

September 2026

Cogan Primary News

Welcome back...a great start to the year and celebrating our Estyn Report!



It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school. The school has been full of excitement, enthusiasm and smiles as everyone settles into the new academic year. The children look really smart in their new uniforms.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families joining our school community, especially those starting in Nursery and Reception. **Croeso i bawb!**

Staff INSET Day & School Development

Our staff enjoyed a productive INSET day on Tuesday, preparing for the year ahead and planning exciting learning opportunities for our pupils. We remain committed to ensuring Cogan Primary continues to thrive and provide the very best for every child.

Punctuality is so important, I can't stress enough the importance of being in school and on time every day. The teachers will be holding parent meetings next week and as part of these, they will demonstrate what missing school means for missed chances. Please try to attend these meetings. More information about attendance is overleaf.

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.

* Please try to avoid unconventional hair styles and colours as these do not adhere to our school policies. Thank you.

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 on 7th September for years 1-5 and year 6 on 15th September (letters will be 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 Wednesday 21st October at 9:10am – we will be sharing our inspection report - 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. There will also be lots of opportunities for children to develop their independence and take on responsibilities across the school.

Staffing news

Miss Gillingham is now working four days a week as ALNco. Mrs Evans is has started her role as Year 6 teacher and Miss Weaver is class teacher in Year 4. Mr Lewis has swapped with Miss Blunden, so he is class teacher in Year 3 and Miss Blunden is class teacher in Year 2. Mrs Bennett has stepped up into the Acting Deputy Head teacher's role and remains in Year 1. Mrs Owen leads the Early Years team, while Mr Birchall leads the Upper Primary as well as being Year 5 class teacher. We welcome Miss Van der Heyden as lead LSA in the HRB and Mr H Crane as an LSA in the HRB. Mr Blackiston also returns as an LSA supporting junior classes. I am delighted with our new team structure and very much looking forward to this year.

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,

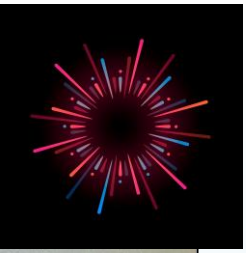
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PS Lots of information can be found on www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk





Llongyfarchiadau- Congratulations Team Cogan....



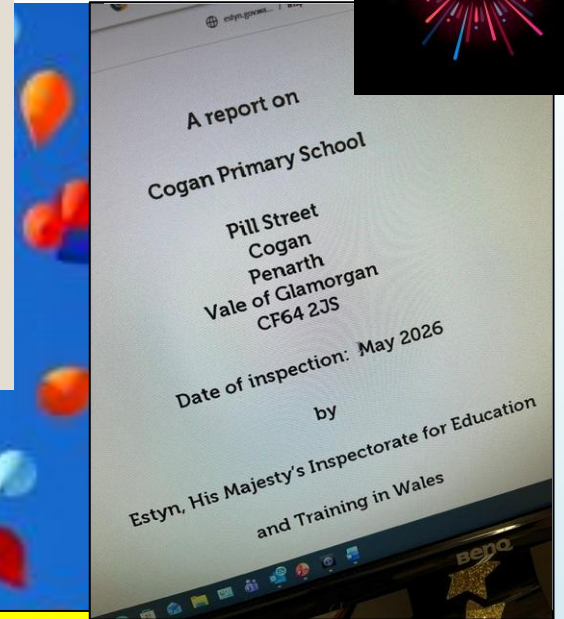
“Cogan Primary School is a warm, happy and nurturing learning environment with a welcoming ethos. Staff offer high levels of care, support and guidance. Behaviour and relationships are strong, and this creates a positive climate for learning.”

“Nearly all pupils feel safe and happy coming to school. And they take part in their learning with enthusiasm and confidence. Most pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN), those in the hearing resource base (HRB) and those from low-income households, make good progress in developing their skills, knowledge and understanding over time.”

Only one recommendation:

“Increase opportunities for pupils to direct their own learning and develop their independence across the indoor and outdoor environments.”

<https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2026/06/Inspection-report-Cogan-Primary-School-2026.pdf>



We are absolutely delighted with the outcomes of our Estyn inspection. It is especially pleasing that inspectors recognised our school as a highly inclusive community and highlighted the strong leadership that provides clear strategic direction, fosters positive relationships among staff, pupils and families, supports learners' wellbeing, and creates a positive climate for learning.

We are also thrilled to have received a spotlight feature celebrating our Additional Learning Needs leadership, Inspiring Indusion Everyday. This recognition reflects our commitment to ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to flourish.

We are particularly proud of the recognition given to the high priority we place on developing reading skills and nurturing a love of reading for pleasure. The report also acknowledged pupils' positive attitudes towards learning Welsh and praised our authentic and engaging Llais curriculum.

Whilst celebrating these wonderful achievements, we also welcome the report's recommendation, which aligns closely with priorities already identified within our School Improvement Plan. The findings reaffirm our commitment to continuous improvement, and we will continue to build on our many strengths to provide the highest-quality education for all learners. Our focus remains on ensuring every child is supported to become an independent, confident and successful individual.

01/09/26- Inset Training Day for staff

02/03/:09:26- Reception groups start on given days

04/09/26- All Reception children at school

03/09:26- New Nursery children start

07/09/26- ‘Meet and Greet’ Class Meetings with parents/carers- Years 1-5 - 3.30-4pm and 4pm-4.30pm /Family Learning 1pm –see over Years R-3

08/09/09/26- Volunteers painting the shelters

09/09/26- Filming in the HRB promoting our resources

14/09/26- Cardiff Blues Rugby- Year 6 sessions start

15/09/26- Year 6 Class meeting/Condoover information- 3:30pm

21/09/26- Clubs Start

23/09/26- Standards and Provision Governors’ meeting

29/09/26- School Council meeting

01/09/26- Proud to Present assembly

05/10/26- Llais Groups

07/10/26- Leadership and Management and Full Governors’ meeting

13/14/15:10/26- Parents’ Evenings/ P C Reed –Year 6- Anti-social behaviour

15/10/26- Year 6 Harvest assembly

16/10/26- Colorfoto Individual Photographs

20/10/26- PTA Hallowe’en Disco / Year 6 to Cardiff Castle

21//10/26- Flu vaccinations for the children

21/10/26- Cuppa with the Headteacher- inspection report

Half Term 26/10/26-30/10/26



Diary Dates...

Inset Days... 2026-2027

01/09/26
23/10/26
05/02/27
28/05/27
19/07/27
20/07/27

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2026	Tue 1 Sept 2026	Monday 26 Oct 2026	Friday 30 Oct 2026	Friday 18 Dec 2026	74
Spring 2027	Monday 4 Jan 2027	Monday 8 Feb 2027	Friday 12 Feb 2027	Friday 19 Mar 2027	50
Summer 2027	Monday 5 April 2027	Monday 31 May 2027	Friday 4 Jun 2027	*Tuesday 20 July 2027	71
TOTAL					195

Tue 1 Sept 2026, *Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 July 2027 will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining two INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that these INSET Days will either be taken on Mon 19 & Tue 20 July 2027 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 3 May 2027** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas Friday 25 December 2026

Easter Good Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday 29 March 2027

May Bank Holidays Monday 3 May 2027 Monday 31 May 2027

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 21st 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. You will receive an email informing you which clubs your child has been allocated a place in.

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

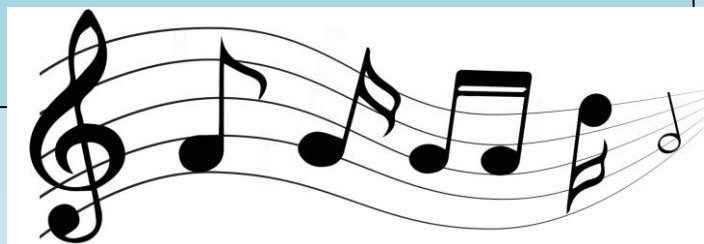
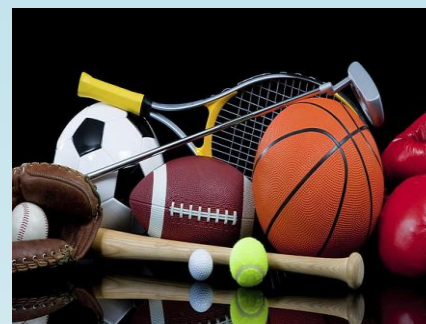
Uniform Available

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.



Class:	PE Days:
Nursery	Monday
Rec	Wednesday
1	Tuesday & Wednesday
2	Wednesday and Friday
3	Monday and Friday
4	Tuesday and Friday
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**

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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!

Llongyfarchiadau
Congratulations 100%
Attendance 2025-2026
to Evie K, Emmi,
Harper, Annie, Evan,
Alyana, Chester and Evie
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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.

Family Engagement



Cogan Primary School @coganps.bsky.social · 10mo
Llongyfarchiadau to our Family Learning group- more courses to get involved with next year. Thank you to Cardiff and Vale College for running the courses this year 🌟🌟🌟



The community is at the heart of our school, and we run several family engagement opportunities throughout the year. Miss Reeves is now our Family Engagement Officer, so watch this space; we have so many exciting things to come so watch this space!

Additional Learning Needs

We are a very inclusive school where all children are celebrated. If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning, **please speak to the class teacher in the first instance**. Mrs Gillingham is our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator; further information can be found on our school website.



Families Learning Together

Cardiff and Vale College
Coleg Ceredydd yr Ffio

Big Feelings, Little People

Cogan Primary School

Monday 7th of September

1.00pm

It's okay to feel
your feelings

COME ALONG TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS FUN AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP WHERE FAMILIES CAN EXPLORE EMOTIONS TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY, CREATIVITY, AND STORYTELLING. DESIGNED FOR PARENTS, CARERS, GRANDPARENTS AND CHILDREN TO LEARN SIDE BY SIDE, THIS FREE SHORT COURSE OFFERS HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT HELP EVERYONE UNDERSTAND, EXPRESS, AND MANAGE THEIR FEELINGS IN A POSITIVE WAY. TOGETHER, YOU'LL CREATE HELPFUL TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WHILE ALSO BUILDING IMPORTANT PERSONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS — ALL IN A RELAXED AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT.

RECEPTION TO YEAR 3
Contact us
families@cavc.ac.uk

