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It's hard to believe how quickly this school year has flown by—summer break is just two weeks away! We've been fortunate to enjoy some glorious weather recently (even if a little too hot at times!), which has allowed all our Sports Days to go ahead successfully. It's been truly heartwarming to see so many of you in school, cheering on the children and sharing in their achievements. Positive relationships between home and school are incredibly important to us, and I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to attend and support our events.



This week ended on a delightful note with our youngest children enjoying a Teddy Bears Picnic alongside their grown-ups, and the highlight for many has been Move Up Day. Children should have brought home a slip with details of their new class and teacher, which you'll also find in this week's newsletter. Nearly all Year 6 children had the exciting opportunity to visit their new schools this week. There was a wonderful buzz of excitement when they returned, full of stories and eager to share their experiences!

Today, your child will be bringing home their end-of-year school report. If, for any reason, it doesn't make it home, please speak to a member of staff on Monday and we'll be happy to provide you with a copy.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly was a truly emotional and memorable event, marking the beginning of our goodbyes to a wonderful group of children and their families. It was a time for reflection, as families looked back on the incredible journey their children have taken so far. I'm sure any adult who attended would agree that it was a fantastic celebration—our Year 6 pupils spoke and sang with such confidence and heart. A number of very special awards were also presented during the assembly—congratulations to all the children who received one!

Barbara Rees Memorial Award – Nieve Elvin
Hayley Willaims Memorial Award – Martha Whitcombe
Loraine James Memorial Award – Tomos Cowley
Mo Fielding Award – Ameila Lloyd
Pupil Choice Award – Finette Ugbong
Headteacher Award – Nieve Elvin

Following the success of the assembly, we're all really looking forward to the Year 6 Leavers' Concert next week. It promises to be another special occasion, full of celebration, memories, and a few more happy tears!

SOUTH EAST WALES REGIONAL CRICKET FINALS – RADYR

We're thrilled to share that our Year 5 girls' cricket team has qualified for the South East Wales Regional Finals in Radyr—an incredible achievement, especially as they were competing against Year 6 teams! After finishing as runners-up in the Torfaen stage, the girls showed outstanding determination and skill throughout the finals. Every match was closely contested, and they narrowly missed out on victory against the overall winners by just a few runs.

Their teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship were truly inspiring. Each player made noticeable progress, and we're excited to see how they continue to develop ahead of next year's tournaments.

A huge well done to all the girls—you've done us proud!



YEAR 5 SCIENCE EVENT



Last week some of our Year 5 children spent the week at West Mon taking part in STEM activities. The children took part in balloon racing where they learnt about speed and distance, took part in coding activities, tested parachutes and created vehicles with moving parts and a working propeller. The children were also taken to 'We The Curious' in Bristol where they explored scientific phenomena and exhibitions. Staff at West Mon commented on how well behaved the children all were throughout the week. Miss Larcombe attended West Mon on Friday alongside parents

and teachers from other local primaries to celebrate their achievements and to watch them receive their awards. They were awarded prizes for problem solving, creating the most complex robotic car design, delegating during Sphero coding and for runners up in the parachute experiment. We are super proud of the children who took part and represented our school so well and thank West Mon for this fantastic opportunity!

STAFFING STRUCTURE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Below is the staffing structure for academic year 2025/2026:

<u>Executive Leadership Team (ELT)</u>						
Mrs K Manley – Headteacher						
Mrs S Ralph – Deputy Headteacher						
Mrs K Morgan – Senior Support Officer						
<u>Senior Leadership Team (SLT)</u>						
Mr J Keir – Teaching and Learning Lead						
Mrs G Lloyd – Assessment and Progression Led						
Miss S Bodger – Network Learning and Research Lead						
	Snowdrop - Nursery	Sunflower – Reception	Tulip – Reception/Yr 1	Poppy Yr 1	Daffodil Yr 2	Daisy Yr 2
Teachers	Mrs N Davies/ Mrs Simons	Mrs G Lloyd	Miss S Bodger	Mrs C Woods	Miss H Williams	Mrs Lynne Fisher
Teaching Assistants	Miss Edwards	Mrs Chauhan Mrs Evens	Miss Treadgold	Mrs Mugleston	Mrs Tudgay/Mrs S Hemms	Mrs Smith
	Miss Thomas		Mrs Goss			

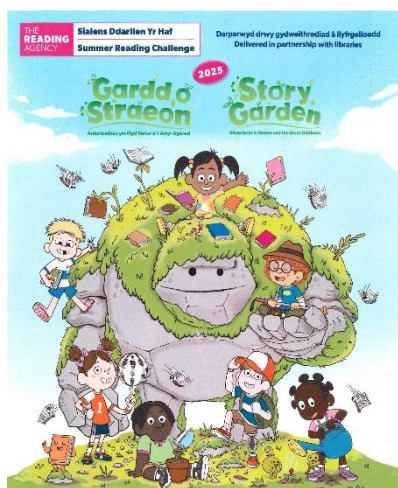
	Miss Price Miss Hutchison Mrs Jones							
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	Gwyn Yr 3	Coch Yr 3	Rhaglan Yr 4	Y Fenni Yr 4	Penfro Yr 5	Caerdydd Yr 5	Harlech Yr 6	Caerffili Yr 6
Teachers	Miss E Main	Mr G Edwards	Mr J Keir	Mrs Tracy Field	Miss S Larcombe	Mrs L Davies	Mrs H Willams (currently Miss Thomas)	Mr N Taylor
Teaching Assistants	Miss Evans		Miss Miller		Mr Cook		Miss Morgan	
	Mrs Brooks Mrs Fellows Mrs James							
PE and Forest School/Coastal School	Mrs Preston-Watkins Mrs Jones							

If you would like to find out a little more about your child's teacher, please visit our website:

<https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/meet-the-staff/>

THE JOY OF READING THIS SUMMER



Reading is not only important for learning—it can also be a source of great joy and adventure! When children read for pleasure, they explore new worlds, spark their imagination, and strengthen their vocabulary and writing skills. This week, we were delighted to welcome Emma from Pontypool Library, who introduced us to the exciting Summer Reading Challenge. We encourage all families to visit the library and sign up—there are prizes up for grabs, and it's a fantastic way to keep children engaged and inspired over the summer holidays!

COMMUNITY LINKS

BLAENAVON TOWN BAND
Brass Band Summer School
29th, 30th and 31st July 2025
Blaenavon Workmen's Hall

FREE TO ATTEND
INSTRUMENTS CAN
BE PROVIDED
LEARN TO PLAY OR DEVELOP
YOUR SKILLS

Open for absolute beginners or more experienced players

Special Guest Tutor
Roger Argente
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
For more information, please contact
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Our last market in South Wales before we break for the summer!

No markets taking place in August & Sept. at the Stadium!

We return to Cwmbran Stadium on Sunday 5th October 2025!

Cwmbran Stadium
Sunday 6th July 10:30am - 12:30pm

Shop with us without it costing the Earth!

THIS WEEKEND!
Entry £1.50 per adult - FREE Entry for Little Pickles



NEW SENSORY ROOMS OPEN

Torfaen LA has opened 7 sensory rooms for children with additional needs which can be booked by parents or groups, free of charge. The rooms are designed to stimulate the senses through light, sound, touch, and movement and offer a calm and therapeutic environment.

For more information, click on the following link; <https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/News/2025/July/01-New-sensory-rooms-open.aspx>

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July 2025	
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Thursday 10 th July and Friday 11 th July	Year 6 Production 'School of Pop' – 1:30pm (limited to two parents per child per performance)
Friday 11 th July	Year 6 camping event. Teachers will provide more information
Friday 11 th July	Year 5 Safe Cycling Practical Test
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 trip. Teachers will provide more information
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 prom (see Year 6 parent, Beth Woodgate for information – this is being organised by Year 6 parents)
Friday 18 th July	Last day of the school year Year 6 shirt signing

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