OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS

AUTUMN 2 WEEK 3

Headteachers Message

This week, our assembly focused on Anti-Bullying Week. We discussed what bullying is and explored a range of scenarios to assess and develop pupils' understanding of the term.

For example, pupils were asked whether someone pushing in front of them in the lunch queue would be considered bullying. Many felt that it was. We discussed how this behaviour is unkind and unacceptable, but that it would not be classed as bullying. These discussions are helping pupils develop a clearer understanding of the difference between bullying and other unkind behaviours. Next week's Headteacher's Assembly will focus on Road Safety. As Road Safety Week took place in mid-November, we were unable to cover this at the time due to assemblies for Remembrance Day and Anti-Bullying Week. This is an especially important topic to explore at this time of year, as the evenings are drawing in and it is often dark when pupils are outside playing or calling for friends. We are also looking forward to meeting our new pupils next week, who will be joining our Nursery as rising 3s in January. Our school Christmas trees will be going up soon and it has been wonderful to hear the pupil practising for their concerts. Many children have been so excited about the parts they have had given to them.

Thank you for your continued support

Week Ahead

Monday 23rd November

HT Assembly- Road Safety

New nursery starters parent information afternoon 1pm

Tuesday 24th November

Baby and Toddler group

Wednesday 25th November

Savers club

Thursday 26th November

Friday 27th November

Stay and Play session for new nursert starters

Reminders

INSET DAYS

Friday 4th December 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

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Christmas Concerts

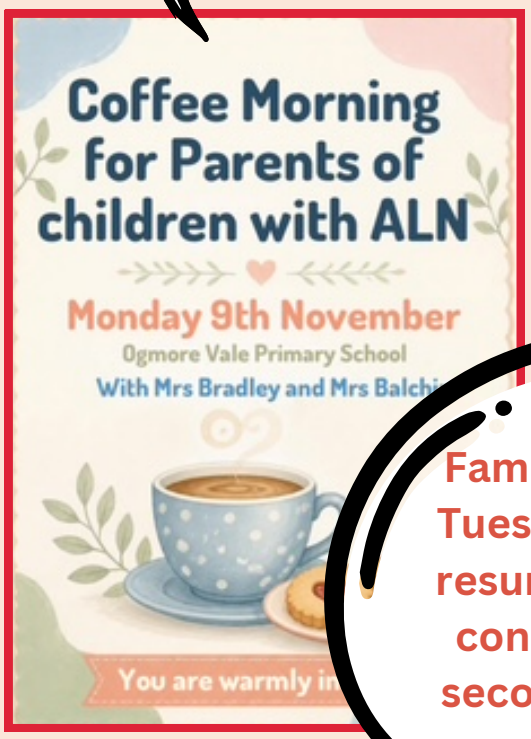
Concert date reminders. These dates were sent out in our Autumn Term Calendar of events and are also in on our school website.

Nursery / Reception	Wednesday 2nd December 5pm Thursday 3rd December 1.30pm
Year 1/ Year 2	Monday 7th December 5pm Tuesday 8th December 1.30pm
Year 3/ Year 4	Tuesday 8th December 5pm Wednesday 9th December 1.30pm
Year 5/ Year 6	Friday 11th December 1.30pm Monday 14th December 5pm

No tickets are required. Each child is allowed up to 3 guest to each performance. There will NO CHARGE for entry. We will be hosting a raffle if anyone wishes to purchase tickets.

How we work in partnership with our families at OVPS....

A support network for parents who want more advise and support for children with ALN



A friendly and welcoming weekly baby and Toddler group- every Tuesday



Family Bingo club the second Tuesday of the month. We will resume this in the new year as concerts are taking place on second Tuesday of December



After school on a Monday Family Library allows access to our library books for everyone.



What has been happening in class this week?



Learning about Road Safety in kerb Craft sessions in Year 2



Reception have been making posters to find the lost penguin.

Year 5 were creating factual powerpoints and presenting to their peers. All linked to their work on the Snow Spider text.



Developing digital skills in Year 1 using J2E to record data.



What are we doing to help our families this Christmas?

How we are supporting our families

THIS CHRISTMAS.....

Christmas is a most wonderful time of the year. But it can also bring about anxieties and huge expense.

So what are we doing at OVPS to support our families this Christmas?

All of our Christmas Concerts are FREE to attend. There will be no cost to tickets.

On Wednesday 16th December our 'Toy Pop Up Shop' available for families to come and buy toys . Many of the toys are brand new. This will be from 9am-11am in The Lounge.

Our food pantry will be available every Tuesday all the way up until Tuesday 15th December.

We are holding our own Friends of OVPS Breakfast with Santa so our pupils can have this experience. Booking to see santa at many places is over £30.00. Our ticket price for a child is £5.00 and £3.00 for an adult including food.

We can support families to access Christmas Kitchen 2026

This will include food being delivered on Christmas Eve. We can also support you by sourcing food bank vouchers.

For access to these please get in touch with Mrs Balchin our Family Engagement Officer.

Maria.balchin@ogmorevaleps.bridgend.cymru

Ogmore Vale Primary's

CHRISTMAS TOY POP UP

Collecting untill
Friday 11th December

You can help spread joy and love this holiday season by donating new or nearly new toys for children. Your generous contributions will bring smiles to many faces, whose families may be dreading the Christmas season due to financial difficulties.

How to Donate:
Drop off your gifts at Ogmore Vale Primary School Office.

What to Bring:
New or in excellent condition toys, crafts, books and games suitable for ages 0-18. Please do not donate clothes.

Our Toy Pop up will take place in The Lounge between 9:00am-11:00am on Wednesday 16TH December. Don't struggle this year. We know that many families will be dreading the Christmas period and that this can be a difficult time financially. Please get in touch in privately with Maria via balchinm5@hwbcymru.net if you need extra support.





New Initiative to encourage our pupils to maintain healthy lifestyles.







Join some of our staff at the Porthcawl junior parkrun on Sunday 6th December

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Christmas Events

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 5th December

Christmas Events

Christmas Fayre

Thursday 10th December

