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Dear Families,

Well what a term we have had!

At last we have moved into our new school and we are all absolutely thrilled with the building and what we are able to do with it. The pupils have really embraced the new school and have been so positive about the move. Seeing their faces when they came in for the first time was a joy to behold. One child actually said, 'wow, what have we done to deserve all this!'.

Obviously moving into a new building does require different systems and procedures and there have been times when we have had to adapt and change arrangements, as not all have worked as we had hoped they would. We really do appreciate the understanding and patience you have shown, as we refine our practices.

We are led to believe the school grounds developments will be completed by September and we can't wait for the children to be able to use the grounds fully both during lesson and break times.





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There have been many opportunities to celebrate pupils achievements this term and we are really pleased with the progress all children are making with their learning.

Outside of the classroom; Skiing with year 6 was amazing. The children were absolutely fantastic and were a pleasure to take. It's important to mention how outside bodies and venues always tell us how wonderful our pupils are in terms of enthusiasm, attitude and behaviour. They are always a credit to us and to you.

Rugby, football, music performances, Bumbles of Hollywood, our Eisteddfod and Egg rolling are just some of the additional activities that have taken place. A special mention to the rugby team who will be representing the school in the national Urdd festival in May. Good luck to you all.

May we wish you all a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer Term.





Key Dates for Summer Term



Date	Event
Monday 28th April	INSET day - school closed for all pupils
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday Monday - school closed for all pupils
Thursday 8th May	VE day 80th anniversary - all children to wear red, white, blue to school. Home task VE bunting
Friday 9th May - Sunday 11st May	Year 5 residential trip to Llangrannog
Friday 16th May	Seren a Sbarc day in school, children to celebrate in school day in school uniform
Monday 19th May	Sports Day Year 1 - 6 on school field, more details will be sent closer to the time on timings
Tuesday 20th May	Early years Nursery and Reception fun sports day in school no parental attendance
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	May Half Term holidays



Key Dates for Summer Term



Date	Event
Friday 4th July	Reports to Parents
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 leavers assembly in the evening - more information will follow
Friday 18th July	Final day of term



Attendance



Pre Nursery	92%
Nursery	92.9%
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95.7%

**This chart shows our
year group
attendance for
Spring Term 2
06/01/2025 -
04/04/2025**

**Green - above our
94% target
Amber - between
90-93.9%
Red - Below 90%**



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Rugby

In March pupils from years 5 and 6 took part in the Pontypridd Schools round of the National 10 a side competition. After having 0 tries scored against them until the final they came runners up in the Cup. They have been lucky enough to be invited to the National Finals in April in Llandoverly.



On 3rd April they travelled to Llandoverly RFC to participate in the National 10 a side competition competing against school from all over Wales. After winning % group games they entered the Alan Griffiths cup where they lost 1 try to nil in the final.



Rugby

URDD Mid Glamorgan 7's competition

2 teams of pupils from years 5 and 6 took part in the URDD 7's competition in Bridgend. 1 team won the tournament meaning they progress to the URDD finals in Aberystwyth in May! Da iawn!



Netball

URDD Mid Glamorgan netball competition

2 teams of year 6 girls took part in the URDD competition at Sophia gardens putting their skills from netball club into action. They competed brilliantly throughout. Da iawn Merched!





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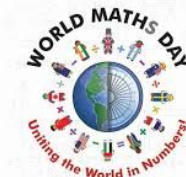
TTRS continues to be a fantastic programme that our children love using! Since moving into our new school and having access to more ICT resources, it's been brilliant to give pupils even more opportunities to engage with it during the school day.

We recently took part in the 'Wales Rock' competition, and the children showed incredible dedication and teamwork.

Out of over 400 schools, we proudly placed 39th—an amazing achievement! A special shoutout goes to three pupils who earned a phenomenal number of points and helped boost our school's score. They've been recognised and awarded for their efforts—well done!

We're excited to take part in more competitions in the near future and aim to climb even higher up the leaderboard!

World Maths Day



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We celebrated World Maths Day on Tuesday 25th March. The children had an action-packed day filled with creativity, collaboration, and fun!

They got involved in designing and playing maths-themed games, tackling exciting problem-solving challenges, and even entering competitions.

It was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy time with friends while exploring how maths plays a vital role in our everyday lives—and discovering just how fun it can be!



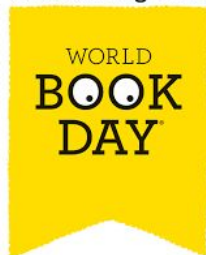
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World Book Day

Celebrating with



Due to the school move we celebrated a belated World Book Day on Friday 14th March. It was wonderful to see all the children dressed up as their favourite book characters.

A huge thank you for supporting this fantastic day. The children engaged in book related activities during the day and shared their favourite reads with their class friends.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day



On Friday 21st March all the children were invited to come into school wearing something red for this years Comic Relief day. We would like to thank all those that donated to this worthy cause, we raised £275



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Experimental Science

We are very lucky to be working with Lisa from Experimental Science to promote STEAM subjects across our school. As part of her first visit, Lisa talked about the three areas of science and used everyday items to introduce the children to the laws of physics in a very fun and exciting way. The children were amazed to learn that we have electricity running through our body and created human circuits!



ExperiMENTAL
Science



Lisa will be back in July to talk about the after-school club she will be running from September. Stay tuned for more information.

Rock assembly



We had a fantastic assembly delivered by James from iRock. We walked into assembly with him singing some of our favourite songs. He then invited 3 children to come up and join his band, playing the guitar, singing and playing the drums.

A parentmail has been sent out containing information of how to sign up to the iRock music sessions if your child is interested.



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Eisteddfod



We celebrated a belated Eisteddfod on Thursday 10th April. It was a wonderful Welsh celebration. Every year group competed in competitions ranging from artwork to handwriting to poetry writing inspired by artists from Wales.

The children all learnt a song and a poem which they performed in the Eisteddfod and also learnt a traditional Welsh dance in their PE sessions.

Year 6 pupils competed to win the overall title of the Bardd. This years winner was Reuben who wrote a fantastic poem on the theme of Through a Welsh window.

Easter disco



A huge thank you to our PTA for our first school disco in our new hall. The night was a huge success and all the children had a wonderful time.



Agencies that offer help should you need it



Childline - 0800 1111

Citizens Advice Bureau - 01656 762800

Samaritans - 116123

Shelter Cymru (financial and home advice) - 0800 495495

Resilient families - 01443 425006

RCT families website - www.rctfamilies.co.uk