



NEWSLETTER

9th January 2026



ST PETER'S RC
PRIMARY SCHOOL



PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God,
By the light of a star,
you called seekers from afar,
revealing your Son to all nations.
May the light of your love
open our hearts to the whole
human family.

Amen.



LATE FOR SCHOOL?



Getting to school on time and in time for registration is an important part of the school day. If your child misses this part of the day, they could:

- miss out on important learning which could affect their achievement
- miss time to settle into class
- be embarrassed for disrupting the rest of the class

If your child arrives after the school register closes, it's recorded as an unauthorised absence.

High levels of unauthorised absence can result in:

- a referral to our education welfare officer
- you being issued a fixed penalty notice (fine)

To avoid being late for school:

- find out what time school starts (8.55 am) and how long it takes your child to get there
- have a regular routine for the start of each day
- help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed
- set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep

SCARAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Reconciliation and Holy Communion are important sacraments, focused on God's mercy and presence. Our school works with St Peter's Parish to prepare pupils for these sacraments.

The Sacramental Preparation Programme is available to pupils in Years 3 to 6 who are Baptised Catholics.

As part of the programme, parents/carers are required to attend three meetings during the process, these dates are:

Thursday, 22nd January - 3.40 pm
Thursday, 26th March - 3.40 pm
Thursday, 21st May - 3.40 pm

Pupils will receive their First Holy Communion in two groups on the following dates:

Sunday, 7th June 2026
Sunday 14th June 2026

If you wish your child to commit to the programme, please contact Mrs Clark via email at stpetersprm@cardiff.gov.uk.

RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

Applications for admission to primary schools are made directly to the Council through their online admissions system. You ONLY need to complete the Council's application form to apply for a place at St Peter's.

This link will take you to the Council's admissions page

www.cardiff.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

DIARY DATES

Thurs 15 Jan	Y4b Class Assembly
Thurs 22 Jan	Sacramental programme meeting
Thurs 29 Jan	Y1a Class Assembly
Thurs 12 Feb	Y3b Class Assembly
Mon 16 Mar - Wed 18 Mar	Y6 Llangrannog Residential
Thurs 26 Mar	Sacramental programme meeting
Mon 13 Apr - Wed 15 Apr	Y5 Manor Adventure Residential
Fri 01 May	INSET Day
Mon 04 May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 21 May	Sacramental programme meeting
Sun 07 June	First Holy Communion
Sun 14 June	First Holy Communion
Mon 20 July	INSET Day

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

71	120
77	53

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Following the Christmas break please see below details of when each club will resume:

Rugby - Year 5 and Year 6
Thursdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Resumes Thursday 15th January
(currently taking place at school, will move to the Harlequins Sports Ground when evenings are lighter)

Netball - Year 5 and Year 6
Mondays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at school.

Resumes Monday 19th January

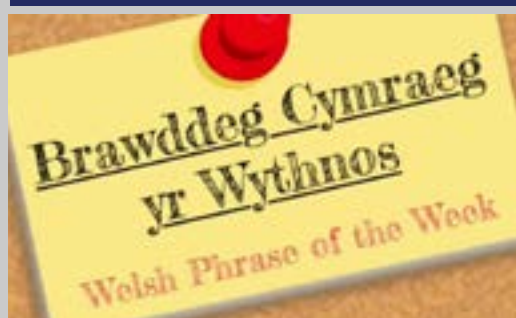


Y6 LLANGRANNOG & Y5 MANOR ADVENTURE

The third installment for this year's Year 5 and 6 trips are due today, Friday 9th January.

Please visit ParentPay and click on 'pay for other items' to make payment.

Thank you.



"Bore da?"

"Faint o'r gloch ydy hi?"

NEW PUPIL MIS SYSTEM

Every school uses a Management Information System (MIS). This acts as a database system for pupils, school operations and finance. Inline with all Cardiff schools, we are pleased to let you know that our school has now completed the transition from SIMS to Arbor, our new school information management system. This change is an exciting step forward in helping us improve communication, streamline processes, and provide a more efficient experience for families and staff.

Please bear with the school office as we negotiate the migration. We are confident that Arbor will make school communication clearer, quicker, and more accessible for everyone.

Over the coming weeks, we will be able to utilise the Arbor Parent Portal which has exciting functionality, such as options to:

- View your child's attendance
- Update contact information
- Receive important messages from school
- Complete forms and permissions more easily

When available, we will provide simple, step-by-step guidance to support you with getting set up.

If you have any immediate questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



TERM	TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM ENDS	TERM ENDS	NO. OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN 2025	Monday 1st September*	Monday 27th October	Friday 31st October	Friday 19th December	75
CHRISTMAS BREAK Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026					
SPRING 2026	Monday 5th January	Monday 16th February	Friday 20th February	Friday 27th March	55
EASTER BREAK Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026					
SUMMER 2025	Monday 13th April	Monday 25th May	Friday 29th May	Monday 20th July	65
CLOSURE DAYS					
Monday 1st September 2025			INSET day		
Tuesday 2nd September 2025			INSET day		
Friday 24th October 2025			INSET day		
Friday 1st May 2026			INSET Day		
Monday 4th May 2026			Bank Holiday		
Monday 20th July 2026			INSET day		



UNWELL?

SHOULD MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to email or call us on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give the reason. Below is a handy guide to help you.

Coughs and colds	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.
High temperature	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
Sore throat	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.
Vomiting and diarrhoea	Children with diarrhoea or vomiting must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).
Chickenpox	If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
Cold sores	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.
Ear infection	If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Head lice and nits	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP, pharmacies and supermarkets sell products to treat them.
Aches and pains	If not accompanied by other symptoms such as a high temperature, there is no need to keep your child off school.
Tired	Tiredness is not a reason to keep your child off school.
Impetigo	If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

When a pupil is absent from school for illness reasons, the register will be marked as an authorised absence. Where persistent ill health is affecting a pupil's attendance, we will ask for medical evidence to authorise the absence.

To report your child's absence, please email attendance@stpeters.wales or telephone 029 20497847 option 1.

"The whole experience has opened my eyes as a person and father/husband to what I was not doing as a father/husband and I'm glad I have realised these things"

PARENT NURTURING PROGRAMME

Parent Nurturing Programme from Family Links believes that children are rewarding, stimulating and fun although looking after them can be stressful and challenging. The Parent Nurturing Programme helps deal with these challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier family life. The Parent Nurturing Programme aims to help adults understand and manage feelings and behaviour and become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults an emotionally healthy start for their lives, which contributes to learning.

*All Children have the right to life
and to grow up to be healthy
– Article, 6 UNCRC*



Cardiff Parenting are offering the Parent Nurturing Programme for families living in Cardiff

Over the 10 week course you will look at topics including:

- *Understanding why children behave the way they do.*
- *Recognising the feelings behind behaviours (ours and theirs).*
- *Exploring different approaches to discipline.*
- *Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children.*
- *The importance of looking after and nurturing ourselves.*

Starting on:
Friday 9th January 2026
9.15-11.15

In:
Moorland Flying Start Unit,
Singleton Road,
Splott,
CF24 2ET
Creche provided

Contact us to book your place!

For further information please contact
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