

June/July 2026

Cogan Primary News

A huge thank you to all in our community...



What a term so far... I want to start this newsletter by thanking everyone in our community- we welcomed Estyn Inspectors into Cogan Primary and they were really impressed. Our children were amazing, all demonstrating exemplary behaviour and a keenness to show our visitors what they can do. The report will be out on the 21st July 2026 and having seen the draft, I know you will also feel a sense of pride at being part of our wonderful school too. Inspectors were blown away by the positivity from parents and carers both on the questionnaires and at the parents/carers meeting. They said, 'they had never seen so many supportive comments for a school'. They thought the children were wonderful and praised their behaviour and work ethic. They were also so impressed by the positive relationships between staff and children and recognised all the hard work by teachers and learning support assistants. They thought the resources and environment was well maintained, resourced and supportive to pupils' learning. In fact, the report, although shorter now than in previous inspections, will make you feel very pleased with the standard of education your children are receiving. I am so very proud of my staff, the children and the wider community- a huge thank you to you all. I am delighted with the report and pleased with the suggested way forward, which will be built into our School Improvement Plan. We did manage to celebrate altogether with a special visit from the ice-cream van!

Estyn Report is published on 21st July 2026. Please read the summary and go onto the website and read the full report.

Sports Day was a great success this year, we gambled with the weather and it paid off!. It was a fabulous day, where everyone got involved and celebrated Cogan Primary School. Thank to parents and grandparents who made lovely comments and expressed their gratitude. Some photographs overleaf.

We have been invited to the Welsh Schools Heritage Initiative ceremony once again, so it looks like we have won another prize- I think this is our eighth in a row. This years' project was all about our locality Reading rooms. Year 2 have worked extremely hard, embracing authentic learning and celebrating cynefin (belonging). Our Year 5/6 Football team will also be attending a Football Tournament this Saturday at Lakeside Primary in Cardiff- Pob lwc!

Our June school value is 'Changes', and our assemblies will be focusing on thoughtfulness. Speaking of 'changes', as you all know Mr Bennett is leaving us at the end of term, we wish him well at Albert Primary. Mrs Jones, who leads our Nursery is retiring. She will be greatly missed after 40 years of dedicated service. Also, unfortunately Mrs Armstrong has decided to have a break from teaching at present, we wish her well for the future. Mrs Mullins HRB is also leaving us to take up a role at Evenlode Primary. We have had some internal adverts/appointments and the outcomes are that Mrs Bennett will be acting Deputy Headteacher until the post is advertised externally next Spring and we welcome Mrs Evans and Miss Weaver as new class teachers, both teachers have taught with us on supply in the past and know our children well. The staffing structure can be seen on the next page. Our Rights of the child focus is, 'To be the best you can be!'. We will be talking to the children about the positive and exciting changes ahead.

We are also looking forward to our Summer Fayre on Thursday 18th June at 3:15pm onwards, please bring in a bottle and wear Sporty clothes on Friday 12th June.

Best wishes,
Mrs S M Sibert



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Ysgol Gynradd Cogan Primary School

'Encourage Effort: Celebrate Success'

Staffing Structure 2026-2027

Head teacher **Mrs Susan Sibert**

Business Manager Mrs J Psarelis

Office Administrator Ms C Martin

Cook

Mrs D Karakus

Kitchen Assistant

Mrs A Morris

Miss R Scarse

Caretaker

Mr C Newman

Breakfast Club

Ms J Curtin

Ms J Mattinson

Ms K Horrigan

Class:	Teachers:	Learning Support Assistants:
Early Years- Nursery and Reception	Mrs M Owen (EY Leader)	Mrs P Bailey am Ms J Mattinson am Mrs D Holman (0.5) am Mrs A Leigh (0.5) am Ms J Curtin Ms K Horrigan (1:1) Mrs P Bailey pm
Year 1	Mrs R Bennett (acting DHT)	Ms L Burgoyne
Year 2	Miss J Blunden	Mrs G Meaton
Year 3	Mr T Lewis (LP Leader)	Ms A Reeves
Year 4	Miss J Weaver	Mrs D Holman (0.5) pm Mrs A Leigh (0.5) pm
Year 5	Mr S Birchall (UP Leader)	Mrs J Hazell (Mr R Blackist on LSA agency 0.4)
Year 6	Mrs S Evans	Mrs N Webber HLTA
HRB	Mrs K Mayor TOD	Mrs D Holman (15 hours) Mrs S Beer (16.5 hours) Miss R Davey +TBC
ALNco	Ms L Gillingham	
PPA	Mrs H Thomas(0.6) Mrs N Webber HLTA	

Sports Day Friday 5th June 2026- Sports Day held on the Cogan Recreation Ground



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for May

Infant class— All classes for their success during our inspection

Y3— Khloe

Y4— Liley W

Y5— Amelia-Grace

Y6— Kate H

Handwriting—Emmi, Adam, Buddy and Shaniya

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Sophia Y4—

Y2- Flynn Y5— Varjo

Y3— Alayah Y6— Jaxon M

Positive Relationships/Being a good friend

Rec- Sedra Y4- Noah H

Y1- Yousif Y5- Ted

Y2 Vinnie M Y3- Melissa Y6- Anna S



Llongyfarchiadau to all who have attended trials and won medals this month- we celebrate these during assemblies, so keep bringing them in!

12th June 2026 – bring a bottle for the PTA

Summer Fayre

Please support the PTA by bringing in bottle stall donations on this day and wear something sporty.



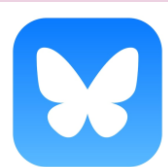
Attendance

winners:

1st Year 1 – 97.3%

2nd Year 5 - 95.8%

3rd Rec – 93.3%



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Woo hoo!
Well done
Hooray!

Llongyfarchiadau to Evie D winning the final for Cardiff and Vale Under 10s Girl's football team so proud of your achievement.

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

02:06:26- Rec and Year 1 Mountain View Ranch Trip

03:06:26- Year 3 trip to Caerphilly Castle

05:06:26- Sports Day

09:06:26- Cosmeston Trip- Year 4

11:06:26- Cuppa with the Headteacher

12:06:26- (Reserve Sports Day)

13:06:26- Football tournament (Saturday) Years 5 and 6

15:06:26- Llais Groups

17/24:06:26- Class Progress Meetings

18:06:26- Summer Fayre 3:20pm

23:06:26- New parents meeting and tour of school N and Rec/ EY unit 9:30am

24:06:26- St Cyres Induction day

25:06:26- Proud to present/Nursery Trip to Barry Island

26:06:26- Celebrating our Families-Community Picnic 12-12:50pm

- see over/ Clubs end/ Reports out

29:06:26- Swimming starts for Year 4-(2 weeks)



Diary Dates...

Advance diary dates...

1:07:26- Year 5 cycling

02:07:26- Meet your new class/Open afternoon- to see books and classrooms-2pm onwards

07:07:26- Nursery Graduation

08:07:26 – St Cyres Sports Transition day/Infant Fun Afternoon/

09:07:26- Junior Fun Afternoon

10:07:26- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 15:07:26- Y6 Leavers' Rounders

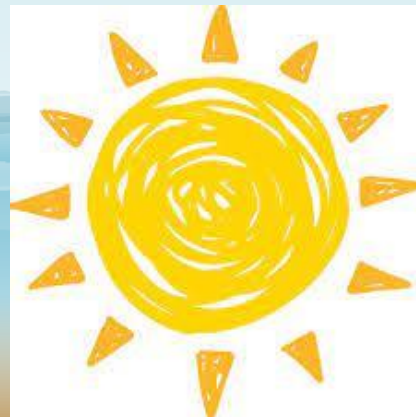
17:07:26- End of Year



Inset Days...

22nd May 2026

20th July 2026



Signing in at the office if you are late or returning to school

Many thanks to everyone for your punctuality. It is greatly appreciated that your child is on time for school, as they start the day positively and get all the input they need for their learning to progress. If however, you are arriving late due to appointments or otherwise. Please ensure you come into the office and sign in using the electronic sign in. This is of paramount importance for safeguarding reasons. Let's aim for 100% punctuality-we can do it!

'In celebration of our families 2026' community picnic

Please can the children bring a rug and a packed lunch to share with their friends
(Free meal baguettes will be available if required)



At Cogan Primary School-main yard,
On Friday 26th June 2026
12pm-12:50pm

