

Headteachers Message

On Monday, we sent out invitations for our Parents' Evenings, and we hope that using the electronic booking system has proven convenient and easy for our families. It is encouraging to see that many parents and carers have already booked their appointment slots.

Over the last year, we have seen an increase in the number of families attending Parents' Evenings. This is extremely pleasing, as we know how important strong partnerships between home and school are in supporting children's progress, wellbeing and overall success.

This week, you will also have received a poster explaining how we will be supporting NSPCC Kindness Week next week. All pupils will attend a whole-school assembly on Monday, led by myself, where we will explore the importance of kindness and looking after one another.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will also be collecting donations for the local food bank from Monday onwards. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to support this worthy cause and help families within our community.

Years 1, 2 and 6 all enjoyed educational visits this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences beyond the classroom, learning through authentic, real-life contexts. These opportunities provide valuable experiences that enrich and enhance their learning.

We are also excited to welcome Glenda Clwyd, Welsh harpist, to school next Tuesday to share her wonderful talents with our pupils. This promises to be a memorable experience and a fantastic opportunity for the children to enjoy live music.

Another exciting week lies ahead!
Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

Week Ahead

Kindness Week

Donations being taken all week for Food Bank Harvest collection

Monday 5th October

- HT Assembly - kindness

One of our Values

- Open Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th October

- * Baby and Toddler Group
- Glenda Clywd Harpist whole school assembly and workshops with year 5/6

Wednesday 7th October

- * Savers Club

Thursday 8th October

- * Parents evening (1) for booked appointments

Friday 9th October

- ALL IN DAY



Ready for Kindness Week

We are ready for Kindness Week



Kindness Card

Kindness Week 2026 in support of NSPCC

Kindness Challenges

To make a contribution to the Harvest festival collection	☐
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TREAT EVERYONE WITH KINDNESS

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Signed by OVP staff:

Next week is our NSPCC Kindness Week, and you should already have received a letter outlining the details of the activities taking place. On Monday, all pupils will be given a Kindness Pledge Card in school. The cards will remain in school throughout the week, allowing children to record and complete their acts of kindness. Pupils are welcome to take their completed pledge cards home on Friday if they wish. Once children have completed their pledges and had their card signed by a member of OVPS staff, they will have the opportunity to purchase a 'You Make a Difference' pin badge for £2.00. All proceeds will be donated to the NSPCC, a wonderful charity that works tirelessly to support and protect children across the United Kingdom.

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Our first
All-In-Day of the
academic year.

Lets make this a great
one!

Classes with 100% will
get a prize.

Our ALN Coffee Mornings
are back!

Due to the success and
support they provided last
year Mrs Bradley and Mrs
Balchin will be hosting ALN
coffee mornings starting in
the 8th October. These will
take place once a half term.

Coffee Morning for Parents of children with ALN

Monday 9th November

Ogmores Vale Primary School
With Mrs Bradley and Mrs Balchin



You are warmly invited

Our School Rangers

Who are they?

Our School Rangers are very important in ensuring our school is looked after and our pupils are being as healthy as possible. They will lead assemblies on healthy eating and also ensure pupils are bringing healthy snacks to school. They will think of fun ways everyone in school can keep as active as possible.



**Our 2026-2027
School
Rangers.
Let's get to
work!**

First job, litter pick!



As your child has been selected as a 'Ranger' for Ogmores Vale Primary School, with consent, they are invited to stay after school to undertake a litter pick on Wednesday 7th October.

This will take place from 3pm - 4pm.



Welsh Phrase of the Week



Faint ydy dy oed di?
How old are you?

Out and About



Year 1 and 2 visited the shop at St Fagan's and undertook a workshop all about products you could buy many years ago. They also brought some bread to try from the bakery.



NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN OF WALES



Year 5 and 6 travelled to the National Botanic Gardens where they explored the gardens and took part in an apothecary workshop all about the healing powers of plants.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you for your amazing donation!

We successfully received your payment of £237.35

However you decided to host your Coffee Morning, we hope you and your guests enjoyed spending time together whilst raising money to help people living with cancer.

We'll put the money you've raised straight to work. It could mean someone with cancer can:

- Get help with how they're feeling on our Support Line.
- Be supported by others who know what you're going through on our Online Community.
- Turn to a Macmillan nurse for vital medical, practical and emotional support.

Please rest assured that your funds have been safely received and we're very grateful.

Thank you again.
Macmillan Coffee Morning Team

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

THANK
YOU

Our new look School Prospectus



OUR SCHOOL

Age	Year Group
3 years old	Nursery
4-5 years old	Reception
5-6 years old	Year 1
6-7 years old	Year 2
7-8 years old	Year 3
8-9 years old	Year 4
9-10 years old	Year 5
10-11 years old	Year 6

Children spend seven years in their primary school and each age group is classified as follows:

The number of pupils on roll and the number of children in each year group govern the arrangement of the classes. This often changes from year to year. Class sizes are kept as balanced as possible and within the guidelines provided by the School Admissions policy. Within each class, pupils are taught individually, as a group, or as a whole class but always according to their needs and ability.

We offer full day Nursery provision at our school which children can attend from the term after their third birthday.

We are also fortunate to host a Foundation Phase Observation Class and a Key Stage 2 Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) Learning Resource Centre (LRC) which provides excellent educational opportunities for pupils across Bridgend with Additional Educational Needs (ALN). All admissions

Together we soar to success

OUR SCHOOL AIMS

Our aim is to deliver the highest standard of education and wellbeing for all of our pupils.

We aim to develop pupils' active and creative minds by developing a sense of understanding and belonging.

We encourage the overall progress of each pupil in their moral, cultural, intellectual, social, emotional and physical development.

We will:

- Promote and support the personal and social development of our pupils, promoting overall wellbeing.
- Provide authentic opportunities to prepare our pupils for lifelong learning.
- Effectively develop our pupils' basic skills in Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competency
- Promote care and respect for the school environment and the wider community.
- Celebrate our Welsh heritage, promote bilingualism and learning through the Welsh language.
- Encourage pupils to develop creatively in their thinking and in the Expressive Arts.
- Promote equal opportunities, celebrate diversity and develop our pupils' understanding and tolerance for the beliefs of others.
- Provide accessible learning experiences that make learning fun, ensuring high standards of achievement and behaviour.
- Provide a skills-based, inclusive curriculum that enables all learners to achieve.
- Encourage all pupils to be confident, independent, resilient, resourceful and reflective in all aspects of their life.
- Create a caring, stimulating and structured learning environment within which each child has the opportunity to reach their potential.
- Identify barriers to learning our pupils may have through high quality universal provision and targeted support.

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OUR CURRICULUM

The Curriculum for Wales provides guidance to help our school develop its own curriculum, enabling our learners to develop towards the four purposes of the curriculum – the starting point and aspiration for every child and young person in Wales. The four purposes are:

- ambitious, capable learners
- healthy, confident individuals
- enterprising, creative contributors
- ethical, informed citizens

Our curriculum will be broad and balanced, suitable for learners of differing ages, abilities and aptitudes and include learning opportunities within and across the 6 Areas of Learning and Experience, with content drawn from the statements of what matters and informed by the national principles of progression. The 6 Areas of Learning are:

- Languages, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Expressive Arts
- Health and Well-being
- Humanities
- Science and Technology
- Language, Literacy and Communication

Our curriculum also aligns to the mandatory requirements of teaching Welsh, English, Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE), Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE), and the cross curricula skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competence.

The Curriculum Design Process

We asked our community, parents and pupils what they feel should be taught on our curriculum. We then analysed the results to inform our curriculum content. Pupils will be part of the planning process at every stage. We will work with all stakeholders to continually reflect, review and refine our curriculum.

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Now available to view on our school website

In the Community



OCTOBER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

TUESDAY 27th – THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER

Book online: bridgendtennisclub.com

Open to non-members

Multiple camp discounts available

Flexible day-by-day booking

20% discount for club members

*HALLOWEEN THEMED CAMP ON THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER

**BRIDGEND TENNIS
SQUASH &
BOWLS
CLUB**



BLUE CAMPS

10-11AM

AGES 3-4

MINI CAMPS

10AM-1PM

AGES 5-10

JUNIOR CAMPS

1.30-3.30PM

AGES 11-18

LED BY LTA-LICENCED
COACHES

INDOOR COURTS

PACKED WITH RELAYS,
DRILLS, FUN GAMES,
TEAM BUILDING AND
MATCH PLAY

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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