

Parentmail Friday 23rd January, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you

Reception and Nursery staff (and children!) want to thank Linda from Toy Box for all the lovely donations received. Linda works at Toy Box which is based in Caerphilly and was set up to give toys to those in need, to keep toys out of landfill and to provide an affordable toy shop experience. They take unwanted new and used toys via a network of drop off points then they rehome them with families in need and organisations who need high quality toys. They redirect toys to schools, play groups, the NHS, various community groups and families in need across south Wales. Their web address is toyboxproject.co.uk if anyone would like to know more. Thank you, Linda!

School meals allergen information

We have received the following from Education Catering:

We have been informed that the product that we use as a main ingredient in our Veggie Bolognese will not be available until the second week of February. Our supplier does have a replacement product, but it is not plant-based, as it contains egg. This means that there will be an impact on dietary requirements throughout our business. Please can you inform your parents/carers that for next week and potentially for w/c 09 February, the Veggie Bolognese dish will not be plant-based but will remain vegetarian. We will be changing ParentPay to reflect the change in plant-based status and we have updated our allergen matrix, which is attached.

Additionally, this change of product also affects some therapeutic menus. Due to the short-term nature of the stock issue, we will not be re-issuing the therapeutic diets that are affected but we will be removing the Veggie Bolognese from the following therapeutic menus. Please can you inform any parents/carers that may have young people on these menus that the Veggie Bolognese dish will not be available for the same time frame as above:

- *Egg Free*
- *Milk and Egg Free*
- *Egg and Sesame Free*
- *Milk, Gluten and Egg Free*
- *Milk, Soya and Egg Free*
- *Nut, Peanut and Egg Free*
- *Nut, Peanut, Sesame and Egg Free*
- *Nut, Peanut, Milk and Egg Free*
- *Any individual therapeutic menu due a **pea allergy***

The allergen matrix is attached to this Parentmail.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA AGM will take place at school on Friday 6th February at 9am in the KS2 staffroom. All are welcome – please enter via KS2 entrance.

PTA Sip & Paint – evening of Thursday 12th February

Mrs Goddard is going to teach us to become artists whilst we enjoy a social evening! The event will take place in the Big Hall at school. Booking details will be available very soon.

Year group Sharing Sessions for parents/carers

Parents and carers are invited into school to share their child's year group learning. The sessions take place in the Big Hall and start at 9.15am and last for around 45 minutes. Parents/carers will enter via the KS2 gate (up the steps from the car park) from around 9am once most pupils have entered the school.

Reception: Wednesday 4th March 9.15am

Year 1: Thursday 12th March 9.15am

Year 2: Wednesday 18th March 9.15am

Year 3: Thursday 5th March 9.15am

Year 4: Tuesday 17th March TBC

Due to residential visits Years 5 and 6 sharing sessions will be later in the school year.

Parent Consultations

The dates for Parent Consultations at the end of the Spring term are:

Monday 23rd March 3.40-6.30pm

Tuesday 24th March 3.40-6.30pm

Information will be shared with parent/carers closer to the date on how to book consultation slots.

Lost property

Please see the Parent/Carer section of the school website for the latest photos of lost property. May we remind everyone to please label all your child's belongings with their name, as without this it's impossible to reunite items with their owners. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell
Headteacher

Upcoming events / Term dates

January 2026

Wednesday 28th January – Caerphilly Castle – Yr 4

February 2026

Friday 6th February – PTA AGM 9am – KS2 staffroom

Thursday 12th February – PTA Sip & Paint evening @ school

Friday 13th February - pupils celebrating Chinese New Year during Half Term may wear national costume to school

Friday 13th February – break up for Half Term

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

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Monday 23rd February – return to school

Friday 27th February - Eisteddfodau

March 2026

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

Wednesday 4th March – Holi
 Wednesday 4th March – Reception Sharing Session for parents/carers
 Thursday 5th March – Year 3 Sharing Session for parents/carers
 Friday 6th March – World Book Day – bring a book to swap
 Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th March – Year 5 residential visit to Llangrannog
 Thursday 12th March - Year 1 Sharing Session for parents/carers
 Wednesday 18th March – Year 2 Sharing Session for parents/carers
 Friday 20th March (TBC) – Eid ul-Fitr
 Monday 23rd March – Parent Consultations
 Tuesday 24th March – Parent Consultations
 Friday 27th March – break up for Easter
 Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday
 Friday 3rd April – Good Friday
 Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

April 2026

Monday 13th April – back to school
 Tuesday 28th April – Colorfoto taking photos of classes and teams

May 2026

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
 Friday 22nd May – break up for Half Term
 Sunday 24th May – Whitsun
 Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday
 Wednesday 26th to 30th May – Eid ul-Adha (during Half Term break)

June 2026

Monday 1st June – INSET DAY
 Tuesday 2nd June – return to school

July 2026

Thursday 16th – last day for pupils
Friday 17th July – INSET DAY
Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

Term dates

2025-2026 Academic year

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
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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	

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAY	Tuesday 1 st September	
INSET DAY	Wednesday 2 nd September	
1 st day for pupils	Thursday 3 rd September	