

Headteachers Message

It has been wonderful to return to school and welcome all of our pupils back for the Summer Term.

We have a very busy and exciting term planned, with a wide range of learning experiences, visitors to the school, new after-school clubs, and the opportunity for pupils to begin using our new Numeracy Nook, which is currently being developed. This area is designed to engage pupils in fun, hands-on activities that apply numeracy skills through a range of game-based experiences. The space will include activities such as darts, large games like Connect 4, and table-top games including dominoes.

We have certainly started the term with a bang, with trips and visitors already taking place – please see page 5 for more details.

I would like to take this opportunity to share how impressed staff were with our pupils' behaviour during these sessions. This was commented on several times, and staff were also delighted by the thoughtful and interesting questions pupils asked to further their learning.

A letter was sent to families on Thursday morning regarding contacting the school, and we would like to thank everyone for taking the time to read this.

We are really excited about the term ahead and look forward to celebrating the many achievements our pupils will make. The Summer Term is always full of fun and excitement, and it is a particularly special time for our Year 6 pupils as they come to the end of their Ogmore Vale Primary learning journey.

Early next week, we will be sending out our Summer Calendar, which will include all key dates such as Sports Day and the Summer Fete, so you can plan ahead. As always, thank you for your continued support in all we do!

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher).



Next Week (Week after Easter Holidays)

Monday 20th April

- HT assembly- Looking after our Earth (to mark Earth Day which is on Wednesday)
- Intergenerational Halo project for selected Year 6 pupils

Tuesday 21st April

- Baby and Toddler Group
9am

Wednesday 22nd April

- Savers Club
- Height, Weight and Vision with school nurse for Reception pupils
- Families Cooking Together Session 2

Thursday 23rd April

- Bounce and Play session at Halo Leisure.



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WHERE WERE YOU?



Contacting school

You would have received a letter to your nominated email on Thursday regarding contacting school and how we will communicate with you just to ensure everyone is aware. We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone in their support of this.

Attend to Achieve letters

All of our families will received an **Attend to Achieve letter** which BCBC requested we send out. This is coming home today.

It is a reminder to our families of attendance levels throughout the Autumn and Spring Term. Your child would have been grouped into a colour band to show how many sessions they have missed. It is really important to ensure that pupils are as close to the **GREEN band** as possible as this is where your child will have the most opportunity to take full advantage of learning opportunities.

PRICHARD'S

UPDATE: from Prichards Builders regarding the demolition of Oxford Court Flats

Prichards are now entering the next phase of work and is currently demolishing the flats. They will need to restrict access to the carpark between the two sets of flats including the cut through used at school times. They recognise that this may be disruptive and will do their best to do this outside of the school drop off and collection times. Please be aware that this area may be fully fenced off at times for safety reasons.

Coming soon..... NUMERACY NOOK



We are creating a Numeracy Nook which will be a classroom full of hand-on maths equipment. It will feature an area to play darts, large connect 4 games, dominoes, cards and puzzles. It will also house a range of technology for pupils to practise numerical skills through engaging and authentic experiences. It is currently in development. All classes will have access to this. when it is completed we will put pictures on our Instagram page in the newsletter

What's been going on first week back!



In Nursery and Reception the pupils have had some new visitors. They both have Butterfly Growing sets and are closely watching for changes.



Reception have moved classroom!

- Reception class have moved rooms to allow us to use that room as the 'Numeracy Nook'.
- This meant Reception could have direct access to a break out space in the corridor for a range of continuous and enhanced provision experiences.

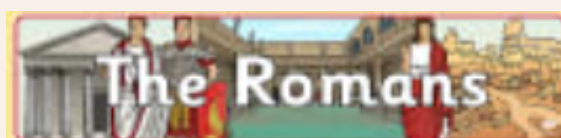
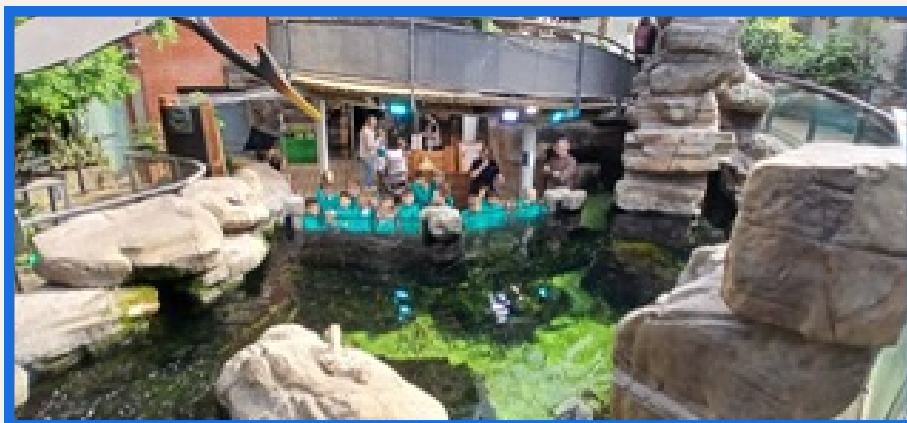


Our first 'FAMILIES COOKING TOGETHER' took place on Wednesday. It was great to see our parents working with their children to create some tasty dishes!

What's been going on first week back!



Year 1 and 2 visited Bristol Aquarium
On Thursday Year 1 and 2 visited Bristol Aquarium and had a fabulous time. They were able to see a huge range of sea creatures including Stingray, Starfish. Lobsters and a range of Sharks.

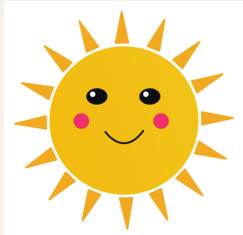
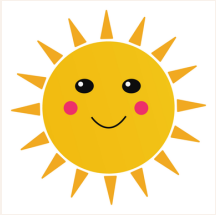


Classes 6/7/11 and 12
camped out at a Roman Centurion and explored everyday activities such as weaving, writing on bees wax using the Latin alphabet. They tried on Roman armor and also went outside to do some 'v' shape marching.



Summer Term

Extra-Curricular Experiences



Extra- Curricular Activities

Summer 1 (2026)

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Chess club (Year 3-6)	Library for bus pupils to access	Puzzle Club (Year 3-6)		Criw Cymraeg (Pupils have been selected) Homework Club (Year 3-6)
After-school	Lego Club (Year 1 and 2) Conservation Club (Year 4- 6)	Tip-Top Dance (Year 2-6) Family Library access until 4pm	Yoga and Mindfulness (Rec- Year 2) Can bring a family member Netball (Pupils who previously attended)	Multi-Sports (Year 3-6) Forest Schools (Rec and Year 1)	

Pupils who were interested in either Forest Schools Club or Conservation club were offered letters to bring home on Tuesday.

Later in the Summer Term we will be introducing a range of ‘Stay and Play’ sessions after school where our pupils can enjoy using our outdoor learning spaces and resources.

New Extra –Curricular



CONSERVATION CLUB

We are super excited to have a new Conservation Club for Year 4-6 pupils on a Monday from next week (letters were given to the pupils who expressed an interest)

What is this club about?

Two members of the Ogmore Vale Priide group will be undertaking a range of gardening, including growing a range of fruit and vegetables. Undertaking Wildlife Care activities, considering ways we can reduce and recycle waste around the school and finding out about topics such as sustainability and a range of different habitats.

FOREST SCHOOLS CLUB

We also have a new Forest school club starting for Reception and Year 1 pupils (letters were given to the pupils who expressed an interest)

What is this club about?

Pupils will undertake a block of 3 weeks in a group to ensure we can allow as many pupils as possible to have this experience. Pupils will get the chance to learn more about nature through hands-on experiences. The pupils will lead a lot of the learning and will also look at 'risk taking' when learning outside.