



Cogan Primary News

A wonderful start to a new school year...

Once again it has been great to see so many children and their families return to school so excited and ready to learn. The new academic year always brings a time to reflect on what works well and what we can all do better. This year is extra exciting as it marks the beginning of our new Early Years Unit. The EY unit is looking incredible and thanks to all the EY staff. One of the Reception children spontaneously described the new setting as 'beautiful', I totally agree with him! The teachers and LSAs had very successful inset days on Monday and Tuesday, we are in a great place to ensure that Cogan Primary remains an excellent school with capacity to move forward and continue to grow.

The children are looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms and black shoes/trainers. Please can I make a plea for no logos or brand marks on leggings or shorts/joggers for PE days. Also, black footwear as this promotes school identity and togetherness. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please see the days your child has PE, all other days your child should be in grey trousers/skirts/dresses/tailored shorts. (Don't forget to put names on clothes too!)

Don't forget to bring a named water bottle, each teacher will have a designated area for water bottles and the children will be encouraged to wash and refill them regularly. Hand washing will continue, but not as often as before, so hopefully we can continue to keep everyone healthy. We are maintaining good ventilation and being vigilant about illness.

We will be holding parents' evenings in early October to give you an opportunity to meet new teachers and find out about where your child is in their learning, more information next month. Miss Gillingham continues her role as ALNco and Family Liaison Officer, so you will see her on the playground, ready to help families. She is busy organising more family support and training which will now be carried out in our new Family Engagement room. She will also be planning a fortnightly opportunity on alternate Tuesdays from 2:30pm for any parents or carers who would like to discuss issues in more depth. I will be revamping the Parents' Forum to 'Cogan Cuppa and Chat with the Headteacher'. The first date is Friday 25th October at 9:10am.

Look out for an invitation to join your child's Goggle classroom. It is really important you can access this for homework and relevant class information. If you are having trouble, contact your child's class teacher.

Our Value this month is 'Caring'. We will be promoting a caring environment, full of kindness. I'm sure we will have a very successful term, with lots of learning and fun with our friends. Our Peer Supporters will also be taking up their roles to help with friendships on the playground and around the school.

Best wishes,

S M Sibert

PS Lots of information can be found on www.coganprimaryschool.com



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Diary Dates...

- 02/03/09/24- Inset Training Days for staff
- 04/05/:09:24- Reception groups start on given days
- 06/09/24- All Reception children at school
- 09/10:09:24- New Nursery children groups on given days
- 19/09/24- Year 4 Trip to Llancaiach Fawr
- 23/09/24- Bullies Out workshops for years 4, 5 and 6
- 23/09/24- Clubs Start
- 24/09/24- Year 6 Parents' meeting - Dolygaer
- 25/09/24- Standards and Provision Governors' meeting
- 26/09/24- Proud to Present assembly
- 30/09/24- Year 2 St Fagans Trip
- 02/10/24- First Aid training for Year 6
- 07/10/24- Llais Groups
- 09/10/24- Leadership and Management and Full Governors' meeting
- 14/15/16:10/24- Parents' Evenings Rec-Y6
- 17/10/24- Year 6 Harvest assembly
- 18/10/24- Colorfoto Individual Photographs
- 24/10/24- Proud to Present
- 25/10/24- Cogan Cuppa and Chat with the Headteacher- parents welcome to come and chat with Mrs Sibert-9:10am
- Half Term 28/10/24-01/11/24**
- 14/11/24- Year 5 Class assembly
- 19/11/24- Llais Group
- 22/11/24- Open Morning for New Nursery children joining in January
- Wb 25/11/24- Clubs finish
- 28/11/24- Proud to Present

Inset Days...

02/09/24

03/09/24

20/12/24

21/02/25

23/05/25

21/07/25



PTA Meeting

Thursday 12th
September at
3:20pm in the
staffroom

All welcome
(if your children
are with you they
can sit outside
the staffroom)

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2024	Mon 2 Sept 2024	Monday 28 Oct 2024	Friday 1 Nov 2024	Friday 20 Dec 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 Jan 2025	Monday 24 Feb 2025	Friday 28 Feb 2025	Friday 11 Apr 2025	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	*Monday 21 July 2025	55
				TOTAL	195

Mon 2 Sept 2024 and *Monday 21 July 2025 will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. *It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 21 July 2025 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.

All schools will be closed on Monday 5 May 2025 for the May Day Bank Holiday.
Significant dates: Christmas Wednesday 25 December 2024

Easter Good Friday 18 April 2025 Easter Monday 21 April 2025

May Bank Holidays Monday 5 May 2025 Monday 26 May 2025

After School Clubs

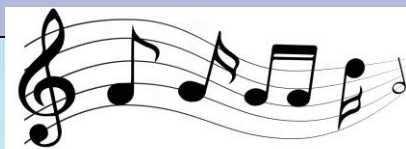
A list of after school and lunchtime clubs will be sent home soon with a view to start them the week commencing Monday 23rd September. There will be a homework club for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 on Wednesday and Years 4-6 on Mondays. Parents will need to request a place on the clubs letter slip on a first come, first served basis. Please remember though that if your child has a place in any club it is expected that they will attend, if for any reason they are unable to attend, you must let the office know—this helps us to keep them safe! Non attendance will result in someone else having the place.

All clubs will run from 3:20-4:15pm. The children will be dismissed through the main gate on Cawnpore Street. Please ensure you are not late to pick up.

Music service lessons and school music

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 If your child would like to learn an instrument, please use the links/document sent to you by Mrs Psarelis in the coming weeks. The children will be having demonstrations from Cardiff and Vale Music Service. Hopefully, we have some budding musicians who will be able to play at assemblies and our carol service in the future.

Also, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be partaking in a term of bespoke music throughout the year learning either P-Buzz, drumming or the ukulele.



**Llongyfarchiadau
Congratulations to
Evie D for gaining a
place in the girls U9
Cardiff and Vale
Football Squad**



Uniform and PE days information

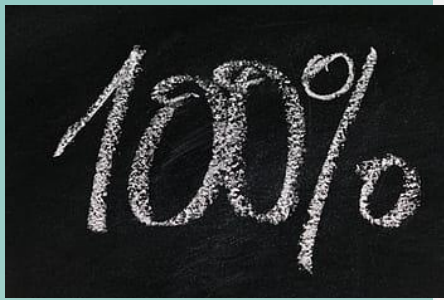
Uniform 'Swap and Grab'

At the end of each month, there will be a table of uniform available for parents and carers to take if they need it. If you have any items that your child has grown out of and is suitable to donate, please bring items in and add to the table. Thank you.

Class:	PE Days:
Nursery	Monday
Rec	Wednesday and Friday
1	Tuesday and Thursday
2	Wednesday and Friday
3	Monday and Tuesday
4	Tuesday and Thursday
5	Monday and Thursday
6	Wednesday and Friday

**PE-Nursery/All
Please ensure
your child wears
joggers or
leggings (black)
with no buttons
or zips and hair
tied back for
Monday
Movers/PE days.**

The new school year...



Data Collection:

Please can you let the office know if any of your details have changed over the summer-thank you.



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Congratulations 100%
Attendance 2023-2024
to Willow C , Emmi G
and Evan D

Updates:

- The one way system for dropping off at the main site 8:55-9:05am and collecting 3:10-3:20pm
- For the Nursery drop off is 09:05am- collect 11:45am
- Please ensure you stick to the designated area, coming in at the Cawnpore entrance and out through Pill Street main gate on the main site.
- Please let the office know if someone different is picking up your child. Thank you

Wellies for all weathers – Nursery and Reception



Please can you bring in a pair of wellies with your child's name on to be kept in school. The Early Years will be out in all weathers!

Attendance and lateness:

If your child has an appointment during the school day or is going to be late, please produce an appointment card/letter/email. It would be helpful if you could book dentist or doctors appointments outside of learning time if possible. Let's maximise learning!

School Attendance

We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time.
- Ring/Text school early and daily if your child can not attend.
- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your updated contact number.

We will.....

- Keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance.
- Treat any information you give us in a supportive and sensitive way.
- Welcome your child every day.
- Be happy that you have chosen to give your child the opportunity of the best future.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school and on time increases learning and social opportunities.

Here are some ways you can help.

- If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, contact the school or the Inclusion Team who can help resolve any difficulties and offer friendly advice.
- Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school and celebrate their successes and listen to their worries. If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.
- If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact us first so that we can make sure steps are taken to help you.
- Make sure your child knows that you do not approve of them missing school for any reason, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for not attending school, like bullying, difficulties with school-work.
- Make sure you know the school's attendance policy; every school has one.
- If your child is away for other reasons like a doctor's appointment or the dentist, let the school know in advance. Please try and book appointments towards the end of the day.
- Make sure your child arrives on time to start school.