

OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



Headteachers Message

What a busy week we have had. We have finalised the Spring Calendar and hope you received this via email. Some dates may need to be added but we will try our best as always to give as much notice as possible. We know our Autumn Calendar was of great use and reference to families.

I managed to pop into the Mini SLT meeting this week and discuss some of their points raised. It was really pleasing to see how involved they are in decision making in the school and how keen they are to keep our school moving forward with improvement. They asked me some challenging questions! See more regarding their future plans on our Pupil Voice Groups Page.

All classes will visit the library next week to have a good look at all the texts and resources available. It is such a lovely calming space and we have a huge selection of fiction and non-fiction texts for our pupils to borrow.

Our Year 3- 6 attendance workshops start next week and Mrs Davies one of our BCBC wellbeing officers will be leading engaging workshops with the pupils. This is so they have a full understanding of how their attendance in school can impact their progress and well-being.

January and February are a time of year with lots of bugs and viruses flying around. If your child is a little under the weather but you feel they could still attend school, do not forget we are happy to administer Calpol to them as long as we have your permission. Lets keep our attendance above the Government Target we are doing so well with it!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher)

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The Week Ahead

Monday 19th January:

- HT Assembly- Continuing New Beginnings.
- Open Coffee Morning- All welcome 9am in The Lounge.

Tuesday 20th January

- Baby and Toddler Group 9am.
- Attendance Workshop for Year 3 pupils.
- Library open to families 3pm-4pm

Wednesday 21th January

- Savers Club

Thursday 22th January

- Plantasia Trip for classes 6/7, 11 and 12. (Mrs Hobbs, Mrs Carson, Mrs Hunt and Miss Stevens)
- CCYD staff visiting Year 6 pupils.
- Citizens Advice Bureau in school to support families.

Updates on Pupil Voice groups



Mini SLT



Mini SLT have met for their regular meeting this week and discussed quite a few things. Each class representative will now feed back to their class from their note books.

This half term the team want to focus on:

- A drive on uniform and jewellery in school, all Mini SLT will be reminding classes of the expectation and standards at Ogmores Vale.
- Start to lead Friday 'Celebration' assembly, they will present the assembly and announce all winners.
- Think of some creative ways to raise money for school, these included a suggestion for a range of Teacher Vs pupil competitions.



Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg have been doing an amazing job assisting Mrs Bradley and Mrs Mallinson in Weekly Welsh assemblies. They have also put together their Action Plan for 'Gwobr Arian' .

Phrase of the week:

Beth wyt ti'n gallu wneud?

What can you do?

New Experiences for this Term

AT OGMORE VALE PRIMARY WE ARE ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR NEW EXPERIENCES FOR OUR PUPILS
TO GET INVOLVED IN.

THIS HALF- TERM WE HAVE INTRODUCED:

**A new lunchtime Chess club for
pupils in Year 3- 6**



**A new after- school
football club for Year 5
and 6**



**A new after- school Lego
Club for Year 1 and 2 pupils**



Reminders

- Uniform is encouraged and looks so much smarter in school. It also helps improve pupil concentration and focus, as well as influence behaviour.
- The only Jewellery to be worn into school are stud earrings and a watch.
- Pupils are not allowed false nails and eye lash extensions in school.

These rules are not in place to spoil anyone's fun or make anyone upset. They are there to set a standard to our pupils. We want our pupils to show respect for the rules and hold high standards of presentation. We also do not want them spoiling any expensive clothes or breaking any special jewellery. The only way we can do this is with the support of our parents and carers and we thank you hugely for supporting us with this.



Spring Calendar of events was emailed to all families on Wednesday 14th Jan




Ogmore Vale Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Ogwr

Spring Calendar of Events 2026

Below are all the events which families need to be aware of, or parents may wish to attend. More details of events will be sent closer to the times and will appear on weekly newsletter

Day/ Date	Event
Monday 4th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 20th	Year 3 Attendance workshops.
Wednesday 21st	Virtual Assembly from CCYD for Year 6 pupils.
Thursday 22nd	Plantasia Trip Classes 6/ 7, 11 and 12 (Mrs Hobbs/ Mrs Carson/ Mrs Hunt / Miss Stevens).
Tuesday 27th	Nurture parenting Programme Session 1 (9.30am-11.30am). Year 4 Attendance workshops.
Wednesday 28th	Introduction to 'Fun Phonics Programme' for Reception pupils (meeting for parents 1.45pm). Fun Phonics will serve as the INNOVATE engagement for reception families.

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FEBRUARY

Day/ Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd	* Nurture Parenting Programme Session 2 (9.30am-11.30am). * Year 5 Attendance Workshops.
Thursday 5th	CCYD staff visiting Year 6 pupils.
Tuesday 10th	Nurture Parenting Programme Session 3 (9.30am-11.30am). Year 6 Attendance Workshops.
Wednesday 11th	SAFER INTERNET DAY- School activities and an assembly led by our Digital Leads.
Thursday 12th	* Bristol Aquarium Trip Classes 8/9 and 10 (Mr Whaley/ Miss Owen/ Miss Jones). * Valentines Disco after school (organised by Friends of OVP- details to follow).
Friday 13th	** Ffa La La* Interactive Welsh workshops (all pupils will attend a workshop during this day). * Last day of the half term.
Monday 16th- Sunday 22nd	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 23rd Feb- Friday 27th Feb	Swimming sessions all week for Year 5 and 6 pupils. A letter regarding arrangements will be sent to you.

Family Nurture Parenting Course

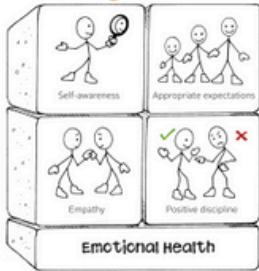
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it, and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including

Understanding why children behave as they do

Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle



**Starting on
Tuesday 27th
January. Once
a week for 8
weeks.**

This term we will be holding a parenting support programme for parents and carers of all children run by Early Years and Young People Support Services.

The Nurturing programme is like a jigsaw puzzle. All the topics are individual pieces, but when start putting them together then the puzzle starts to make sense. Working your way through it a piece at a time, completing activities along the way.

If this is something you are interested in attending please email our Family Engagement Officer Mrs Maria Balchin at

maria.balchin@ogmorevaleps.bridgend.cymru

This is always a very popular course so sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Family Engagement and support

Next week look out for:

Details about the upcoming
Valentines Disco.

Details of our new
'ALENCo Surgery Sessions'
for parents and carers.



Parent Governor

We are looking for a 'Parent Governor' to join our very hands-on Governing Body. If you are interested in this role please email admin with a brief description of why you would like to be part of the school Governing Body and what skills you have to offer.

If we have several interested parties it will be put out for a ballot for all parents and carers to vote.

The Luigi Lusardi Photographic Competition

*The competition will take place annually,
from the 1st January until the 30th May, with the inaugural
competition commencing in 2026.*

There will be **TWO** categories of entrants:

Open Category: Open to everyone and **Youth Category:** The entrants must be 16 or under on the cut off date of 30th May 2026.

The subject of all images entered must be obviously taken in the Ogmore Valley.

Images can only be entered for **one** category and The maximum amount of images entered by any individual is **three**.

Images may be submitted in physical or digital formats.

All images submitted may be used by the Ogmore Valley Local History Society in their publications and/or social media.

The winning and runners-up images in each category will be published in the Society's annual calendar.

The **winner** of Each Category will receive a prize of **£100** and a winners trophy, the **runners-up** in each category will receive **£50** and a runners-up trophy.

The Judges decision is final.

