

Headteachers Message

As I sit down to write the final newsletter of the academic year, I cannot believe how quickly the time has passed. It has been a remarkable year, filled with achievements, memorable moments and countless reasons to celebrate.

We have accomplished so much together. Some of the highlights include being invited to share best practice with other schools regarding our outdoor learning provision and improvements in attendance. We have received numerous compliments about our pupils from visitors to the school and from those who have accompanied them on educational visits. We have celebrated Community Award successes, enjoyed a range of fantastic school events and welcomed record numbers of families to our highly attended INNOVATE sessions. These achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our entire school.

This has been my first year as Headteacher of Ogmores Vale Primary School, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. As a team, we have worked incredibly hard to continue moving the school forward on its improvement journey, and I remain committed to ensuring that this continues every year. Being entrusted with this role is both a privilege and a responsibility that I never take lightly.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to every member of staff at OVP. From my very first day, you have made me feel welcome and supported. There is a genuine team ethos throughout the school, with colleagues who care deeply about one another and are unwavering in their commitment to providing the very best for our pupils. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such dedicated professionals.

I would also like to thank our Governing Body for their tremendous support throughout the year. They have offered valuable advice, encouragement and guidance, whilst also providing the challenge needed to ensure that I continue to lead the school as effectively as possible. Their commitment to the success of our pupils and school community is greatly appreciated.

Finally, my biggest thank you goes to our families and, of course, our wonderful pupils. They are an absolute delight to work with and are at the heart of everything we do. Like every school, we face challenges from time to time, but those challenges are far outweighed by the countless positive experiences, achievements and special moments we share. Seeing our pupils grow in confidence, develop new skills and achieve success makes every day worthwhile.

I hope you all have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Ogmores Vale Primary School.

Mrs Leanne Brown
(Headteacher)

Arrangements for the Autumn Term



Autumn 1 Week 1 September 2026



First week back:

Monday 31st August- BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Tuesday 1st September – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Wednesday 2nd September- INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Thursday 3rd September- All pupils return to school for Autumn Term (apart from new nursery pupils who have been given individual start dates)

Friday 4th September- Normal day in school

Both INSET days will involve all teaching and support staff participating in statutory training, including safeguarding and health and safety updates. Staff will also work together to reflect on and self-evaluate the previous academic year, while beginning to develop the new School Action Plan for the 2026–2027 academic year. In addition, staff will have dedicated time to plan collaboratively for the term ahead.

Your comments from the recent parental questionnaire will form an important part of the self-evaluation process and will help to shape the School Improvement Plan. The ideas and feedback from our pupils will also play a key role in informing our priorities and future developments. We will endeavour to get an Autumn Calendar of important events out to you by the end of the second week. We will also be offering invites to MEET THE TEACHER sessions for families to come and meet the class teacher and find out more about the year ahead in each year group!

Rec- Year 6 Sports Day



Year 3-6 had their Sports Day at Nantymoel Rugby Field. It was such a joy to see all pupils joining in and giving of their best for their House teams.

Our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place positions were celebrated on the podium with a picture!



Our Foundation Phase pupils ran a sprint, completed and egg and spoon race, an obstacle course and took part in a javelin competition.



We saw so many smiles all day!
Thank you to all the family members who attended, what fantastic support the children had. An extra thank you to those adults that ran the parents race. The children thought it was amazing.



We are proud of each and everyone one of our pupils but an extra well done goes to Ty Melyn the Winning house this year.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND **THE COMMUNITY**



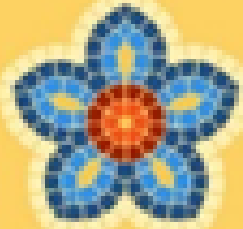
Bridgend Library

Bridgend Life Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4AH

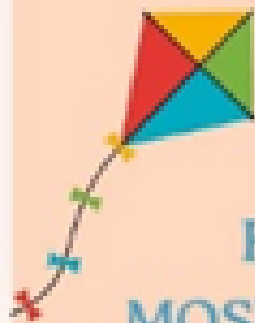
- African Drumming –Wednesday 22d July 2pm, Friday
- We Will Rock You: Coding – Tuesday 28th July 2:30pm
- Zack Franks Movement and Dance Workshop – Monday 10th August
11:30am
- Creasion Drawing Workshop – Monday 17th August 10:30am
- Silent Disco – Thursday 27th August 2:30pm

Contact: Bridgend.library@awen-wales.com / 01656 252030

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2026



TIE DYE - 20TH JULY

KITE MAKING - 27TH JULY

MOSIAC COASTERS - 3RD AUGUST

PLANT POT PAINTING - 10TH AUGUST

TOTE BAG DECORATING - 17TH AUGUST

FESTIVAL HEADBANDS - 24TH AUGUST

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
BOOKING REQUIRED
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THE BRIDGE COMMUNITY HUB
46-48 DUNRAVEN PLACE
CF31 1JB



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YOUTH CLUB

THIS MONTH X

EVERY TUESDAY
5-7PM
JULY 2026

7th July

SONY trip (you must be signed up/returned consent form)
There will be no normal youth club!



14th July

Pokémon trainer academy session



21st July

Summer staycation cafe session (make a postcard of a past/dream holiday)

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28th July

Ice cream parlour session



REMINDERS X

- We have opportunities for work experience during the summer holidays. If you are interested please speak to one of the youth workers.
- Summer holiday cooking classes - Please pop in or ask one of our youth workers for more details.



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POP-UP SHOP FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM



Free • Friendly • Sustainable

Good quality pre-loved uniforms from schools across Bridgend County Borough, completely free of charge — helping families save money and reduce waste.

THURSDAY 30 JULY | 12:00PM - 4:00PM
NEWBRIDGE FIELDS, BRIDGEND



Part of Employability Fun Day - Uniform Shop run by Community Focused Family Engagement Officers



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FREE PLAY SESSIONS

Den Building, Music Workshops, Swings,
Multi Sports and so on
Throughout the Summer Holidays

@ SARN GREEN TUESDAYS
1 - 3PM

@ BRYNCETHIN RFC
THURSDAYS
1 - 3PM

MUSIC WORKSHOP



Fully Funded by St Brides
Minor Community Council

Contact Mark 07828157028

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Summer Holiday Fun Aberfields Launch Event

DATE: Friday 24 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm

LOCATION: Aberfields, Nantymoel, Bridgend, CF32 7AQ

To celebrate funding from UKSPF, Local Places for Nature, and the National Lottery's Awards for All Wales, BCBC's Climate Change Response Team is holding a Wellbeing Day packed with free, feel-good activities, perfect for nature lovers!

Schedule to be confirmed

This fun-filled Wellbeing Day brings high-energy team games, exciting activities, and fascinating workshops for nature lovers and bug enthusiasts alike. Fancy a mindful yoga session, an exhilarating fitness boot camp, or a hands-on sweep netting adventure? There's something for everyone. Come and discover the incredible wildlife and green spaces right on your doorstep - this will be a truly immersive experience for all ages.

Featuring:

- Wyndham FC
- Climate Change Response Team
- Loubie Lou
- Wild Roots
- Glo I Natur
- Yoga with Louise
- Sweep Netting
- RAW Performance Fitness Bootcamp
- Nature on Your Doorstep
- Flying Start
- Ogmore Valley Community Council
- Keep Nantymoel Tidy
- WBGC

...and many more to be announced!

For more information, contact
events@bridgend.gov.uk

