



Spring Term 2

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Head Teacher's Message

The weeks really do fly and here we are at the end of the Spring Term already! Thank you for your support this half term and it was lovely that so many of you took up the opportunity to attend consultations with your child's class teacher. As a school, we would also like to thank 2 fantastic members of staff who have left this term. Mrs Lumsdaine and Mrs Randel have both been amazing colleagues and will be greatly missed!

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we will see the children back in school on Monday April 13th!

Mr. Burns

World Book Day

Our pupils embraced World Book Day with fantastic enthusiasm, celebrating stories through costumes, activities, and shared reading. The Masked Reader challenge was a huge hit, with children laughing, debating, and confidently making their guesses. Their excitement captured the spirit of the day and reminded us how powerful and fun reading can be.



Comic Relief

Comic Relief day was full of laughter as our pupils took on creative fundraising challenges. From colourful outfits to imaginative events, they embraced every moment while raising money for important causes. Their enthusiasm and compassion shone through, showing how small actions can create big change. We also donated all of our Friday Raffle to the cause - £152.50. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Eid

Our school community sends warm wishes to all families who celebrated Eid. We hope the occasion brought joy, togetherness, and memorable moments with loved ones. As pupils returned to school, many shared their excitement and stories, helping us all appreciate the richness of our diverse community and the importance of celebrating special traditions together.



Scarecrow's Wedding

Our Year 1 children shone as they brought The Scarecrow's Wedding to life. They planned the entire celebration themselves, designing outfits, creating invitations, and even choosing the decorations. A special highlight was the beautiful wedding cake, kindly made by Gracie's mum. Their creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm made the project truly memorable.



Eisteddfod

Our school Eisteddfod for St. David's Day was a wonderful celebration of creativity and Welsh culture. The children impressed us with their efforts in art, handwriting and poetry competitions, showcasing real talent and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Caswell, this year's winning house, and well done to every pupil who took part with such pride and passion.



Morganstone Workshop

Our partnership with Morganstone Engineering has given our Year 5 and 6 pupils a brilliant hands-on STEM experience. Engineers led engaging sessions where children designed and built their own cantilever balconies using lollipop sticks, weights and cellotape. The creativity, problem-solving and teamwork on display was outstanding, showing real engineering thinking in action.



Ospreys Rugby

The Ospreys Rugby partnership has brought fantastic energy to PE lessons over the past few weeks. Many classes have been developing their basic rugby skills through fun, active and motivating sessions led by the coaches. The children's confidence, teamwork and enjoyment have grown with every activity, making this a brilliant sporting experience for all.



Cymraeg yn y tŷ - Welsh in the house

Throughout the school, our children have been practising speaking about themselves in Welsh. This is something that our Pupil Voice Group - **Dreigiau San Tomos** - are helping us all with. This is also a great opportunity for you to help at home by asking some simple questions regularly. Can you help practise this half term's focus questions at home?

Beth wyt ti'n hoffi?

Dw'i'n hoffi...

What do you like?

I like...

Beth wyt ti'n ddim yn hoffi?

Dwi ddim yn hoffi...

What don't you like?

I don't like...



Seed Swap Community Café

Our Community Café Seed Swap was a lovely celebration of sharing and growing together. Families, pupils and staff brought a wonderful variety of seeds, sparking conversations about gardening, sustainability and spring planting. The warm, friendly atmosphere showed the strength of our school community and the joy that comes from learning and connecting in simple, meaningful ways.



New Website

Our new school website has officially launched, giving families easy access to important information about school life. Updated class pages now showcase the wonderful learning happening across the year groups and will help us share our work with a wider audience. Class Dojo will continue to be our main communication tool for day-to-day updates and messages.

<https://stthomascommunityprimary.web11.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>



Escpae Room Fun

To promote life skills such as problem solving, working with others, time management, and communication we have continued to include escape sessions in our curriculum for children in Years 3 -6. The most recent was a New Year's Eve Party and the children have done fantastically well in our cabin! It's great that children have had an input in the design too with Lowri in Year 6 leading it from start to finish – independent learning in



Girls' and Boys' Football

Festivals

Our boys' and girls' football teams represented the school brilliantly at the recent festivals held at Pure Football. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship shone throughout every match. We are incredibly proud of all who took part.



Cefn Hengoed Sports Festival

Our football and netball teams achieved fantastic success at the Cefn Hengoed Comprehensive School Cluster Games, bringing home overall victory! The players showed impressive skill, determination and teamwork throughout every match. Their positive attitude and commitment made the whole school proud as they represented us with confidence and sportsmanship. A brilliant achievement for all involved.



Will's Petting Farm

Our younger pupils had a wonderful experience when Will's Petting Farm visited the school. Reception children loved meeting the animals up close and learning about how they are cared for. Their curiosity, gentle handling and thoughtful questions made the visit truly memorable, bringing learning to life in the most engaging way.

Outdoor Learning - UWTSD

Students from the University of Wales, Trinity St David recently supported Nursery to Year 5 to engage in outdoor learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience - getting muddy, building structures and generally having lots of fun! It was lovely to watch them. A big thank you to the university for continuing to give our children this opportunity.



Church and Oriel Science

Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed enriching visits this term through our links with St. Mary's Church, Swansea Baptist Church and Oriel Science. The children deepened their understanding of Easter, explored exciting future technologies and investigated the Big Bang Theory. These experiences brought learning to life and helped pupils connect classroom knowledge with the wider world.



Sumdog Competition

Our recent Sumdog Competition brought brilliant excitement across the school, with classes and individual pupils achieving fantastic results. The children showed determination, quick thinking and great mathematical confidence throughout the challenge. Their enthusiasm was clear to see, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and represented the school so positively.



Technocamps

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in an engaging Recycling Workshop with Environment Wales, where they learned about the importance of reusing materials and reducing waste. The highlight of the session was the chance to safely take apart old electrical items, exploring how different components can be recycled.

Pupils were fascinated by the hidden parts inside everyday objects and enjoyed discovering how metals, plastics and wires can be separated and reused.

technocamps

Inspiring | Creative | Fun
Ysbrydoledig | Creadigol | Hwyl

Into Film

Our partnership with Into Film has given pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 a brilliant opportunity to visit the cinema for free and enjoy the magic of film on the big screen. The Smurfs and SpongeBob SquarePants were particular favourites, sparking plenty of laughter and excitement. It's been a fantastic way to inspire creativity and a love of storytelling.



INTO FILM

Right Of The Month

April



Article - 14

Your right to follow
your own religion.



UNCRC
United Nations Convention On The
Rights Of The Child

Roaring Rights We are a Rights Respecting School



Right Of The Month

May



Article - 6

The right to life and to
be healthy.



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Year 3 Careers Learning



This term, Year 3 have been exploring the world of careers and discovering the many exciting opportunities that await them in the future. Through discussions, activities, and talks from real professionals, the children have learned about a wide range of jobs and the skills needed to succeed in them. They especially enjoyed asking questions and finding out how different roles help our community. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families who generously gave up their time to speak with the children. Your support has made this learning experience truly inspiring.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 13th April, 2026 - Return for start of Summer Term

Thursday 16th April - School Photo Day

Friday 22nd May - Last day before May Half Term

Monday 1st June - Return for Summer Term

Wednesday 3rd June - Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day

Thursday 4th June - Reception, Y1 and 2 Sports Day

Friday 5th June - Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 2pm

Thursday 16th July - Last day for children

Attendance Target for Year – 95%

Attendance so far – 92.8%

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. When children attend, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their teachers and classmates, and keep up with lessons and activities that support their growth.

Contacting Us



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