

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

***Polite request - Please remember to consider our neighbours when parking around the school. Thank you**

Advanced notice

- 15th September - **After School Clubs Start this week (Information below)**
- 16th September - Bright Sparks Families Learning Together.(Free 10 week workshop for parents of children in Yrs 4,5,&6 (see attached flyer for more info)
- 18th September - Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception - Year 6
- 20th September - Harvest (Food Bank)
- 22nd September - Recycling Week
- 24th September - Year 3 workshop - Bumbles 2b enterprising
- 25th September - Year 5 & 6 Bullies out workshop
- 26th September - European Day of Languages

Further advanced notice

- 3rd Oct - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Important information

[Message from Mrs Davies](#)

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

We really hope you had a good summer holidays, we were all so excited to see our children back this week and we are looking forward to working together again. As most of you will know by now , I will be continuing as the Acting Head teacher this year, with Mrs Broomfield continuing as Acting Deputy Headteacher this term and we are excited to strengthen partnerships with our parents/ carers and community.

A big warm welcome to our new families and we hope you settle quickly into the St Athan Primary School way of life.

Please remember we have an open door policy at St Athan. To ensure everyone gets the time they deserve , if you need to see a member of staff it is always best to make an appointment, as the beginning and end of the days are busy times. If there is a question/query/suggestion or you need to share information with a member of our team, emails are a great way to get in touch. Emails by staff will be answered within school hours.

Below is a list of staff email addresses.

Staff email addresses:

Nursery - ejenkins@stathanps.co.uk

Reception - ckenefick@stathanps.co.uk / pbroomfield@stathanps.co.uk

Yr1 - bmorris@stathanps.co.uk

Yr2 - ggoss@stathanps.co.uk

Yr3 - phughes@stathanps.co.uk

Yr4 - khickey@stathanps.co.uk

Yr5 - smnicol@stathanps.co.uk

Yr6 - crogers@stathanps.co.uk

Building work information

For your information: Over the Summer Break, we have had significant building work in relation to the fire. We are also in the process of having temporary classrooms installed. We will continue to keep you updated.

Staffing structure for Sept 2025

Acting Head Teacher - Mrs L Davies

Acting Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs P Broomfield

Nursery (mornings only) - Miss E Jenkins

Reception - Mrs C Kenefick / Mrs P Broomfield

Year 1 - Miss B Morris

Year 2 - Mrs G Howells (Miss Goss has become Mrs Howells in the Summer)

Year 3 - Mr P Hughes / Mrs A Williams (ALNCo)

Year 4 - Mrs K Hickey / Mrs A Williams (ALNCo)

Year 5 - Mr S McNicol

Year 6 - Miss C Rogers

Policy information and reminders

There are a few new / amended policies that have been passed through Governors. We will be sending these out to you directly as emails. Please keep a look out for them - these are for your information and guidance.

Thank you

Please ensure (if not done already) birth certificates are brought into school for our new pupils - copies will be held securely in their files.

Dogs are not to be brought onto the school site please. Thank you

Google forms will be trialled this term - please let us know your thoughts.

Thank you

[Reminder -](#)

[School email address.](#)

With immediate effect, please now use office@stathanprimaryschool.co.uk for the main office. All other school staff email addresses remain the same.

Reminder:

School times...

(Breakfast club: doors open at 8:20am)

Polite reminder:

School starts: for both KS2 and Foundation phase at 8:50.

End of day: Foundation Phase end of day is 3:10

Key stage 2 end of day is 3:20

Important information

UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE NO KITCHEN FACILITIES AGAIN NEXT WEEK - Apologies for any inconvenience. This will mean we are offering a baguette service for lunch again and there will be no food served in Breakfast Club - we will keep you updated.

CLUBS

Clubs are starting next week (**w/c 15.09.2025**) they are on a first come first served basis so get those responses in quickly.

Here are the details of the clubs on offer (subject to change):

Staff	<u>Day</u>	<u>Year group(s)</u> <u>offering to</u>	<u>Club details</u>
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<u>Mrs Howells</u> <u>(was Miss Goss)</u>	<u>Tuesday -</u> <u>3.20-4.15</u>	<u>Year 3-6</u>	<u>Running club</u>
<u>Mx Williams</u>	<u>Tuesday -</u> <u>3.20-4.15</u>	<u>MOD Club</u> <u>Year 1 to Y6</u>	<u>Help with</u> <u>homework.</u> <u>military life.</u> <u>socialising with</u> <u>other military</u> <u>children</u>
<u>Mr McNicol</u>	<u>Tuesday -</u> <u>3:20 - 4:15</u>	<u>Years 5 and 6</u> <u>(max 25)</u>	<u>Tag Rugby</u>
<u>Mr Hughes</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>3:20 - 4:00</u>	<u>Year 3 and 4</u>	<u>Sports Club</u>
<u>Miss Jenkins</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>3:20 - 4:15</u>	<u>Year 5 & 6</u>	<u>Netball</u>
<u>Miss Morris</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> <u>3:10 - 4:00</u>	<u>Years 1 and 2</u> <u>(Max 20) - first</u> <u>20 to return</u> <u>letter</u>	<u>Creative Club</u>
<u>Mrs Broomfield</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>3:20-4:15</u>	<u>Years 3 and 4</u>	<u>Puzzle club</u>

Attendance

Please remember to update the office with any absences. You can still contact the school's answering system at any time of the day / night, pressing 1 to leave any absence details. You can also still email absences (& text) to the main school email address (& mobile phone) to enable registers to be updated with correct absence codes.

New email address for the school is... office@stathanprimaryschool.co.uk

The school mobile number is: 07935 014292

Uniform Swap Shop

UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE

Should you require support from the swap shop, please get in touch and we can organise support on a request basis.

We have sent Form 1's out with pupils this week to update our system for consent for local trips etc. Please ensure these forms are completed with up to date contact details etc and returned to school as soon as possible, thank you.

Attendance data

***Attendance – Miss School Miss Out!**

Last week's attendance was _____ % with year ____ having the best attendance with _____ % - Well done to everyone.

***We are continuing to support the Local Authority with their initiative to exceed 90% attendance. For those pupils who are persistently below the recommended attendance threshold, referrals will be submitted and discussions around how to support their attendance will be arranged.**

If you are experiencing any issues around your child's attendance and wish for support, please let us know and together we can help.

ARBOR

We are hoping to move over to the parent app for Arbor in the new academic year, which will allow basic amendments (i.e. phone numbers etc), so please keep an eye out for instructions on how to do this.

Thank you

Woodland Wonders.

Woodland Wonders returns on the week of 15th September.

Sessions are as follows;

Monday Year 5

Tuesday Year 3

Wednesday

Thursday Year 2

Friday Year 4

Please can you ensure that your child has an appropriate coat and wellies with their name and year group clearly marked in each wellie.

Anyone willing to volunteer for sessions please contact Mrs Nicholls, volunteers are an essential part of our sessions as they allow valuable opportunities with an extra pair of eyes in the woods.

St Athan Primary School would like today a massive thank you to Kerry Morrison and all at Aberthaw Cement Works for the amazing job they have done on our pathways.



What's been happening this week in school

Nursery

We have had the most wonderful week in Nursery upon our return to school this week. Can I please take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families and thank you all for being so patient as I have gotten to know you and your children on drop-off and pick-ups this week.

We have enjoyed exploring our new areas and learning some new routines as we settle into Nursery. The children have enjoyed getting crafty in the creative area, dressing up in some of our new outfits and we've even recruited some helpful builders! They have loved getting into the outdoors and using the bikes and climbing equipment and we are excited to continue to develop the outdoors over the next couple of weeks.

Reminders:

We have had lots of **unnamed items** in Nursery this week. Please remember to name your children's belongings as this will support them in developing their independence.

We currently have one cardigan and one coat that we believe may have been misplaced or taken home accidentally - please can you all check your child's belongings and pop them back in if they do not have the right items.

Nursery PE day will be every Wednesday - please can you ensure your child comes in wearing a suitable PE kit.

A polite request - please can we request that copies of your child's birth certificates are dropped to the office (we have photocopying facilities in school, if required) as required by all new starters.

We look forward to welcoming all of our Nursery children together on Monday.

Thank you



Reception

We have had a wonderful first week meeting our new reception class and look forward to having them all together for the first time on Monday.

We have had fun exploring the classroom and our outdoor areas, we have had the opportunity to play on the playground and had a go on the bikes. It was also very exciting having our lunch in the hall for the first time!

Reminders

Please provide 1 healthy snack and a water bottle daily.

Please ensure names are placed on all items as we already have some lost property!

In our outdoor area, it can become muddy - please bring in a pair of wellies that could be used for outdoor play.

Thank you



Year 1

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the 6 weeks summer holiday. We hope you had a lovely time! What a brilliant first week we have had in Year 1. We have had a week of getting to know each other, creating our class rules and having fun in our new classroom. We have also been writing sentences about our 6 weeks summer holidays. We have started learning about our new and exciting star challenges.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please email Miss Morris

bmorris@stathanps.co.uk

A few reminders:

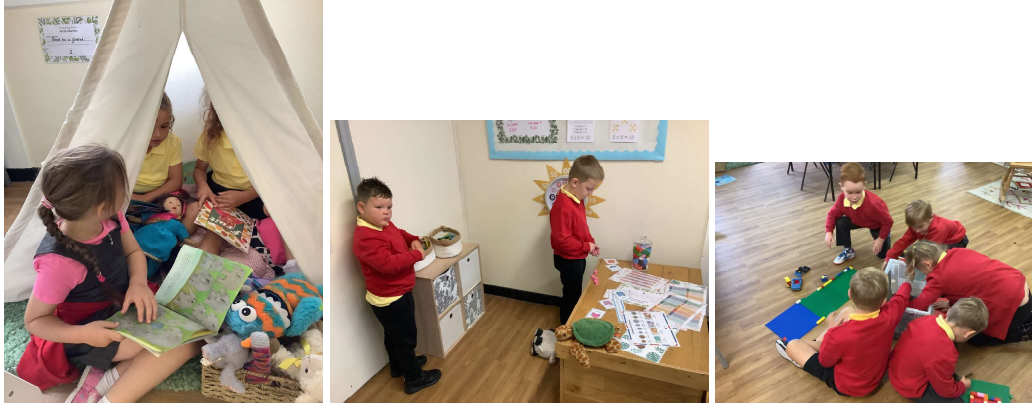
- Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday - please can learners come in to school in appropriate PE kit on these days. Thank you!

- All learners access our outdoor area daily, therefore please bring in a pair of wellies that can be kept in school and used for outdoor play.
- Please can all learners have 1 healthy snack for snack time and a water bottle.



Year 2

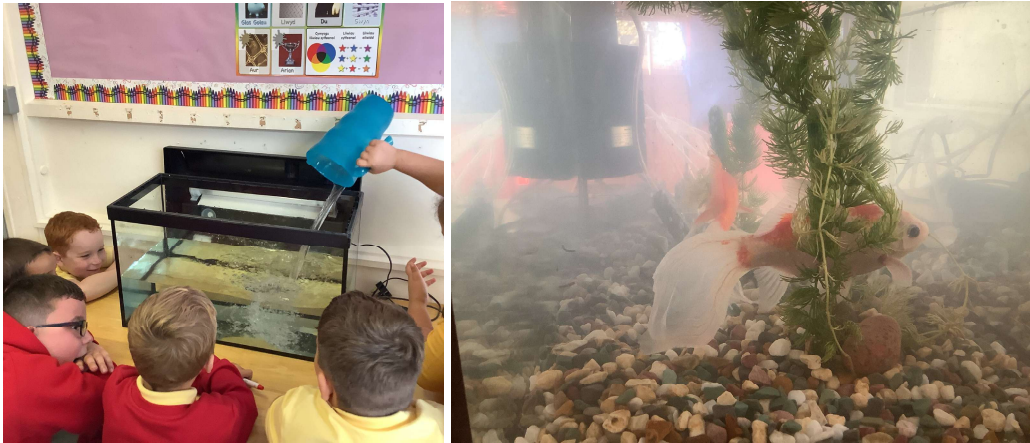
We are so excited to welcome our new Year 2 class and all the wonderful experiences we have ahead of us this year! The children have already made a brilliant start, working hard on their baseline assessments, which will continue into next week.



Please remember to bring in reading folders if you did not at the end of last year. In Year 2, we don't have set reading days; books can be swapped and sent home the same day whenever possible. Every child will be read with weekly in school, and we kindly ask that you try to read with your child daily at home. If you are finding this tricky, please do get in touch and we can work together on a plan that supports both you and your child in keeping them challenged.



We also have some very exciting new members of our class – two fish! The children will each take turns caring for them, including feeding them, and today they will be choosing names to share with you this evening.



Have a lovely weekend, and as always, if you have any questions, queries, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at ghowells@stathanps.co.uk

Reminder:

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Revisit all previous sentence frames.

Year 3

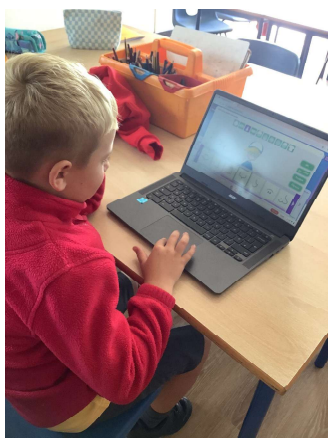
We have had a really fun first week in Year 3. We have been:

- Recapping our Summer holidays with different drawings
- Playing Finding Friends Bingo game
- Drawing all about ourselves
- Completing a Year 3 wordsearch
- Discussing and identifying our different emotions
- Playing a range of different games in PE

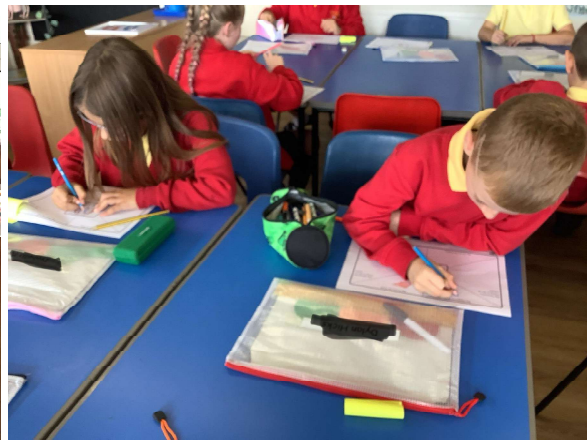
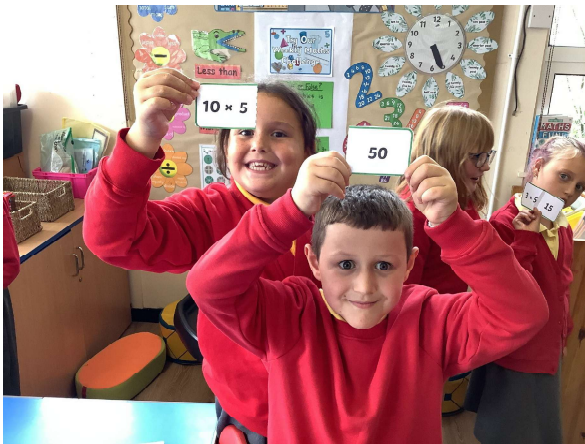
Please can you make sure your child has their name labelled on their jumpers/cardigans.

PE days are a Monday and Tuesday





Year 4



A brilliant start to Year 4 this week, everyone has worked hard and is settling into their new classroom.

Year 5

Year 5 has had a great start to the new school year. We have been talking about our summer holidays and testing Mr McNicol's memory. We have created our own coats of arms all about us and then created quizzes on purple mash to test each other on. We enjoyed seeing who could get the highest score. We have also been discussing how we want to feel in our classroom and came up with our top 5 ways to have an amazing classroom.

Reminder that Woodland Wonders is on Monday Afternoon and PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.



Year 6

What a great start to year 6! We can't believe that this is our last year at primary school but we are ready for all the challenges that it brings.

We have already been working hard, creating true or false quizzes using our ICT skills, completing 'All about me' work in order to help Miss Rogers to get to know the class, and participated in debates and discussions whilst working collaboratively.



Year 6 Welsh Phrase of the Week

Please revisit previous phrases learnt in readiness for our new phrases this term.

Instagram - IG

As we advised, we are now sharing through our IG account, please follow us there to see what we've been getting up to. If you are waiting to be accepted please let the class teacher know your Instagram name.

Our details are: **st.athanps**



Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives



Nyrso Ysgol | School Nursing
BP Ceredigion Ffôn i Cardiff & Vale UHB

September 2025

Help keep your child well this winter – make sure they have their flu vaccine.

Dear parent or guardian,

The School Nursing Team will visit your child's school soon. It's very important to protect your child from flu, to make sure they stay as healthy as possible.

Click here to fill in and return the online consent form as soon as possible and at least 5 days before the flu school session.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyijgkCoVkJM8ntyProwc0tRo7SIFodPD07y1M5RUQ1BFV0hZQkcyV0c4UzNWQjMzS01SVFI1Ri4u>



Further information and school dates can be found on the website below:

[Flu vaccine in schools: information for parents - Cardiff and Vale University Health Board](#)

NHS recommends that your child has a flu vaccination every year.

We welcome correspondence and phone calls in Welsh. We will respond to correspondence in Welsh without delay.

Yours faithfully,

School Nursing Immunisation Team
Riverside Health Centre
Email: Immunisation.CavuhbSchoolNursing@wales.nhs.uk
Tel: 02920 907661/664

After you have returned the consent form, please contact the School Nursing Immunisation Team on 02920 907661/664 before the vaccination session if:

- there are any changes to your child's health, or
- their asthma medication is increased, or
- they are prescribed oral steroids, or
- they become wheezy.

2025/26 School Flu Vaccination
Consent Form (Reception to Year
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AT COLCOT SPORTS CENTRE

COLCOT ROAD, BARRY, CF62 8UJ

STARTING THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY THURSDAY during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING FORMER CARDIFF CITY & INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER TONY CAPALDI. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB police checked. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through fun and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive a merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large sports hall and outdoor pitches.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
BARRY + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER
and receive confirmation by text**

Families Learning Together



Bright Sparks

Location:
St Athan Primary

For family members of
Y4, 45, Y6 pupils

Start Time: 12:30 (p.m.
session)

Starts:
Tuesday 16th September 2025

Hey there! 🌟 We're throwing open the school doors and inviting you to dive into the world of Bright Sparks at your child's school. It's all about fun and discovery as you get to peek into their learning journey. Forget the boring stuff—this is your chance to see the cool, new ways kids are learning today and enjoy some awesome one-on-one time with your child! Together, dive into activities packed with building, creating, learning and exploring 🎨

Come on, let's make some memories!

Contact us
families@cavc.ac.uk



LLANTWIT MAJOR LEISURE CENTRE
OPEN DAY!
09:00 - 17:00

SOFT PLAY INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE

DESIGN YOUR DREAM OUTDOOR SPACE WORKSHOP

10:30 - 11:30

LM LIBRARY STORYTIME & CRAFT 11:45

COLOURING COMPETITION & GAMES

CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP (AGE 15+, ADULTS)

11:15 - 12:15 & 13:30 - 14:30

LOCAL CRAFT & BAKED GOODS STALLS & LOCAL BUSINESS

RAFFLE

ALL ACTIVITIES FREE!

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER