 2:00 in the school hall.
11th April	End of term
28th April	Summer Term begins
5th May	May Bank Holiday

Diary Dates

General reminders

- Pupils should only bring in water bottles no greater than 1L. We have water filling stations in school to ensure your children can replenish their water once consumed
- Coats are needed every day during the winter months.
- Jewellery—studs only please. Hoops are a health and safety hazard when taking part in PE.
- Pupils should only bring in healthy snacks to eat during break time. Sugary alternatives such as granola bars, fruit winders etc should be kept for their lunch boxes. Pupils can also access Snack Shack in school, which is payable on Parent Pay.
- Pupils should still be wearing relaxed uniform to school as PE days may alternate dependant on events in school.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

New website!

We have launched our new website. Please bare with us in the coming weeks to populate the pages with relevant information. This will become an increasingly important communication tool for the school after February half term. Teachers will be uploading photo galleries rather than using X (Twitter) for celebrations of learning in class.

Wrap Around Care

Wrap around care led by external provider 'Simply Out Of Schools' has now started. If you would like more information on how to access the after school provision, please contact the office. This is a paid after school provision.

Parents Evening

This will continue to be online. Time slots will be released closer to the dates.

Miss Sullivan

We are pleased to announce that Miss Sullivan has given birth to a beautiful baby boy. What a wonderful Christmas present for their family.

Volunteers!

We would love to have more parents engage with the school community through: listening to pupils reading, supporting with spelling practise or through tutoring number skills. If you have an hour to spare and would like to help out, please get in touch with the office.

After school clubs

<https://forms.gle/179P3ep5enqc18rz6>

Please sign up!

Every Day Counts!

Attendance remains a priority for the school and it is important that children attend school every day. A gentle reminder that the school day begins at 8:50am. All children are expected to be on the school premises before this time. If you do not get to the village by 8:50am, you will need to park up and walk your child down to the school office as the gates will be locked and all staff and pupils will be in classes. Mr Morgan or another member of staff will be up at the gate from 8:40am every day to welcome the children. Staff will be on the yard from 8:40am to greet the children. Nursery parents, please continue to drop your children off at the nursery gate at 8:40am. If you have older children, they can make their way around to the MUGA when you drop off at the nursery.

Contacting the School

If you need to contact the school for any reason, please give us a ring on (01446) 760239; or send us an email at: Stnicholasps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and we will do our very best to get back to you within 24 hours.

Sign in App

We now have a sign in system for late pupils. If for whatever reason pupils arrive outside the morning window to gain their attendance mark, parents need to walk their child to the office to sign them in. Likewise, you will need to come down to the office to sign out your child if you have an unavoidable appointment in the middle of the school day. We understand that some appointments cannot be moved, however wherever possible if appointments can be booked outside of school time that would be greatly appreciated.

Reading Books

A reminder that reading books should be changing regularly for all learners. If you have any Oxford Reading Tree books at home, please send them back in so that they can be changed. Year 6 pupils should bring back into school any staged reading books that are home, we need them back in school by Friday 7th June.

Parent Engagement

Sign up forms will be sent out closer to the time.

Drop off system

Nursery parents, please continue to park in the village and walk your children to the gate. Thank you.

R-Y6 parents, please do not overtake on the one way system. We have noticed more parents doing so, which could result in an injury.

Thank you to all that are not arriving in the village before 8:40AM and 3:15 PM enabling the village traffic to move freely.

***Diolch yn fawr iawn for your continued support,
Miss Evans and Mr Morgan***



Fundraising

During the Autumn term, we raised:

£200 for the Poppy Appeal

£380 for MacMillan

£100 for Young Minds

£300 Children in Need

£60 for Christian Aid

£100 Show Racism the Red Card

£120 Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you so much for supporting such fantastic causes!

During the Spring Term, Mr Morgan is training to run the Manchester Marathon, raising money for Alzheimers Research. If anyone would like to support him in his fundraising, please see the link below.

www.justgiving.com/page/scott-morgan-alzheimers-research-uk