



Summer Term 2

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Head Teacher's Message

As another fantastic school year comes to a close, I would like to thank our children, families and staff for their continued support and dedication. I am incredibly proud of our pupils, whose positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and determination have made this a successful and enjoyable year. They have embraced challenges, shown kindness and respect, and worked hard to achieve their best. Thank you to our parents and carers for your invaluable partnership, and to our staff for their commitment and care. I wish everyone a safe, happy and restful summer, and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Choir Event – Taliesin

Theatre

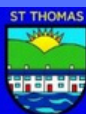


Our choir enjoyed a wonderful performance at the Taliesin Theatre, bringing music, energy, and community spirit to a fantastic audience. The event showcased the choir's hard work and talent, creating a memorable evening for everyone involved. Thank you to all who supported and attended this special occasion—we look forward to our next performance.



Goodbye Year 6

As we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children, we celebrate their achievements, friendships, and the many memories they've created. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and wish them every success and happiness as they begin their exciting new journey into secondary school. Good luck, Year 6!



CONGRATULATIONS



CLASS OF 2026

Residential Year 5 and 6

Our residential visits gave Year 5 and Year 6 pupils unforgettable opportunities to learn, explore, and challenge themselves. Year 5 enjoyed discovering the sights and history of Cardiff, while Year 6 embraced exciting outdoor adventures at Manor Adventure. Both trips built confidence, teamwork, independence, and lasting memories.



Battery Recycling Competition

Our school proudly collected an incredible 75kg of used batteries in our recycling competition, helping to protect the environment. A huge congratulations to Mr. Phelps' class and Mrs. McKeown's class, who were joint winners after each collecting an impressive 8.85kg. Thank you to everyone who took part! Thank you to the Ffrindiau Byd Pupil Voice Group for organising this event.



Math Contest – Year 5



Congratulations to our Year 5 pupils on their fantastic success in the Maths competition with Cefn Hengoed.

They demonstrated excellent problem-solving, teamwork, and determination throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the positive way they represented our school. Well done, everyone!



Cymraeg yn y ty – 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 your child practise this half term's focus question at home?

Ga i ... os gwelwch yn dda?

Can I have ... please?



Crucial Crew – Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed an informative visit to Crucial Crew, where they took part in engaging activities focused on staying safe in everyday situations. They learned valuable skills about personal safety, road safety, emergency situations, and making responsible choices, helping to prepare them for the future with confidence.



**STAY
SAFE!**



Year 2 – Margam Park

Year 2 had a wonderful day exploring Margam Park, enjoying its beautiful surroundings while taking part in exciting outdoor learning activities. The visit provided opportunities to discover nature, develop teamwork, and create lasting memories with friends. Everyone returned to school smiling after a fun and educational experience together.



Gorge Walking – Year 6

Year 6 had an unforgettable experience on their gorge walking adventure, showing courage, resilience, and teamwork as they tackled exciting challenges together. A huge thank you to the Old Dyvorians for their generous donation, which helped fund this fantastic opportunity and created lasting memories for all.



SPLASH

Sport Days @ St. Thomas

Our Sports Days at St. Thomas were a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, and sporting spirit. Nursery, Reception to Year 2, and Year 3 to Year 6 all enjoyed fun-filled events, demonstrating resilience, enthusiasm, and encouragement. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and cheer on our pupils.



Year 3 – Glynn Vivian Art

Year 3 enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, where they explored a variety of artworks and took part in creative activities. The trip encouraged imagination, curiosity, and artistic expression while giving pupils the opportunity to learn about different styles, techniques, and talented artists.



Year 4 – Enterprise Challenge

Year 4 showcased their creativity and entrepreneurial skills during the Enterprise Challenge. They designed, made, advertised, and sold their own products at Swansea City Centre, developing teamwork, communication, and financial awareness. The experience gave pupils a real insight into business while building confidence and pride in their achievements.



Admiral Volunteers

We are incredibly grateful to the Admiral volunteers who generously gave their time to help organise and enhance our school grounds. Their hard work and enthusiasm have made a real difference, creating a more welcoming and enjoyable environment for our pupils, staff, and wider school community. Thank you!



Year 4 – Margam Park

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Margam Park, enjoying a range of outdoor learning experiences in beautiful surroundings. Pupils explored nature, worked together on exciting activities, and developed their confidence and curiosity. The visit was both educational and enjoyable, creating wonderful memories that will last for years.



Year 5 – Cluster Sports

Year 5 proudly represented our school at the Cluster Sports Day at Cefn Hengoed, taking part in tag rugby and rounders. Pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day, enjoying friendly competition while building confidence, developing new skills, and celebrating success with schools across the cluster.



We Need Bees Show

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed the delightful We Need Bees show by Theatr Na Nog, learning about the importance of bees and caring for our environment through music, storytelling, and interactive theatre. The engaging performance inspired curiosity, laughter, and a greater appreciation of the natural world among our pupils.



Year 3 – Toy Story 5

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the cinema to watch Toy Story. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to relax, have fun, and share a much-loved classic together. Pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day and returned to school with smiles, laughter, and plenty to talk about.



Reception – Blackpill

Reception had a wonderful day on their trip to Blackpill, enjoying the fresh air, exploring the outdoor environment, and taking part in fun activities with their friends. The visit encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and a love of learning beyond the classroom, creating happy memories for everyone involved.



Nursery – Teddy Bears' Picnic

Nursery celebrated the end of a wonderful year with a delightful Teddy Bears' Picnic. Children enjoyed games, songs, tasty treats, and spending time with their friends and favourite teddy bears. It was a joyful occasion, celebrating their achievements and marking the end of a fantastic year filled with learning and fun.



Nursery Graduation

We were so proud to celebrate our Nursery Graduation with our wonderful children and their families. The ceremony was filled with smiles, songs and special memories as we reflected on an amazing year of learning, laughter and growth. Every child received a graduation certificate and proudly celebrated this important milestone before starting their exciting journey into Reception. We would like to thank our families for their continued support and encouragement throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything our Nursery children have achieved and wish them every success as they begin their next exciting adventure at primary school.



Year 1 Waterfront Museum

Our Year 1 pupils had a fantastic residential trip to Swansea Waterfront Museum, enjoying a range of exciting, hands-on activities that brought history and science to life. The children showed excellent curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout their visit, creating wonderful memories while developing confidence, independence and a love of learning.





Roaring Rights

We are a Rights Respecting School

**Comisiynydd
Plant Cymru**

Children's
Commissioner
for **Wales**

Right Of The Month

July



Roaring
Rights



Article - 19

You should be looked
after and kept safe.



UNCRC
United Nations Convention On The
Rights Of The Child

Show Your Strength Competition

Our Show Your Strength competition showcased the creativity and resilience of our pupils. Mrs Scannell was incredibly impressed by the high standard of entries and praised everyone's effort. Congratulations to our winners, who each received a £25 voucher in recognition of their outstanding submissions. Well done to everyone who took part!



Goodbye and Good Luck

As we reach the end of the year, we would like to say a heartfelt farewell and wish the very best of luck to three valued members of our school community. Mr Giannini will be joining the Local Authority for a two-term secondment, where we know he will make a fantastic contribution. Miss Maddick is beginning an exciting new chapter as she starts her teacher training and takes her first steps towards her teaching career. We also wish Mrs Jenkins-Davies every success as she moves to Sketty Primary. Thank you all for your dedication, kindness, and support.



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 1st September, 2026 - INSET Day - No school

Wednesday 2nd September, 2026 - Children return to school

Friday 23rd October, 2026 - Last day for children before half term

Monday 30th October, 2026 - Children return to school

Friday 18th December, 2026 - Last day for children before Christmas holidays

Attendance Target for Year – 95%

Attendance so far – 92%

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.

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