

July 2025

Cogan Primary News

A lovely end to a busy year...



What a fantastic and fulfilling summer term it has been! It's been a joy to celebrate with our wonderful community. The **Summer Fayre** was a huge success—thank you to everyone who came along, supported the school, and helped create such a warm, joyful atmosphere. A special thank you goes to all the parents who supported the PTA in preparing for the event and throughout the year. Your time and dedication have made a real difference.

We're sad to say goodbye to some key PTA members: **Matt and Louise Richards, Marie Earls and Tasha Spear**. Their tireless efforts have helped provide so many extras for our children. We're incredibly grateful for all they've done and are excited to see new parents stepping forward to get involved—it truly makes a difference.

Our **community picnic and Sports day** were other highlights. The weather was kind, and it was lovely to see families, including past parents, enjoying time together. Thank you to our choir, Mrs Armstrong, and Mr Birchall for the wonderful entertainment. It was great for Mrs John, our chair of Governors, to award medals to all those who have participated in outside sporting and choir events. Our **joint cluster charity day** raised a fabulous £1715.00 for the Noah's Ark Appeal- da iawn pawb!

We've also celebrated many achievements this term:

- Our **Year 3 / 4 girls football team** narrowly missed on a tournament win
- Our **Year 5/6 football team** narrowly missed out in the Lakeside Tournament final by one goal again!
- Our **lacrosse team** became **South Wales Champions for the second year running**—a fantastic accomplishment!
- **Year 6** took part in a Welsh Rugby Union sports event at Cardiff Met winning four out of six games
- **Year 4** completed two weeks of swimming lessons, gaining vital life skills.
- **Year 2** won a prize at the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative for the 8th year running with their project about Corbett Bridge. Over....



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Reception and Year 1 wowed us with their end-of-term assemblies, and we're thrilled to announce that we've won another prize in the **Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative**—our **eighth consecutive win- well done-da iawn to Year 2!**

Looking ahead:

- **Nursery Graduation 8th July:** a celebration with Nursery parents
- **Fun Afternoons 9th and 10th:** a reward for all the hard work this year
- **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: Friday 11th July at 1:15pm** for parents and grandparents.
- **Year 6 Celebration Event:** Wednesday 16th July after school until 4:30pm, including food and our much-loved **Teachers vs Children Rounders match**.
- **Year 6 Well-being Week:** A special way to mark their final days at Cogan Primary.

In staff news, **congratulations to Ms Gillingham**, on the birth of Mave, welcome to our Cogan Family! We also say a fond farewell to **Mrs Manton**—thank you for everything over many years supporting our children in their learning and well being. I'm sure we will see you from time to time- good luck for your retirement.

To all our staff: thank you for your unwavering dedication, care, and commitment to our children. You go above and beyond every day, and we are so grateful.

And to our families: thank you for your continued support. Together, we are stronger. Whatever challenges come our way, the Cogan community stands united, always putting our children first.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**.

With warmest wishes,
S. M. Sibert



Looking forward to September...

Early Years Unit

Nursery children – Nursery children in their second year will start back on 2nd September- New nursery children will be starting back on the 3rd September.

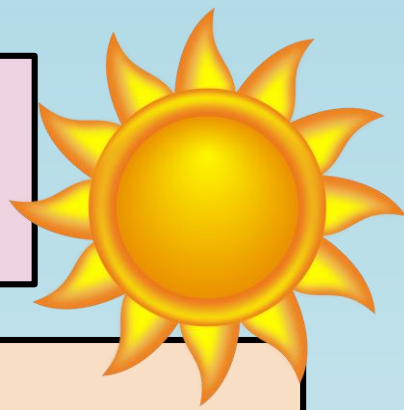
Reception children - They will be starting back on their designated days either 2nd or 3rd September, then the whole class in on the 4th September onwards.

Names on Uniform

Please could we request that you put names on uniform, especially when you buy new uniform at the beginning of the year. Details of our school uniform can be found on the website:

<https://www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Summer Safety Tips: Staying Safe at Home and Away



As we head into the summer holidays, it's important to enjoy the break while staying safe—whether you're near water, out exploring, or just enjoying time with friends and family.

💧 Water Safety

Whether you're heading to the beach, a pool, or a local lake, always keep a close eye on children around water. Make sure they swim only in safe, supervised areas and wear appropriate flotation devices if needed. Teaching children basic water safety and swimming skills can make a big difference. Let's enjoy the sunshine while keeping everyone safe and sound!

🚶 Road and Personal Safety

When out and about, please remind children to always **stop, look, and listen** before crossing roads, and to use pedestrian crossings or traffic lights. If cycling or scootering, helmets should always be worn. Encourage children to stay alert, avoid distractions like phones or headphones, and stick to familiar routes when walking alone. A little awareness goes a long way in keeping everyone safe.

Let's make this summer full of fun, adventure, and safety for all!



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for June

Infant class—Reception

Y3— Layla B

Y4— Buddy B

Y5— Jake S

Y6— Sophie M

Handwriting— Isla P, Bobby M, Harry G and Archer D

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Kane R

Y4— Yashvi

Y2- Joel L Y5— Anna S

Y3— Shane J Y6— Ruben C

Positive Relationships/Being a good friend

Rec- Zachary E

Y4- Lola A

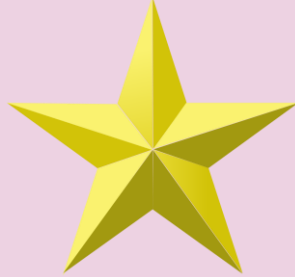
Y1- Rupert B

Y5- Rylee-RS

Y2 Rohan F

Y3- Isla O

Y6- Charlie S



Llongyfarchiadau to Evie D in year 4 for being awarded Player of the Year for Cardiff and Vale Football.

Llongyfarchiadau to Lily W in year 3 for being awarded Coach women of the Year for Cogan Coronation Football.

Llongyfarchiadau to Max Baker who is waiting to hear from the Guinness book of Records to see if he is the World's youngest male video game developer.

Llongyfarchiadau pawb! We raised a fabulous £1715.00 for the Noah's Ark Appeal on our joint cluster charity day!

Attendance winners:

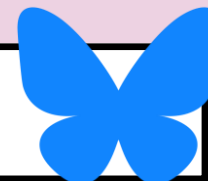
1st Year 2 – 94.7%

2nd Year 4- 94.3%

3rd Year 3- 94.1%



Instant Updates on Bluesky
[@coganps.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/coganps)



Teachers and support for next year...

Class:	Teachers:	Learning Support Assistants:
Early Years (Nursery and Reception)	Mrs M Owen	Ms S Jones HLTA Mrs P Bailey Ms J Curtin Mrs L Haggerty Ms J Mattinson (Ms Horrigan am)
Year 1	Mrs R Bennett	Ms L Burgoyne (Mrs Bailey pm)
Year 2	Mr T Lewis	Mrs G Meaton (Mrs Mills am) (Mrs Haggerty pm)
Year 3	Miss J Blunden	Ms A Reeves
Year 4	Mrs J Armstrong	Mrs D Holman/Mrs A Leigh
Year 5	Mr S Birchall	Mrs J Hazell
Year 6	Mr D Bennett (DHT)	Mrs N Webber HLTA
HRB	Mrs K Mayor (TOD)	Mrs D Holman /Mrs S Beer Ms L Arcopinto Mrs C Mullins
ALNCo	Ms L Gillingham	
PPA/Interventions	Mrs H Thomas (0.6) Mr R Blackiston (0.4)	

Staffing Structure 2025-2026

Head teacher Mrs Susan Sibert

Business Manager Office Administration	Mrs J Psarelis Ms C Martin
Caretaker	Mr C Newman
Kitchen staff	Mrs D Karakus (cook) Mrs A Morris Miss R Scarse
Breakfast Club staff	Ms J Curtin Ms J Mattinson Ms K Horrigan
Music Providers (Years 3-6)	Mr D Wood (guitar) Rock Steady

Diary Dates...

July...

2/3:07:25- Year 5 cycling/WRU Tournament

02:07:25- Year 3 to PBuzz Barry Memorial Hall/
Author visit Emma Swan/ Digital visit to St Cyres Y6

03:07:25- Proud to Present

04:07:25- Welsh Heritage Awards in Swansea-
representatives for Y2 Mr Lewis and Mrs Sibert

Meet your new class/Open afternoon- to see books
and classrooms-2pm onwards

07:07:25- St Cyres- Music Masterclass

08:07:25- Nursery Graduation/ Y5 Cardiff Bay trip

09:07:25 – St Cyres Sports Transition day/Junior
Fun Afternoon/ 10:07:25- Infant Fun Afternoon

11:07:25- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

16:07:25- Y6 Leavers' Rounders

18:07:25- End of Year



Advance Dates...

01:09:25- INSET days

02:09:25- Children Return to School

08:09:25- Class meetings Y1 –Y5-two slots to
choose from:

3:30pm- 4pm

4pm-4:30pm

16:09:25- Year 6 Class meeting/Dolygaer

24:09:25- Governors- Standards and Provision
meeting

25:09:25- Proud to Present

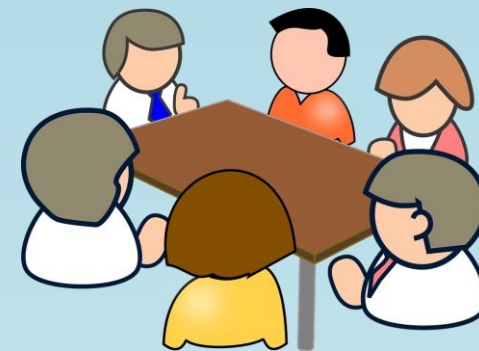
13/14/15th October 2025- Parents' Evenings
Nursery to Year 6

17:10:25- Colorfoto Individual Photographs

22:10:25- 9:10am Cuppa with Headteacher

27:10:25-31:10:25 Half Term

18:12:25- Term ends



Inset days 2025-2026

01/09/25

24/10/25

19/12/25

13/02/26

22/05/26

20/07/26

