

Ysgol Gynradd Cogan Primary School

'Encourage Effort: Celebrate Success'

Newsletter November 2026





Cogan Primary News

Getting ready for the festive season…developing 'Cogan Choice'

Cogan Choice Framework- following our inspection, leaders and teachers are developing our 'Cogan Choice Framework' which sets out further opportunities for our children to make independent choices in their learning. The developments are very exciting and we hope to share more details in the future. Children already use our Learner Asset cards to evaluate their learning and identify their next steps. We have just held our bi-annual Individual Progress Reviews whereby the children meet individually with their teacher to discuss their learning progress and how they feel in class.

Questionnaire there is a parent questionnaire regarding Community Focused Schools on Goggle classrooms, we would appreciate your feedback if you have a few minutes to spare. Diolch yn fawr. (By 20/11/26)

A little reminder about bikes and scooters- Please can parents/carers remind children to make sure they walk them in to and from the bike shed. This way we will ensure there are no accidents at drop off and pick up times. Thank you

Many thanks for all your kind donations for Harvest. The Vale Food Bank were really grateful for all the food provided. Year 6 led a wonderful celebration for the whole school. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved for this great cause- diolch yn fawr.

Family Learning continues on Mondays 1-3pm parents/carers of Rec/Y1 and Y2 Stay and Play continues successfully-Tuesday in the EY hall 9:30-11am

Following our successful Bullies Out workshop for families, we have a Family First Aid workshop on Friday 20th November in Ystafell Teulu.

Some advance information regarding Christmas concerts. We are changing things a little this year so that the Early Years put on two performances for Nursery and Reception parents and carers and Years 1-6 put on three performances. As usual tickets will be allocated two per family in the first instance on a first come first served basis. To assist parents./carers we will sell the different tickets on different days and at different places- e.g. at the Early Years Unit for Nursery and Reception and the Annexe building for Years 1-6. Please see over for exact details.

Friendship and Love are our values for this month. Everyone is trying hard to appreciate each other and showing friendship and love inside and outside school upholding our School of Kindness values. Thank you to our parents who helped the caretaker remove some of the rotten play equipment on the grassed area. This is to make way for new outdoor gym equipment funded by a grant and the PTA- thank you to school council and active ambassadors who championed this project, showing independence.

Best wishes,

Mrs S M Sibert

PS Christmas Concert Tickets on sale next week-see over for the details of how to buy them…

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Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for October –I am a Collaborator

Infant class— Year 2

Y3— Flynn P

Y4— Charlotte L

Y5— Rosie E

Y6— Max A

Handwriting— Chin Win, Rhys S, Livvie B and Evie D

Criw Cymraeg–

Y1– Sedra S Y4– Sai H

Y2- Rose H Y5– Freddie H

Y3– Indie R Y6– Amelia R

Positive Relationships/being a good friend –

Rec- Thea Y Y3- Emily W Y6- Lola A

Y1- Odessa Y4- Clark B

Y2- Maizekeen Y5- Ayhan

Instant Updates on Bluesky
@coganps.bsky.social



Children In Need
Friday 13th November 2026

Please make a cash donation and wear anything with spots or sparkles- 'Challenge yourself to 26'.





Attendance winners this month:

1st- 99.7% -Year 2

2nd -98.4%- Year 5

3rd – 97.9% - Rec

Our Target is 94%



We are doing so well- keep it up Cogan PS!



Llongyfarchiadau to Evan who has been spotted to play and train for both Cardiff and Swansea young development squads. What an amazing achievement! He also came third in a big competition last week involving football teams from England and West Wales.

National School Meals Week 2026 takes place from **9 - 13 November**, and this year we're celebrating something truly special - **120 YEARS OF SCHOOL MEALS!**

We're calling on all our members to get involved and help make this year's celebrations **ONE BIG CELEBRATION!**

Whether you're a school caterer, supplier, manufacturer or industry partner, there's something you can do to help us celebrate the people, passion and importance of school meals across the UK.

ONE WEEK TO GO!

National School Meals Week 2026

Let's make it ONE BIG CELEBRATION!

Get involved

To enter, simply organise your NSMW celebrations, share your stories and photographs, and tell us why your school deserves to win. **Entries close Friday 27 November 2026.**

OUR NSMW HUB - EVERYTHING IN ONE PLACE

We've brought everything together on our dedicated National School Meals Week website. Visit now to find resources, campaign information, nomination forms and competition details.
https://theschoolfoodpeoplensmw.co.uk/
VISIT THE NSMW WEBSITE - GET INVOLVED!

Please share your photographs, stories and celebrations with us at admin@theschoolfoodpeople.co.uk and across social media using:
#OneBigShare #NSMW26 #120YearsOfSchoolMeals #TheSchoolFoodPeople

Let's work together to celebrate 120 years of school meals, recognise the amazing people behind our industry and demonstrate why school food matters.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Young Carers

At Cogan Primary School we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers. A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has mental ill health or addiction problem.

Children may engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

The latest Census data for Wales states there are 22,520 unpaid carers aged 5 -24 years old caring for family members in Wales. However, many do not realise they are an unpaid carer which means the figures may not be a true reflection on the number of young and young adult carers providing support to family members on a daily basis.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Cogan Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

We can offer additional pastoral support, small group workshops and access to opportunities outside school. We link up with the local Young Carers Service to offer our pupils more support both within school and outside of school.

At Cogan Primary School we have a lead professional, Lauren Gillingham, who has responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy school and make good progress. If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let us know by speaking to your Miss Gillingham or Mrs Sibert please contact school on 02920708497.

Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

If you would like to refer your child for young carers support, you can do so by following these steps:



Young Carer Identified, conversation with the young person around caring responsibilities, consent for referral obtained if a referral is required.

Contact Family Advice and Support 03000 133133

Complete referral over the phone for young carers service

Young Carers assessment for the whole family completed if requested

Support offered if required / meet criteria for the young carers service

Cyngor a Chymorth i Deuluoedd Caerdydd

Cardiff Family Advice and Support

Contact Vale of Glamorgan Families First Advice Line 0800 0327322

Complete referral over the phone for young carers service

Assessment completed face to face by the Families First Team (where possible)

Support offered if required / meet criteria for the young carers service

Llinell Gyngor Teuluoedd Yn Gyntaf | Families First Advice Line

Diary Dates...

Inset days 2026/2027:

05/02/27 28/05/27 19/07/27 20/07/27

05/11/26- Proud to Present assembly

06/11/26- PM Meeting Governors/ Headteacher and School Improvement Officer

10&11/11/26- Concert tickets go on sale

12/11/26- Early Years concert tickets go on sale/Assembly with Laura Hartley Ames

13/11/26- Children in Need Day

16/11/26- Llais groups

18/11/26- Eco sessions-Year6 and Year 3 with Welsh Government officer

19/11/26- Year 5 class assembly

20/11/26- Open morning and new nursery meeting-Nursery

24/11/26- Spare tickets go on sale from office

27/11/26- Cuppa with the Headteacher

03/12/26- Proud to Present

04/12/26- Technical Rehearsal

07/12/26- Dress rehearsal Y1-6

08/12/26- EY Rehearsal

09/12/26- Christmas concerts Y1-6 9:30am and 5:30pm

10/12/26- Christmas concerts EY- 9:30am and Y1-6 1:15pm

11/12/26- EY concert 9:30am/ 2pm Rock Steady Concert Juniors

14/12/26- FC to visit

15/12/26- Holy Nativity Carol Concert – rehearsal 9:30am and service at 1:15pm walking from school

16/12/26- Christmas lunch and parties

17/12/26- Sherman theatre trip Rec-Y6

18/12/26- Christmas jumper day- end of term

Cogan Cuppa with the Headteacher - Friday 27th November

In the Ystafell Teulu- Family Room at 9:10am-10:00am

Any parent wishing to join Mrs Sibert for an informal chat and a cup of tea, please feel free to attend.



18/12/26 - End of Term

New term starts on Monday 4th January 2027

Christmas planning…



‘Shine, Star, Shine!’

Early Years concerts (Nursery and Reception) in the EY hall: will be at **9:30am on** **Thursday 10th December**

Friday 11th December

More details about concerts/costume arrangements to follow from class teachers soon.

Tickets will be on sale on Thursday 12th November at drop off time 9:05am

The tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, two tickets per family to keep it fair. Any unsold tickets will then be firstly offered to families who haven’t bought any, then the remaining tickets will be sold on **Tuesday 24th November at 3pm from the school office,** again on a first come first basis.

Christmas planning…





A polite plea….

Please make sure that you intend to stay for the whole performance if you purchase a ticket. Walking out part way through causes problems for the children coming on and off stage, blocking the limited central aisle and is also unfair on those performing later on!

We kindly request your cooperation in limiting baby noise during the concerts by leaving little ones at home if possible. This is to ensure that the children can fully enjoy the performance without any distractions. Nursery children will see the concert during school time.

Thank you for your understanding and support in creating a conducive environment for all the children to have a wonderful experience at the concerts.

'The Jolly Postman'

We will be putting on Three concerts (Year 1-Year 6) in the main hall:



Wednesday 9th December—9:30am and 5:30pm

Thursday 10th December—1:15pm

Tickets will be on sale in the Annexe hall on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November at 3:20pm.

The tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, two tickets per family to keep it fair. Any unsold tickets will then be firstly offered to families who haven't bought any, then the remaining tickets will be sold on **Tuesday 24th November at 3pm from the school office,** again on a first come first served basis.

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