

Headteachers Message

We started the week by discussing new beginnings. We talked about how it is a fresh start for everyone as they move into a new class for the new academic year. The pupils shared their hopes for the year ahead. Some wanted to make new friends, some wanted to join a new club, and others had targets and skills they wanted to improve in class.

This week also saw the return of our Food Pantry, Baby and Toddler Group, and Savers Club all great services we provide to our families.

We will also be reintroducing our 'Open Coffee Mornings' for families. These will now take place once a month, on the first Monday. We have finalised the dates for the whole term, although some trips and events may be added as the term progresses. This information will be emailed to all families next week so that anyone wishing to book time off work for concerts and other events will have plenty of notice. The dates will also be available on the school website, as last year's were.

Every weekly newsletter is uploaded to the website, ensuring that you always have a way to access the information you need.

This week was the first full week back in school and, when visiting classes, I have seen lots of excitement and some tired little faces around the school. It is a long week when you are only three or four years old! However, the children have settled into their new routines incredibly quickly, and this is thanks to our wonderful staff, the support of families, and, of course, the fantastic attitudes shown by the children themselves. What a great start!

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

Week Ahead

Monday 14th Sept

HT Assembly - Kindness Week
Introduction (*this will take place in classes in October*)

1ST: Chess Club - Year 3-6
(Lunchtime)

1ST: Colouring Club- YR- 5-6

Tuesday 15th September:

Baby and Toddler Group

1ST: Football Club-YR 3-4

Wednesday 16th Sept

Savers Club

1ST: Conservation Club - YR 3-6

1ST :Grow and Play Club- YR 2-6

Thursday 17th Sept

1ST Puzzles and Games Club- YR 3-6 (lunchtime club)

AGM- for Friends of OVP 3.30pm

Attendance Goals - 2026-2027

PROMOTING ATTENDANCE AT OVP

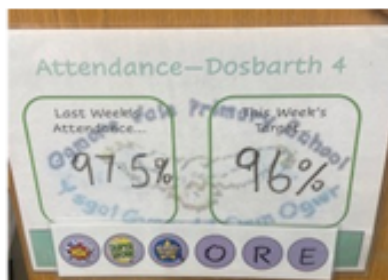
How we promote attendance

We hold all in days once per half term.
Each class with 100% attendance on the
day chooses a prize!

**ALL
IN**

93%

Our attendance
target for 2026-27



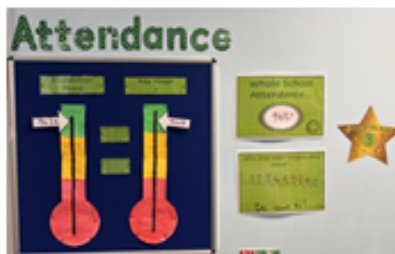
Weekly attendance targets are based on the
previous week's attendance. Each class works
towards a prize for spelling OGMORE by achieving
their target each week!

Whole school and class attendance is
highlighted and celebrated every week in
assembly!

Classes who met their target this week—

1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,12

Well done to
Class 1 and 3
for spelling
OGMORE!



Displays around our school promote
attendance and motivate children!

Our Attendance Team

Mrs. Brown - Headteacher
Mr. Hanford - Attendance Lead
Mrs. Bradley - Support for pupils with ALN
Mrs. Balchin - Family Engagement Officer
Danielle Barcham - Education Welfare Officer
Mrs. Trowbridge and Miss Adams - Admin Staff



We provide exciting
experiences and extra-
curricular activities. We
want children to be
enthusiastic about coming
to school!

We recognise that attendance difficulties can have many causes. We work closely with families to identify barriers, find solutions and ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed. Support is available through our Attendance Team, EWO and Family Engagement Officer, Mrs Balchin.

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Important Update

Contributions to Trips and Events

As a school we would never allow a pupil to miss out on a school trip or event. However we would politely remind families to pay for trips online even if this is paid in instalments. School has accumulated a significant amount of debt from unpaid trips and events.

Therefore from this term, if you are unable to make a payment from a trip or event please email the school office and we will be able to put some support in place.

We will always support all of our families, but we also need to ensure with limited budgets the school is not getting into more debt.

We thank you in advance for supporting us in this.

School Dinner Menu Autumn 2026



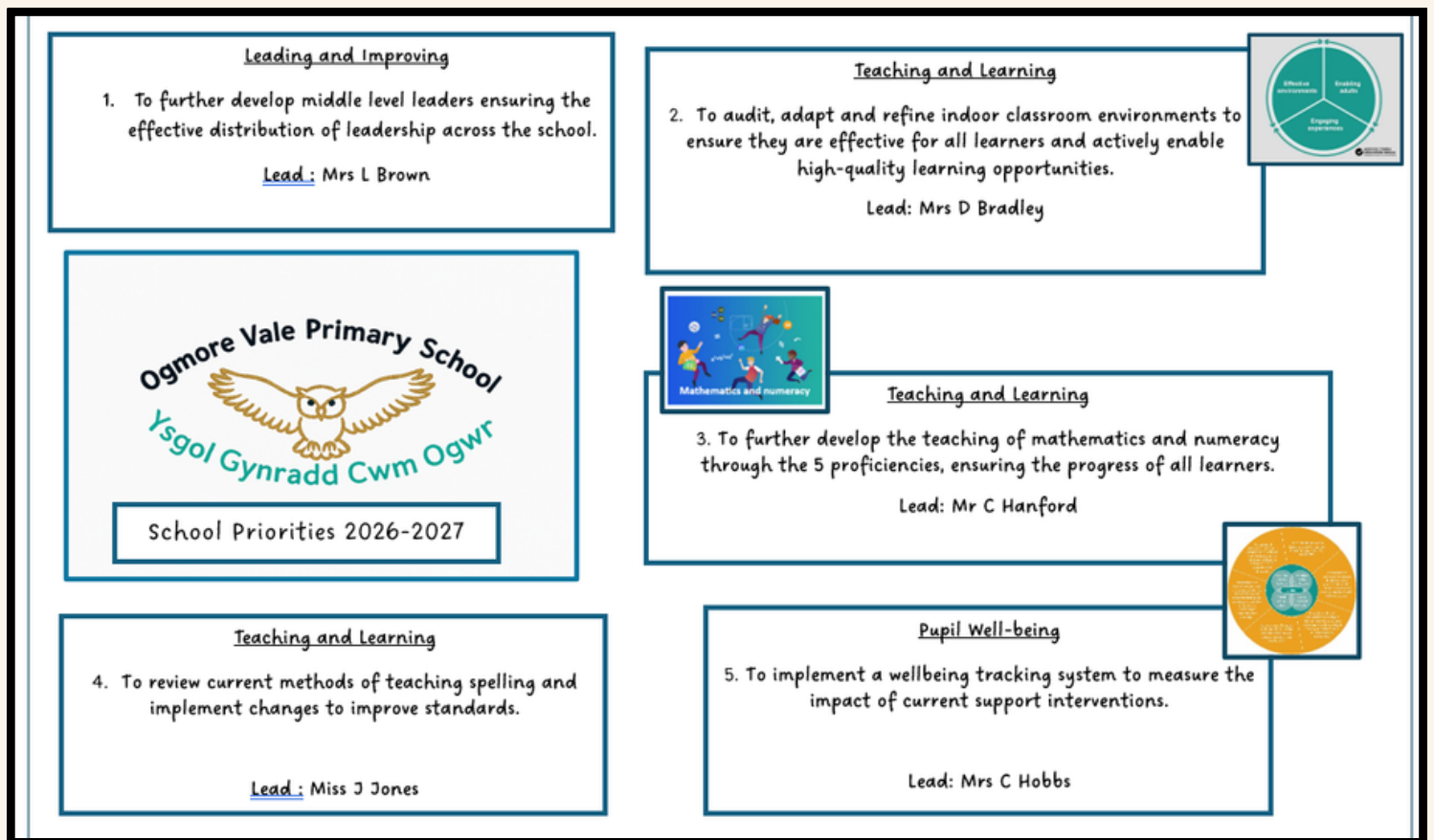
PRIMARY MENU			
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	
MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	
Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers * Or Broccoli & Tomato Pasta Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad Raspberry Peach Swirl Sponge & Custard	Mini Omelette with Pork Sausage * Or Sweet & Sour Vegetables Potato Wedges or Vegetable Rice Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Salad Eve's Sponge & Custard	Breaded Fish Goujons * Or Mushroom and Leek Bake Jacket Potato or Sauté Potatoes Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Toffee Apple Brownies with Fruit Slices	
TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	
Beef Bolognese * Or Falafel Burger Pasta or Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers * Or Vegetable Plant Ball in Tomato Sauce Pasta or Diced Potatoes/Boiled Potatoes Broccoli, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce * Or Southern Style Vegetable Burger Pasta or Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
Roast Turkey & Stuffing in rich Gravy * Or Vegetable & Lentil Shepherds Pie Boiled or Creamed Potatoes Green Cabbage, Carrots & Diced Swede Jelly with Strawberry Swirl	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce in Rich Gravy * Or Vegetable Sausage Creamed or Boiled Potatoes Green Beans, Swede & Broccoli Tropical Rice Pudding	Roast Beef with Rich Gravy * Or Garden Vegetable Pie Boiled or Creamed Potatoes Baton Carrots, Cabbage, Swede Artic Roll and Fruit Wedges	
THURSDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	
Meatballs in Rich Gravy * Or Vegetable Sausage Creamed or Boiled Potatoes Carrots, Garden Peas, Broccoli, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Chicken Fillet in Rich Gravy * Or Vegetable & Bean Casserole Boiled or Creamed Potatoes Carrots, Cabbage, Country Vegetables, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Pork Frikadellons * Or Quorn Fillet Creamed Potatoes or Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans, Carrots, Garden Peas Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	
FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	
Fish Fillet * Or Spinach and Chickpea Curry Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Mandarin topped Sponge Slice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza * Or Quorn Dippers Jacket Potato or Chipped Potatoes Mini Corn Cobs, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Fruit Muffins or Tutti Frutti Flapjacks	Chicken Tikka/Korma * Or Vegetarian Hot Dogs Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad Strawberry Delight Crunch	
September 2026	October 2026	November 2026	December 2026

Also served daily:

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



School Improvement Targets 2026-2027



This year, we have once again gathered and reviewed feedback from our pupils, families, staff and governors to help identify our School Improvement Priorities.

We have set five ambitious priorities for the year ahead and are confident that, by working together, we can achieve them. Each priority will be led by a member of our Senior Leadership Team and has been carefully developed using stakeholder feedback, analysis of school data, and consideration of both local and national priorities.

If you would like to learn more about the rationale behind these priorities, please contact the school via the admin, and we will be happy to provide further information.

Huge Thank you.....

THANK YOU



Our Netball Team has a fantastic new kit.

Thank you to the wonderful

'Whitehead Building Services'

who have sponsored the kit!! We are so grateful.



Achievements Outside of School
We want to hear all about them.....

If your child attends a club or achieves something outside of school, we would love to celebrate their success. Examples include:

- Swimming certificates
- Karate belts
- Player/Man of the Match awards in football or rugby
- Any other special achievements

Please encourage your child to bring their certificates, trophies, medals, or awards into school on a Monday so they can share them during our assembly.

We want to celebrate all of their achievements and recognise their hard work and success.



Open Coffee Morning



This year we will still be offering our Open Coffee Morning for families and friends to attend, but this will now take place once a month. It will take place on the first Monday of each month. This half terms dates are below:

Monday 5th October
Monday 2nd November
Monday 7th December

All welcome- we would love to see you there!



Partnership Working

FREE!

Employability Bridgend Basic IT Skills Sessions

Discover effective strategies for improving your IT skills.

16.09.26	The Mem Community Centre, Nantymoel
25.09.26	Ogmore Vale Primary School, Ogmore Vale
29.09.26	Maesteg Town Hall, Maesteg
06.10.26	Garw Valley Leisure Centre, Pontcymmer
13.10.26	Halo Bridgend Life Centre, Bridgend
19.11.26	HI-TIDE, Porthcawl
24.11.26	Halo Bridgend Life Centre, Bridgend

BOOK TODAY!

*Spaces are limited

All sessions start at 9:30am and finish at 2:30pm.



**INTERESTED AND WANT MORE INFORMATION?
CONTACT US TODAY!**



employability@bridgend.gov.uk



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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