



## Headteachers Message

It has been a very short week for our pupils, with the bank holiday and two INSET days. However, our children have enjoyed two wonderful days settling into the routines of their new classrooms. I have visited every class at some point during the week, as well as leading our whole-school assembly, and I must comment on how smart all of the pupils look. The standard of uniform has been impeccable, and the children have looked very proud, confident, and ready to learn.

Next week, we will be sending out permission letters for our after-school clubs. Please see the next page for further details.

Please do not forget our open invitation to our School Improvement Planning Family Morning. This is an opportunity for families to share their views on what the school does well and where we should focus our attention during the year ahead. It will be a relaxed event in a safe and welcoming environment where families can openly share their thoughts and ideas.

Staff spent two very productive days together on Tuesday and Wednesday. During this time, they took part in discussions reflecting on the previous academic year and identifying our priorities for improvement for the year ahead. Staff also completed Allergy Awareness training, received safeguarding updates, and further developed their understanding of the Froebelian approach to teaching and learning.

These two days provided a valuable opportunity for staff to collaborate, share ideas, and ensure that we are fully prepared to provide the very best learning experiences for all of our pupils this year. We are incredibly excited for the new academic year and look forward to providing our pupils with the very best opportunities here at Ogmores Vale Primary School.

Mrs Leanne Brown  
Headteacher

## Week Ahead

### Week Beginning 07/09/26

**During next week we will be Welcoming our new Nursery Risers- we are excited to welcome our youngest new Ogmores Vale recruits.**

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September:

**HT Assembly - New Beginnings.**

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September:

**Family open morning- School Improvement Planning.**

**Baby and Toddler Group 9am (see posters towards end of newsletter)**

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September:

**Savers Club**



**Coming soon.....  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**



# A few reminders

## Health Snacks for break time

Pupils are welcome to bring a healthy snack for break time. This should be a piece of fruit or some vegetables. We are trying to instil healthy lifestyle habits in our pupils as much as possible, and they were excellent at this last year. Only Nursery pupils have their break-time snack provided by school via parental weekly donations.

## Detail Changes

If any of your contact details have changed, such as your phone number or address, please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is vital that we have the most up-to-date information for both you and your child.

If there have been any changes to your child's health, or if they require medication in school, this must also be shared with us. Please ensure that the appropriate forms are completed and returned to the school.

**ADVANCE WARNING**

**PLANNED INSET DAYS**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

# Head Boy & Head Girl and their Deputies

## 2026-2027



A huge congratulations to our pupils who have been selected as our Head Boy and Head Girl representatives. This is a fantastic achievement, and one that they should be extremely proud of. All four pupils delivered excellent speeches at the end of last term and were voted for by their peers.

They will be presented with their badges during Monday's Headteacher Assembly next week. Their photographs will also be proudly displayed in our school foyer for all to see. We are sure they will be strong ambassadors for the school throughout the year.



# Ogmore Vale Primary School

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# **SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS**

If you ever hear or see anything that causes you any concern please report to one of the schools Level 3 safeguarding officers below.

Designated Lead Safeguarding Officer: Mrs L. Brown (Headteacher)

Designated Lead Safeguarding Officer: Mr C. Hanford (Deputy Headteacher)

Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mrs D. Bradley (SLT, ALNCo & Nursery Teacher)

Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mrs C. Hobbs (SLT and Year 3/ 4 Teacher)

Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Miss J. Jones (SLT and Year 6 Teacher)

Designated Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mrs M Balchin (Family Engagement Officer)

**Our Safeguarding Governor is Ceri Llewellyn**

## **Bus Pupils**



If your child is entitled to the school bus service but you do not wish to take up this offer, please email the school to let us know. If your child usually travels home on the bus and also attends an after-school club (once these begin), we will assume they will attend the club every week and will not be travelling home on the bus unless a parent or carer informs the school office otherwise by email or telephone.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Below is our Extra- Curricular offer for Autumn 1 2026.  
Letters will be sent home next week.



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## Extra- Curricular Activities

### Autumn 1

| Times            | Monday                                            | Tuesday                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lunchtime        | Chess club<br>(Year 3-6)<br><br>Mrs Brown         | Library for bus<br>pupils to access<br><br>Miss Jones/ Mrs<br>Hobbs                         | Netball Club<br>(Year 5/ 6)<br><br>Mrs Carson/ Miss<br>Owen                                                                                                                                                      | Puzzle Club<br>(Year 3-6)<br><br>Mrs Mallinson                                                                                                                                   | Criw Cymraeg<br>(Pupils have<br>been selected<br>from Year 1-<br>6)<br><br>Miss<br>Mallinson |
| After-<br>school | Colouring Club<br>(Year 5 and 6)<br><br>Mr Whaley | Football Club<br>(Year 3/ 4)<br><br>Mr Hanford<br><br>Family Library<br>access until<br>4pm | Let's Play and Grow<br>Club<br>(Years 2/ 3 and 4)<br><br>Mrs Balchin<br><br>Conservation Club<br>(Year 4- 6)<br><br>Andy and Sue<br><br>Forest Schools<br>(Rec and Year 1)<br><br>Mrs Squire and Miss<br>Wilkins | Mad Science<br>club (this will<br>go ahead if we<br>have enough<br>interest -<br>forms will be<br>sent out next<br>week)<br><br>(Rec- Year 6)<br><br>Run by Mad<br>Science staff |                                                                                              |

# AGM



# INVITATION

Friends of Ogmores Vale Primary School  
invite you to their AGM. Come along to  
find out what we do and how you  
could help! All welcome!

**17** September  
2026

Starting At:  
**3.15pm**

Main Hall OVPS

**MORE INFORMATION**

[friendsofov@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofov@gmail.com)

# FOOD PANTRY

*Good Food. Less Waste. Stronger Community.*



EVERY  
**TUESDAY**



BAGS COLLECTED  
AT **3:00PM**



COST OF EACH BAG  
**£4**



TOGETHER  
WE CAN  
REDUCE WASTE  
AND SUPPORT  
OUR COMMUNITY

Our families can order a bag containing a variety of products sourced from supermarkets and restaurants that would otherwise end up in landfill including **fresh** and **ambient/long-life** products.

♡ Thank you for supporting our Food Pantry! ♡

# SAVERS CLUB



*Save Today, Secure Tomorrow!*



**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
MORNING**

**9:00AM**



Money management is an important life skill and through our School Savings Clubs children can learn the importance of looking after their money and saving regularly.



If you would like to join please come see **Mrs. Balchin** for an application form.



**EVERY CHILD RECEIVES  
THEIR OWN:**

- ✓ Piggy Bank
- ✓ Paying-In-Book to keep track of their savings



**PARENTS & CARERS CAN NOW ALSO SAVE WITH US.**



However, for adults there is a one-off admin fee of **£1.00** which supports schemes like the school savings clubs and adults will need to bring in some ID with your address and if possible photo ID (Such as driving licences, Passport).



**£1.00**  
ONE-OFF  
ADMIN FEE



*Small savings today, big dreams tomorrow!*



# BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Join us for fun, play, and friendship!



## TUESDAY MORNINGS



**TIME:** 9:00am - 10:30am  
(during term time)

**LOCATION: THE ZEN DEN**

Ogmore Vale Primary School  
CF32 7AJ



**EVERYBODY WELCOME!**



# Do you have dental pain and **no NHS dentist**?



GIG  
CHESHIRE  
NHS  
WALSLEY

Bardod Isychyd Prifysgol  
Cwm Taff Morgannwg  
University Health Board



## Call the Dental Helpline: **0300 123 5060**

- **Monday to Friday:** 9:00am – 4:00pm
- **Weekday evenings** (6:30pm – 8:00am)  
Advice only, including pain relief guidance.
- **Weekends & Bank Holidays:** Limited emergency appointments available, with advice also available if needed. This is available to all patients not just those without a dentist

## Call the Dental Urgent Helpline if you have:

- Dental pain
- A broken, knocked-out or damaged tooth
- Bleeding after dental treatment
- Injury to your teeth or jaw

## Go to A&E immediately if you have:

- Swelling affecting your breathing or swallowing
- Facial swelling spreading rapidly to your neck or eye
- Significant facial injury or suspected jaw fracture
- Significant bleeding that cannot be stopped after applying pressure

If you've received urgent NHS dental treatment since 1 April 2026, you can return to **the same practice for the same problem for up to 12 months**. New or different problems, and out-of-hours care, require a new appointment through the Dental Helpline.