

An end of Year Message

A first year in headship is never easy, and although I came into the role having served as an Acting Headteacher in RCT and as a Deputy Headteacher for over 10 years, it was still a significant change.

I would like to thank all of the families of Ogmore Vale for welcoming me into the community. As a school, we have achieved a great deal and have worked quickly to bring about positive change. We have received some wonderful feedback from families, but we also recognise that there is still much work to do.

My vision for the future is to make Ogmore Vale a school that people speak about with admiration and one where families are eager to secure a place for their children. Achieving this requires dedication, determination and extremely hard work, but it is made possible by the fantastic team I work with every day. The staff at this school are not only dedicated professionals, but they also show immense care and compassion towards all pupils. They consistently go above and beyond to ensure that every child's needs are met and that each pupil is given the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Having worked in several schools previously, I can honestly say that the staff at Ogmore Vale Primary School demonstrate some of the greatest passion, commitment, and drive that I have encountered. Their unwavering determination to support, nurture, and inspire their pupils is truly remarkable, and they should be incredibly proud of the difference they make every day.

Thank you to everyone who has been so kind, who takes the time to say good morning, and who comes to see me when they have a concern so that we can work through it together.

Looking ahead, and based on the timings involved, I predict (although I cannot say for certain) that the school may receive a phone call regarding an Estyn inspection during the next academic year. We feel ready for this and are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase all that is happening across the school. As with any inspection, there will undoubtedly be areas for further development, but we see this as a positive part of our ongoing self-evaluation process and our commitment to continuous improvement.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break, with plenty of opportunities to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends, ready to hit the ground running in September. We have some exciting plans for the year ahead, and I am looking forward to sharing these with you. In September, we will be holding



a series of **Parental Open Mornings** to gather your views on the school's strengths and areas for development. Your feedback is invaluable and will help to shape our 2026–2027 School Improvement Plan.

Please stay safe, have fun, and enjoy a well-deserved break. We cannot wait to welcome our pupils back in September, ready for another fantastic year of learning and achievement. To our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to the next stage of their education, I would like to wish you every success in your future endeavours. I am confident that you will continue to thrive and make us all very proud.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working together again in September.

Mrs Leanne Brown,

(Headteacher)