

Parentmail Monday 5th January, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FAMILIES!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to welcoming pupils back tomorrow.

Freezing weather conditions

As you are aware, it is very cold! We need to take some precautions to ensure safety in the freezing conditions as children arrive at and leave school.

- Due to the icy conditions, the bottom gate (leading up to the Foundation Phase playground from Woolaston Ave) will remain closed until further notice – all pupils are to enter school via the main school gate please.
- **Drop-off** arrangements are as follows;
 - Nursery pupils enter via main gate and then the usual door; **parents/carers will need to leave the site via the main gate**
 - Reception and Year 1 pupils enter via main school entrance – by the office. Staff will be there to greet them
 - Year 2 pupils enter as usual, via 2EA – classroom by car park
 - KS2 pupils to enter school as normal
- **Pick-up** arrangements are as follows:
 - Nursery - usual side door
 - Reception – the door to left of Nursery/the ‘Welcome’ mural
 - Year 1 - main school entrance
 - Year 2 - Class 2ET entrance (by the car park)
 - Years 3 to 6 - as normal at main gate
- These arrangements will remain in place until we advise you otherwise
- Please take care on your journeys to and from school

Football in school

We have ordered new footballs for use by year groups and ask that pupils **no longer bring footballs from home**. Thank you.

School Dinners

Please can we remind parents to order their child’s school dinners. Year 2 are on a trip Tuesday 13th January – please order a grab bag if desired and cancel any school meal booking if you wish to provide your own packed lunch.

Reminder of after-school club start dates

- Chess: Mondays – restarts 12th January
Please click on this link if your child is in Year 2 and wishes to start Chess Club. You will then be contacted in the New Year with a start date: [Year 2 Chess Club – Fill in form](#)
- Football: Mondays – restarts 19th January
- Dancefit: Wednesdays – restarts 14th January
- Choir: Thursdays – restarts 8th January
- Netball: Fridays – restarts 16th January

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

January 2026

Tuesday 6th January – pupils return to school

Thursday 8th January – Choir restarts

Monday 12th January – Chess club restarts

Tuesday 13th January – Yr 2 Cardiff Castle

Wednesday 14th January – Dancefit sessions restart

Friday 16th January – Netball sessions restart

Monday 19th January – Football sessions restart

Wednesday 28th January – Caerphilly Castle – Yr 4

February 2026

Wednesday 18th February (during half term break) Ramadan begins

Friday 27th February - Eisteddfodau

March 2026

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th March – Year 6 residential visit to Abernant

Wednesday 4th March – Holi

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – bring a book to swap

Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th March – Year 5 residential visit to Llangrannog

Friday 20th March (TBC) – Eid ul-Fitr

April 2026

Tuesday 28th April – Colorfoto taking photos of classes and teams

June 2026

Monday 1st June – INSET DAY

July 2026

Friday 17th July – INSET DAY

Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

Term dates

2025-2026 Academic year

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY	Monday 1 st September	
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2 nd September	
1 st day for pupils	Wednesday 3 rd September	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 24 th October	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October
Return to school	Monday 3 rd November	
Break up for Christmas	Friday 19 th December	

Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY	Monday 5 th January	
1 st day for pupils	Tuesday 6 th January	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 13 th February	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February
Return to school	Monday 23 rd February	
Break up for Easter	Friday 27 th March	
EASTER BREAK	Monday 30 th March	Friday 10 th April

Summer Term 2026

Return to school	Monday 13 th April	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 22 nd May	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 25 th May	Friday 29 th May
INSET DAY	Monday 1 st June	
Last day for pupils before Summer Break	Thursday 16 th July	
INSET DAY	Friday 17 th July	
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July	