



17.12.25

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well

What a term it has been, starting with our Estyn Inspection (the report is on the website) and ending with the Sky Phase Concert. All the phase concerts were outstanding this year, the performance of every child was incredible, I honestly believe that the enthusiasm our children show when performing cannot be matched, every concert was heart warming. I have to thank the staff of Terrace Road for their effort in putting together three incredible concerts.

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Wilson who has been with us for two years. She has worked across Sky Phase as a teaching assistant supporting a number of children and carrying out Sensory Circuits with the Sky Phase children. In her time in Terrace Road Miss Wilson has, with her calm presence and caring ways had such a positive impact on the children of Terrace Road. We are truly sorry to see her go but wish her every success for the future.

We are lucky that we will be employing two new teaching assistants in January, Miss Manix and Mrs Mohamed, who I know will be such an asset to our school.

We have also said goodbye to Miss Hammond who has been working in the school office, looking after attendance across the school. She has left us to take up a post in Olchfa Comprehensive, so she will be seeing some of our children. Miss Hammond always gave above and beyond to the school and we wish her all the very best. We are pleased to say that Mrs Clayton is now working in the school office carrying out attendance duties for the school.

Attendance and punctuality

As it will be new academic year, I want to stress to you the importance of school attendance. Our overall whole school attendance last year was 90.3% which is an improvement on the year before however it is not where we would like it to be, and what is recommended by the Welsh Government. We would like our attendance ideally to be 95%. Research shows that children whose attendance is 95%+ throughout their schooling make better progress. If your child is ill then of course they should not come to school until well enough to do so but taking time off school for reasons like a birthday or a holiday will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child has 10 or more unauthorised absences from school (that is 5 whole days as one absence counts as half a day) a penalty fine could be issued. All holidays taken in term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

We want the children to be in school learning, forming friendships and having fun. If your child is unwell enough to be absent from school then it is a parent/carer duty to let the school know, this can be done by calling the school, e mailing the school or messaging the teacher on Seesaw. If we have no reason for a child's absence then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Mrs Clayton in the office will attempt to make contact if we have not heard from you by telephone or text. It is important to respond to these as the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Also just a reminder that school starts at **8.50am**, this means your child should be on the premises at this time or before, otherwise they will be marked at late on the register. We have a breakfast club, the doors are open from 8.10-8.30am. School finished at **3.20pm**. Please make sure you are there to pick up at this time.

I am very hopeful this year we can better the 90.3% attendance, wouldn't it be brilliant if it were 95%+

Class	Autumn term attendance
Reception/Year 1 Badgers Miss Goss	91.7%
Year 1/2 Squirrels Mrs Evans	91%
Year 2 Hedgehogs Miss Parton	93.7%
Year 3 Foxes Mrs Darbyshire and Mrs Stanhope	92.6%
Year 3/4 Robins Mrs Taylor	93.3%
Year 4 Eagles Miss K George	95.6%
Year 5 Hawks Miss Hurley	86.5%
Year 5/6 Swans Mrs Williams and Miss Davies	92.7%
Year 6 Ravens Mrs James and Miss H George	94.2%
Total	92.4%

What a great term this has been for attendance well done to those classes that have achieved over 92% and particularly to Ravens and Eagles, outstanding attendance for the term.

We have had a couple of incidents in school where a parent/adult has approached a child from another family to speak with them about an incident that has happened in school or even outside school. We would like to stress that if there is something that needs to be discussed with any child please let the school deal with it, we do not want any undue upset to occur, especially when we can manage it using our restorative practice procedures.

There are still cars/taxis stopping or parking on the zigzags on Norfolk Street. I would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to do this and even more importantly it remains a safety hazard for the children. The safest option for everyone is to park further away from the school and walk into school.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

First day back in school is Monday 5th January 2026, see you all then

Save the date

Date	Event
19.12.25	Christmas holidays begin
5.1.26	Back to school
27.1.26	Cluster schools football tournament – Dylan Thomas
4.2.26	Parents evening (families)
11.2.26	Design to Smile
11.2.26	Parents evening (single children in the school)
13.2.25	Number Day – Whole School
13.2.26	Half term holidays begin
23.2.26	Back to school
2.3.25	St David's Day celebration
3.3.26	Governing Body Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting
4.2.26	Nursery Stay and Play am Nursery Stay and Play pm
10.3.26	Governing Body Finance Sub-Committee meeting Governing Body Health and Safety/Premises Sub-Committee meeting
11.3.26	INSET day (school is closed to children)
18.3.26	Parents open day – maths/numeracy focus
20.3.25	Spring Core Visit with Kerry Thomas – School Improvement Officer
23.3.26	Learning Celebration week
24.3.25	Termly full Governing Body meeting
27.3.25	Easter holidays start
13.4.25	Back to school
15.4.26	Autism Acceptance Day
22.4.26	OPAL Development Day 3
4.5.26	May Bank holiday (school is closed)
5.5.26	Finance Governing Body meeting to set the budget for 2026-2027
22.5.26	Half term holidays begin
1.6.26	Back to school
1.6.26	Group photos/Nursery Graduation
9.6.26	Governing Body Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting
10.6.26	OPAL Parents play day
15.6.26	Science week
16.6.26	Governing Body Health and Safety/Premises Sub-Committee meeting
17.6.26	INSET day (school is closed to pupils)
6.7.26	Learning Celebration week
7.7.26	Termly Full Governing Body meeting
17.7.26	Summer holidays begin

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Evans Headteacher