



# Cogan Primary News

Welcome back...a great start to the year!

It's been wonderful to see so many children and families return to school full of excitement and ready to learn. The start of a new academic year is always a great time to reflect on what works well and how we can continue to grow together. We have many new children join us across the school as well as our new nursery and Reception children. So welcome-Croeso i pawb!

## Staff Inset & School Development

Our teachers and LSAs had a very productive Inset day on Monday. We're in a strong position to ensure Cogan Primary continues to thrive as an excellent school with the capacity to grow and innovate.

## Uniform & PE Reminders

The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and black footwear. A few reminders to help us maintain our school identity:

- No logos or brand marks on leggings, shorts, or joggers for PE days.
- Black shoes/trainers only, please.
- PE kits should only be worn on designated PE days.
- On all other days, children should wear grey trousers, skirts, dresses, or tailored shorts.
- Please label all clothing clearly with your child's name.

## Healthy Habits

Each child should bring a named water bottle to school daily. Teachers will have designated areas for bottles, and children will be encouraged to wash and refill them regularly. They can also bring a healthy snack for breaktime such as fruit.

We'll continue with regular handwashing, maintain good ventilation, and stay vigilant about illness to keep everyone healthy.

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### **Upcoming Events & Support for Families**

We'll be holding Class welcome 'meet and greet' information meetings in September for years 1-5 and year 6 (letters have been emailed out) and Parents' Evenings in early October – a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about their progress. More details will follow soon.

We like to hear from you and we will be arranging "Cogan Cuppa with the Headteacher" once again throughout the year. The first session will be held on Friday 10th October at 9:10am – we'd love to see you there!

### **Google Classroom Access**

Look out for an invitation to join your child's Google Classroom. It's essential for accessing homework and class updates. If you're having trouble logging in, please contact your child's teacher. We are in the process of adding the new children, so bear with us.

### **Our School Value: Caring**

This month, we're focusing on the value of Caring. We'll be promoting kindness and a supportive environment throughout the school. Our Peer Supporters will also be taking up their roles to help foster friendships and positive playtimes.

### **Staffing news**

Miss Gillingham still remains on maternity leave. Mrs Sibert and other key members of staff will be keeping an eye on her roles. Fantastic news to celebrate- Mrs Jones, who leads our Nursery has been working at Cogan in the Nursery for 40 years. This is such an amazing achievement. The staff had a celebration lunch for her this week. We are so lucky to have Mrs Jones and all her expertise, she has worked with so many of our families over many years. Llongyfarchiadau! Mr Lewis also appeared in The week Junior magazine over the summer- voted as teacher of the month-da iawn Mr Lewis! Photographs overleaf...

### **Keeping Safe online Advice**

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/advice-for-children-and-young-people-online-issues-and-worries/>

It's been a super start to the new term. We are looking forward to working together to make a difference,  
'Encourage effort and celebrate success.'

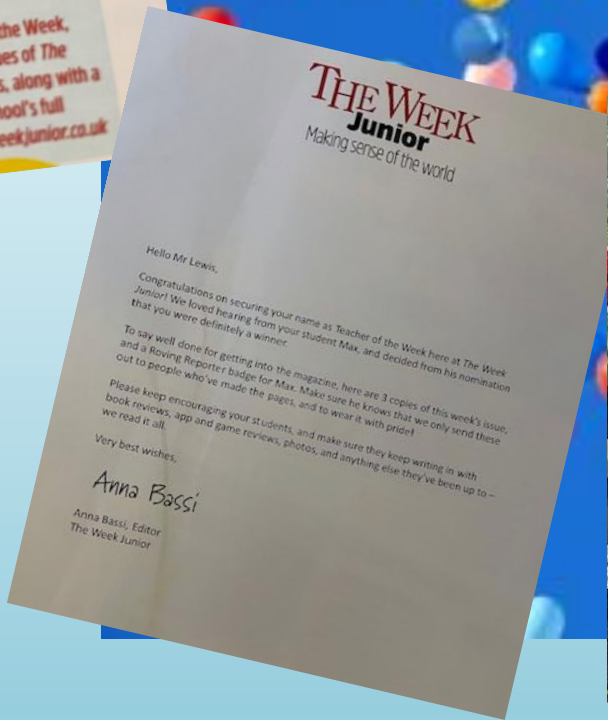
Best wishes,

S M Sibert

PS Lots of information can be found on [www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk)



# Llongyfarchiadau- Congratulations....



# Diary Dates...

01/09/25- Inset Training Day for staff  
 02/03/:09:25- Reception groups start on given days  
 05/09/25- All Reception children at school  
 03/09:25- New Nursery children start  
 08/09/25- 'Meet and Greet' Class Meetings with parents/carers- Years 1-5 - 3.30-4pm and 4pm-4.30pm  
 09/09/25- Visit from Improvement Partner  
 16/09/25- Year 6 Class meeting/Dolygaer information- 3:30pm  
 22/09/25- Clubs Start  
 24/09/25- Standards and Provision Governors' meeting  
 25/09/25 pm-- Family Learning sessions- Bright Sparks for parents years 4-6  
 25/09/25- European Languages Day- more information to follow  
 26/09/25- Proud to Present assembly  
 29/09/25- Year 4 Visiting author PG Bell-Big Bad Wolf Murders/Griffin books  
 03/10/25- Cogan Primary to share excellent practice with visiting teachers  
 06/10/25- Llais Groups  
 07-10/10/25- Year 6 cycling  
 08/10/25- Leadership and Management and Full Governors' meeting  
 09/10/25- Flu vaccinations / St Cyres Open evening 6-8pm  
 10/10/25- Cuppa with the Headteacher  
 13/14/15:10/25- Parents' Evenings  
 16/10/25- Year 6 Harvest assembly  
 17/10/25- Colorfoto Individual Photographs  
 22/10/25- Proud to Present  
 23/10/25- Nursery- Cosmeston trip / Year 6 Cardiff Castle Trip  
**Half Term 27/10/25-31/10/25**



## Inset Days... 2025-2026

**01/09/25**  
**24/10/25**  
**19/12/25**  
**13/02/26**  
**22/05/26**  
**20/07/26**

## PTA Meeting

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>  
 September at  
 3:20pm in the  
 staffroom**

**All welcome**  
 (if your children  
 are with you they  
 can sit outside  
 the staffroom)

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2025	Mon 1 Sept 2025	Monday 27 Oct 2025	Friday 31 Oct 2025	Friday 19 Dec 2025	75
Spring 2026	Monday 5 Jan 2026	Monday 16 Feb 2026	Friday 20 Feb 2026	Friday 27 Mar 2026	55
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	*Monday 20 July 2026	65
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>

**Mon 1 Sept 2025 and \*Monday 20 July 2026** will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. **\*It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 20 July 2026 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 4 May 2026** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Thursday 25 December 2025
	Easter	Good Friday 3 April 2026
	Easter	Monday 6 April 2026
May Bank Holidays		Monday 4 May 2026
		Monday 25 May 2026

### After School Clubs

A list of after school and lunchtime clubs will be sent home soon with a view to start them the week commencing Monday 22nd September. There will be a homework club for Year 2 and Year 3 on Wednesday and Years 4-6 on Mondays. Parents will need to request a place on the clubs letter slip on a first come, first served basis. Please remember though that if your child has a place in any club it is expected that they will attend, if for any reason they are unable to attend, you must let the office know—this helps us to keep them safe! Non attendance will result in someone else having the place. **Log on to Arbor to check which clubs your child has been accepted into. Thank you.**

**All clubs will run from 3:20-4:15pm. The children will be dismissed through the main gate on Cawnpore Street. Please ensure you are not late to pick up.**

## Uniform and PE days information

### Uniform 'Swap and Grab'

At the end of each month, there will be a table of uniform available for parents and carers to take if they need it. If you have any items that your child has grown out of and is suitable to donate, please bring items in and add to the table. Thank you.

### Music service lessons and school music

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 If your child would like to learn an instrument, please use the links/document sent to you by Mrs Psarelis in the coming weeks. The children will be having demonstrations from Cardiff and Vale Music Service. Hopefully, we have some budding musicians who will be able to play at assemblies and our carol service in the future.

Also, Years 3 will be partaking in a term of bespoke music throughout the year learning P-Buzz.



**Llongyfarchiadau  
Congratulations to  
Evan D and Ella-J for  
gaining places on  
Cardiff and Vale  
Football Squads**



Class:	PE Days:
Nursery	Monday
Rec	Wednesday and Friday
1	Tuesday and Thursday
2	Wednesday and Friday
3	Monday and Tuesday
4	Tuesday and Thursday
5	Monday and Thursday
6	Wednesday and Friday

**PE-Nursery/All  
Please ensure  
your child wears  
joggers or  
leggings (black)  
with no buttons  
or zips and hair  
tied back for  
Monday  
Movers/PE days.**

# The new school year...

## Data Collection:

Please can you let the office know if any of your details have changed over the summer-thank you or change them yourselves on Arbor.

## Updates:

- The one way system for dropping off at the main site 8:55-9:05am and collecting 3:10-3:20pm
- For the Nursery drop off is 09:05am- collect 11:35am
- Please ensure you stick to the designated area, coming in at the Cawnpore entrance and out through Pill Street main gate on the main site.
- Please let the office know if someone different is picking up your child. Thank you



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
DON'T BE  
LATE**

SABRINA  
FAYRE

## Wellies for all weathers – Nursery and Reception



Please can you bring in a pair of wellies with your child's name on to be kept in school. The Early Years will be out in all weathers!

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Congratulations 100%  
Attendance 2024-2025  
to Willow C (last three  
years!), Clark B, Max B  
and Quinn D

100%

## Attendance and lateness:

If your child has an appointment during the school day or is going to be late, please produce an appointment card/letter/email. It would be helpful if you could book dentist or doctors appointments outside of learning time if possible. Let's maximise learning!- there will be a presentation at your class meetings- it can also be found on the website.

## School Attendance

### We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time.
- Ring/Text school early and daily if your child can not attend.
- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your updated contact number.

### We will.....

- Keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance.
- Treat any information you give us in a supportive and sensitive way.
- Welcome your child every day.
- Be happy that you have chosen to give your child the opportunity of the best future.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school and on time increases learning and social opportunities.

### Here are some ways you can help.

If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, contact the school or the Inclusion Team who can help resolve any difficulties and offer friendly advice.

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school and celebrate their successes and listen to their worries.

If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact us first so that we can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Make sure your child arrives on time to start school.

Make sure your child knows that you do not approve of them missing school for any reason, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for not attending school, like bullying, difficulties with school-work.

Make sure you know the school's attendance policy; every school has one.

If your child is away for other reasons like a doctor's appointment or the dentist, let the school know in advance. Please try and book appointments towards the end of the day.