

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

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

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 assembly. *Donations greatly appreciated

(Pasta and Tinned tomatoes donations brought to the office please, thank you)

Advance Notice

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

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

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

Woodland Wonders.

Quick reminder that woodland sessions re- start next week. Please could you ensure your child has an appropriate coat and wellies.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for sessions please contact Mrs Nicholls.

anicholls@stathanps.co.uk

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

		<u>(Max 20) - first 20 to return letter</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 85.5 % with year 4 having the best attendance with 96.3 % - 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 completed our first full week all together in Nursery, getting to know new friends and learning our rules and routines. What an amazing week we have had making friends! This week was our first PE lesson in 'big school' over in the school hall and we all worked really hard to walk sensibly and safely, following instructions to allow us to take part. We enjoyed beginning to learn how our bodies move, using our feet and our bodies to move across the floor. We have introduced a new area to in classroom - the water area and we have had a wonderful time playing in the bubbles.

Today, your child has come home with their first book bag and Reading for Enjoyment book - please have a read of the letter attached which will explain this in a little more detail. Next week we will be working on name recognition - please support this at home by encouraging your child to recognise their name on their belongings.

Reminders -

PE every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear to take part.

If you would like to drop off some wellies that your child can use in our outdoor area, we have facilities to store them in the class.

Advanced Notice -

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be exploring our topic 'Marvellous Me', discussing ourselves and our families. If you would like to share a photo of your family that your child can use to talk about, please send a small photo in with their name attached.





Reception

We have had our first full week with the whole class all together and we are getting used to the routines of the classroom and the school. We can now self register in the morning and we are getting better at remembering what to do with our snacks, bags, lunch and coats in the morning when we come into class. We are working hard at becoming more independent.

We have started to learn about some classroom rules and how to use the different areas of the classroom and the outdoor area. Some of us already have our favourite areas and activities.

Reception's P.E. day is every Monday so please send your child into school with their P.E. kit already on.



Reminders

Don't forget to respond to the hearing test letter that was sent out this week. Here is further information <https://gov.wales/school-entry-hearing-screening-pathway-0>

Please provide 1 healthy snack and a water bottle daily.

Please ensure names are placed on all items of school clothing.

As we are having very wet weather at the moment please ensure that your child comes in to school with a coat.

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

What a brilliant week we have had in Year 1. We have been learning all about our star challenges and completing them independently. We have continued our baseline assessments and have enjoyed exploring our classroom and outside area. Overall we have had another brilliant week in Year 1 - da iawn!

A reminder that all learners need to bring a coat to school as we access the outside area in all weather conditions.

All learners need wellies that stay in school please!



Year 2

What a fantastic week, we have been working so hard to finish our baseline assessments and have really wowed our teachers! Starting this week we have begun completing independent challenges in the classroom where pupils have been using prior knowledge to complete their star challenges.



We have also had time to be creative this afternoon after all our hard work! Ask your child what they got up to!

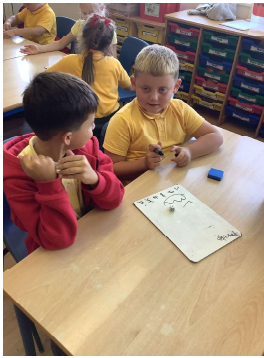


Please note, our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child is wearing the school PE kit and appropriate footwear on these days. Thank you 😊

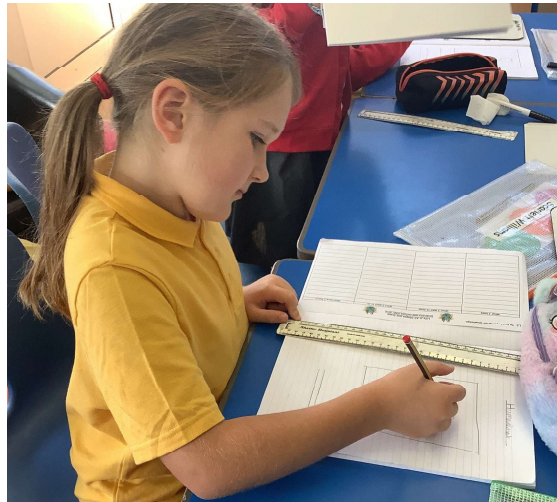
Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been:

- Testing ourselves with different Literacy and Numeracy challenges
- Exploring and challenging ourselves around the different areas of the classroom
- Having fun playing Literacy and Numeracy games
- Practising our very fine cutting skills to create a dragon



Year 4



This week, Year 4 kicked started their new topic called, "Life in All Shapes and Sizes." We started this topic with an immersion morning, looking at leaves and how they are all different but important. We then created our how leaf and wrote about what makes us unique. We have added these to our diversity tree in our classroom to remind ourselves of our importance to the Year 4 class. We then looked at a variety of human traits. We identified different animals that have these human traits and used our imaginations to create our very own, "Humanimals." In Literacy we have been working hard to identify, nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. In Maths we have been learning about place value up to 10,000.

Reminders.

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

Woodland Wonder's will be on a Friday.

Everybody should have brought their weekly spellings home on Monday 8th September, the children will be tested on these words on Monday 15th September. The children will then bring home new spellings.

Year 5

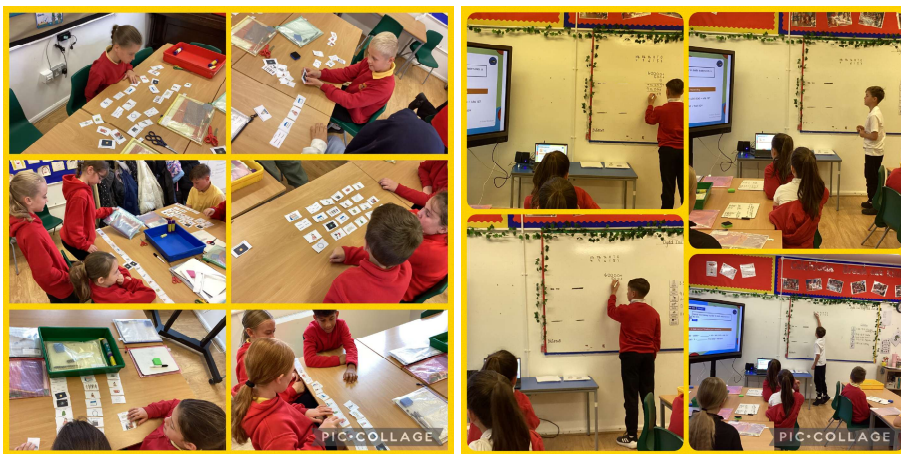
In year 5 we have been starting our topic 'how we adapt' looking at how people are different around the world and what causes these differences. We have been looking at different types of clothing, building and transport, then placing them where we think they belong on the map. In literacy we have been starting to look at instructions, focusing learning time towards different time connectives we could use. In maths we have been learning about place value and the relationship between numbers.



Year 6

We have had another busy week in Year 6! We have worked particularly hard in Maths this week, using problem solving and critical thinking skills. We also had a go at teaching the lesson to each other to help secure our knowledge. In Literacy we have been working on improving our descriptive sentences, using some weird pictures for inspiration.

Reminder - Our PE day is Thursday



Year 6 Welsh Phrase of the Week

Ble wyt ti'n mynd?

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**



Winning the gold medal for children's sports classes

We take what children love to do the most (running super fast, jumping high and throwing far) and mix it with imaginative themes, learning to follow instructions, making friends, developing skills and burning energy!



Teeny Athletes
Walking - 2 Years

Didee Athletes
2 - 3 1/2 Years



Little Athletes
3 1/2 - 5 Years

Mini Athletes
5 - 7 Years



Your local weekly classes:

Barry

!!! NEW VENUE !!!

Contact: Vanessa Maidment

E: vmaidment@miniathletics.com M: 07779007837



www.miniathletics.com

Tasters Available



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WONDERFEST

13 & 21 SEPT

PLATFFORM'S ANNUAL WELLBEING FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

CARDIFF

SEPTEMBER 13, 12PM - 4PM
Grange Pavilion
Grange Gardens



SWANSEA

SEPTEMBER 21, 12PM - 4PM
National
Waterfront Museum

**LIVE PERFORMANCES - ARTS
AND CRAFTS - ACTIVITIES
WORKSHOPS - EXHIBITIONS**

**NO TICKET
REQUIRED**

**FREE
ENTRY**

www.wonderfest.co.uk



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Centre, Llantwit Major
and
Paul Lewis Community
Centre, St Athan**

**Canolfan Gymunedol
CF61, Llanilltud Fawr a
Chanolfan
Gymunedol Paul
Lewis, Sain Tathan**

Our pantries are open to everyone. To find out more and book a time to shop contact us at:

Mae ein pantries yn agored i bawb. I gael gwybod mwy ac archebu amser i siopa cysylltwch â ni yn:

01446 741706 enquiries@gvs.wales
@foodsharellantwit





Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives



Nyrsgo Ysgol | School Nursing
Gŵyl Cymunedol ar 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=uChWuyijgkCoVkM8ntyProwc0tRo7SIFodPD07y1M5RUQ1BFV0hZQkpwV0c4UzNWQIMzS01SVFI1Ri4u>



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