



NEWSLETTER

12th September 2025



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We wish to express our sincere thanks to parents and carers for the attention paid to our school uniform policy this year. Most pupils look very smart and are ready to learn.

At the end of this newsletter is our uniform information, please refer to this or contact the school office if you have any queries.

A reminder for pupils with ear piercings that only one pair of plain studs may be worn. Hoops and other designs are not permitted. In order to comply with health and safety regulations, all earrings including stud earrings must be removed by the child before participation in PE and physical activity.

ESTYN THEMATIC SURVEY REPORT

We are pleased that St Peter's School has been featured in a recently published Estyn's review named Teaching the Curriculum for Wales. The case study highlights our focus on high-quality teaching and pupil progress. Parents are encouraged to read the report and our feature on pp26-27: bit.ly/3JXmelX.

GUITAR & UKELE LESSONS

Lessons are available through the County Music Service.



To take part, your child will need to have their own instrument: ideally a 3/4 size guitar fitted with nylon strings.

Lessons take place every week either in a group lesson or an individual 15, 20 or 30 minute lesson.

You can find out more about costs and enrolling for lessons on the county music service website

www.cfmusiceducation.co.uk or email us at cfmusiceducation@cardiff.gov.uk

To find out more information about the lessons or instruments please contact Mrs Preece on preece63@hwbcymru.net

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Lord,
You love everything You have created,
and nothing exists outside the mystery of Your tenderness.

Every creature, no matter how small,
is the fruit of Your love and has a place in this world.
Help us to discover Your presence in all creation,
so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities.

Praised be You, Lord!

Amen

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of September



WELCOME MEETINGS

During the week commencing Monday, 29th September, we will be inviting parents and carers into the classrooms.

It will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom and the exciting plans for your child during the next academic year.

Meetings will take place at 3.30 pm, days will be confirmed as soon as possible.



DIARY DATES

Fri 26 Sept	PTA AGM
Fri 24 Oct	INSET Day
Mon 04 May	Bank Holiday
Mon 20 July	INSET Day

UPDATE OF DETAILS

To ensure contact details are kept up to date, your child will bring home a form with the details we have on file for your child and their contacts. Please check this carefully and return it to the class teacher if there are any changes.

This form will also include your child's dietary and medical needs which are of most importance to be kept up to date.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL



The school gates open at 8.45 am for entry, class registers are taken at 8.55 am each morning and learning begins. If your child arrives after 8.55 am, you must present with your child to the school office to sign them in. They are then marked on the register as late.

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

What can happen when your child is late for class?

- They miss out on important learning, which could effect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.
- A staff member may have to leave their class to collect the late pupil

DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT!

Measles and MMR Vaccination Programme



Cases of measles are rising across the UK. It is a respiratory infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious life changing consequences for some.

Measles facts

Measles is a highly infectious illness. It is contagious before symptoms start.

For every 100 people not vaccinated against measles, about 90 will catch measles if exposed to the measles virus.

It can cause serious illness including chest infections, seizures (fits), swelling of the brain, and brain damage. Serious complications can even occur many years after infection.

Measles can kill.

Children, young people and staff members are at risk of measles infection if they haven't had 2 doses of the MMR vaccination or documented natural infection.

Eligibility for MMR vaccination

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are offered **free to all children** before they start school at:

- 12-13 months, and
- 3 years and 4 months.

Children and adults who miss any of the doses can still receive them from their GP surgery at any time after they were due, with a month needed between the two doses.

The MMR vaccine should not be given to people who have a lowered immune system or who are pregnant. This is even more reason to ensure that everyone who is eligible has received both MMR doses, to protect those who cannot have the MMR vaccine.

If you are not sure if you have had both doses, it is safer to have too many doses of the vaccine than not enough.

Measles symptoms



Rash



Temperature
(usually over 38.5°C)



Runny nose



Red, sore,
watery eyes



Cough

Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms. It can then be followed by a rash a few days later but not always. Sometimes people get small white spots on the insides of the cheeks and insides of lips that last a few days.

It is unlikely to be measles if you have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine or had measles before, unless you have a condition or are on treatment which weakens the immune system.

What to do if you suspect measles

If you suspect you, or a child/young person has measles you can get advice from NHS 111 or you can make an urgent GP appointment.

The person with suspected measles should not go to any health setting (e.g., GP, hospital, or pharmacy) without ringing ahead first and advising of any symptoms which might suggest measles.

If a doctor suspects measles, the individual should stay off nursery, school, college or work etc. for at least 4 days after the onset of rash (Note: date the rash started is day 0). They should also avoid being in contact with anybody who is:

- Not fully vaccinated for MMR (particularly children under the age of 4).
- Pregnant.
- Immunosuppressed (has a weakened immune system) due to a health condition or treatment.

About the MMR vaccine

The MMR vaccine is a safe and highly effective combined vaccine that protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles). It contains weakened versions of live measles, mumps and rubella viruses. It is given as an injection into the muscle of the upper arm in older children and adults. It is sometimes given in the thigh muscle but mainly to young children.

Before vaccination against measles existed, it was a very common disease and most people had it. Although many people made a full recovery after having measles, many were left with serious disabilities and some children died.

According to the World Health Organization around 128, 000 people died from measles around the world in 2021. Most of them were young children under 5.

All vaccines go through rigorous testing to ensure they are effective and safe. The two vaccines licensed for use in the UK to protect against measles are: Priorix and M-M-RVaxPRO.

No vaccines used by the NHS contain Thiomersal. The vaccine viruses are not grown in egg – people with severe egg allergies can safely receive the MMR vaccine. M-M-RVaxPRO contains highly purified gelatine derived from pigs.

More information about this is available here phw.nhs.wales/porcinegelatine. People who would prefer to have a gelatine free MMR vaccine can ask to have Priorix.

A full list of the vaccine ingredients and possible side effects are available at medicines.org.uk/emc by entering Priorix or M-M-RVaxPro into the search box.

Sometimes the doses of MMR are given earlier than the routine appointments of 12-13 months or 3 years 4 months. This may be because a child was born in a different country or because it has been recommended by a healthcare professional in the UK who is dealing with an outbreak. If a first dose of MMR is given before 12 months of age it will need to be repeated. If a second dose of MMR is given before 15 months of age it will need to be repeated after 18 months. If the child is given the second dose from 15 months of age, no further doses are required.

What are the risks of being unvaccinated against measles?

As measles is a highly infectious disease it spreads quickly between people who are not vaccinated.

Uptake of the MMR vaccine decreased in Europe during the COVID-19 pandemic which means we are now seeing an increase in cases of measles across the UK and in Wales.

Although not everybody with measles needs to be admitted to hospital, it is a very unpleasant illness even in its mildest form. There is no cure, and some people will be left with life changing brain damage. Serious, untreatable complications of measles can happen years after people have had the illness.

Staff or children/young people who are unvaccinated and who have been in contact with a confirmed measles case will be advised to stay at home for the duration of the incubation period. The incubation period is the time frame it takes for a disease to develop after coming into contact with it. For measles it is up to **21 days (3 weeks) after last exposure to someone with measles.**

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		
Monday 4th May 2026			Bank Holiday		
Monday 20th July 2026			INSET day		
Further INSET days will be advised when confirmed					





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

TUESDAY **Football (Yr 3-6) 3.30 - 4.30PM**

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 www.sports-xtra.com
 admin@sports-xtra.com



UNIFORM

The school policy for School Uniform was developed and agreed by governing body in September 2023. Through this policy we aim to:

- set high standards, reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform
- promote inclusivity and a culture which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils
- prevent the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment
- maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school.

We require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- a red jumper or cardigan*
- red or white polo t-shirt in Nursery to Year 5*
- black polo t-shirt in Year 6 (optional)*
- grey trousers or grey skirt of a reasonable length or grey pinafore*
- black, flat and sensible shoes – no boots or heels higher than 4cm inclusive of any platform*
- grey tights, dark socks or white socks
- grey shorts of a reasonable length*
- red gingham dress*
- sun hat or cap to protect from the sun.

Items marked * above are available to be purchased from the approved uniform supplier and are decorated with the school logo. Parents and carers can opt to purchase uniform without the school logo that are of the same colours and style. Our approved uniform supplier is YC Sports, 86-90 Crwys Road, Cathays, Cardiff, CF24 4NP, Phone: 02920237968 or visit <https://www.ycsports.com/>

PE KIT

- House colour t-shirt (plain or with school logo) or white polo shirt.
- Black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms.
- Trainers.

HAIR

Pupils should only wear a plain bobble, clips or a thin, plain hairband when necessary. These should not have adornments such as flowers or bows. Barrettes, bandanas, scarves, ribbons and wide headbands should not be worn. Long hair should be tied back with a plain bobble during PE and physical activity for safety.

JEWELLERY/WATCHES

- Pupils should not wear jewellery to school, except should a pupil have pierced ears, one pair of plain studs may be worn. In order to comply with health and safety regulations, stud earrings must be removed by the child before participation in PE and physical activity.
- Watches may be worn to school. They must be removed, however, and collected by a staff member before PE lessons and/or physical activity. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery or watches that are lost or stolen.

BAGS

As space is at a premium within the school building, pupils are not permitted to bring a large backpack to school. Please provide your child with a lunchbag sized bag to transport their lunch to school. PE kits are to be brought to school in a separate drawstring bag that can be stored in school. We ask you to purchase a book bag to transport school books to and from school.