



May Half Term 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Important, and hopefully helpful, updates.

All children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 completed the ESTYN questionnaire last week. Many thanks to all of those parents, governors and members of staff who were also able to fill out the online questionnaire from ESTYN. Our 'special visitors' will be arriving on Monday 8th June. **There will be a meeting for parents at 3.30pm on Monday 8th June.** This will be your opportunity to meet the team and share your views about the school. Children are not allowed into the meeting, the school's leadership team will supervise children on the playground to enable parents to attend.

The Talent Show has been postponed, it was due to take place the week ESTYN are with us. We know how exciting the talent show is for everyone, so Kate and Simon at The Table have kindly rearranged the date with us for **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June**... all of the paper forms I have already had in to me are kept safely in my office, I will check with everyone that the new dates are suitable before tickets are released.

There's lots to see and do in Cardiff during this half term break... [WHAT TO SEE & DO IN CARDIFF THIS MAY HALF TERM](#) • [News & Blogs](#) • [Visit Cardiff](#) I have added some other links in the rest of the newsletter... some are free activities, others at a discounted rate!

With my kindest regards, Abi Cuthbert (Head Teacher)

St Monica's Talent Show - new dates Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June

The Talent Show is an annual event - it is our largest fundraiser of the year. Any money raised goes directly to improving children's learning experiences. Last year we were able to raise enough money for all children in Years 5 & 6 to be able to receive swimming lessons (they had their block of lessons only last week!). This year I'd love for us to raise even more money so that all children in Years 4, 5 & 6 can have swimming lessons in September or October 2026.

Children can take part in a maximum of 2 different performances. The application form for performers is here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsiNUoPLrOgazCYi0_oWfU7Oiki2Yur7nEX7MLPRO_sXK-8Q/viewform?usp=dialog

The Talent Show takes place over 2 consecutive evenings, at The Table on Pentyrch Street. Children could act in a small play, sing, dance, teach a science lesson, play an instrument, tell jokes, bake cookies to sell for the school, make crafts... almost anything really, it is their opportunity to show how they SHINE!

Tickets cost £4 each and can be bought via Parent Pay. Performers will not need to pay for a ticket. Tickets will be released on Wednesday 17th June. A (very) limited number of tickets will be available 'on the door' just before the performances start.

Anyone, from any year group, past pupils, any staff member or any parent can apply to perform.

Children can perform with siblings or parents too if they wish.



St Monica's CW Primary School
Stay & Play
Birth - 3 years old
free play - art - music
Fridays - term time
1.30pm - 3pm

No need to book - just come along, we are on the corner of New Zealand Road and Whitchurch Road



Local Play Session
Come and join us for half term fun at
Maitland Park
CF14 3DH
Wednesday 27 May
11:00 - 12:55pm

Age 5-14

Scan the QR code to register your child.
<https://cardiffchildrensplayservices.co.uk/register>

This document is available in Welsh
All of the open access play sessions are designed with children aged 5-14 in mind.



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TICKETS ON SALE
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CYMRU ARE BACK IN CARDIFF FOR THEIR FINAL FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIER!

Cymru play Czechia on Tuesday 9th June at Cardiff City Stadium (KO 18:00).

It is all to play for in Cardiff at these teams go head-to-head to top the group table!

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of entertainment with fan zone, DJs, food, football and more.

Looking for an affordable evening out with family and friends?

Tickets are just £5 for juniors and £10 for adults!

Group bookings are also available for groups of 10+, juniors just £3 and adults £8.

SECURE YOUR SEAT HERE:
fawales.co/4e8YcS5



Llanover Hall Arts Centre Children's May Half Term Activities 2026



Wednesday 27th May

- 10am-12pm Mixed Craft Celebration Cards (8yrs+)
- 10am-12pm Block Printed T-Shirts (5-8yrs) *Bring your own prewashed cotton t-shirt.
- 10am-12pm Clay Club: Throwing and Making (8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Screen Printed T-Shirts (8yrs+) *Bring your own prewashed cotton t-shirt.
- 1pm-3pm Little Potters: Animal Pinch Pots (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Pegboard Printers (5-8yrs)

Thursday 28th May

- 10am-12pm Clay Club: Owl Workshop (8yrs+)
- 10am-12pm Little Artists: "May Spring Holiday Fun" Painting (5-8yrs)
- 10am-12pm Stick and Sew Felt Pictures and Bags (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Little Potters: Hedgehog Workshop (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Paper Kites (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Embossed Art and Keepsake Creations (8yrs+)



Drama Days

Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th & Friday 29th
May 10am-3pm Ages 8-12yrs

Three days jam-packed full of exciting drama games and fun improvisation, character building, devising brand-new scenes and much more - all in our theatre!

Join up for 1, 2 or all 3 days!



Friday 29th May

- 10am-12pm Science Lab (8yrs+)
- 10am-12pm Little Potters: Animal Magic Pottery Boxes (5-8yrs)
- 10am-12pm 3D Art and Watercolour Workshop (8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Clay Club: Cactus Creations (8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Games Workshop : Craft (5-8yrs)

Children on all 2 hour sessions will require adult supervision if they stay during the lunchtime.

Refunds are subject to a minimum of 24 hours' notice before the course begins.

£10.00 per 2 hour art and crafts session
£11.00 per 2 hour session Clay Club and Little Potters

Drama Days £22 per Day
Book by Phone
029 20872030

www.adultlearningcardiff.co.uk

Our Kitchen Café and Tuckshop will be open throughout the scheme.



School Holiday Cycling Courses

Learn to Ride

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Level 1+2 On the Road



To book a place, go to: link.wales/yc

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Academi Open Day

JUNE 27TH 2026

CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL

TO APPLY, GO TO:
WWW.CFMUSICEDUCATION.CO.UK/CF-MUSIC-SKILLS/

EVERYONE WELCOME - JUST POP IN!

MINI MUSIC

- Dalcroze eurythmics for 4-10 year olds
- find out what Dalcroze is all about - fun, movement and music!

LOBBY PERFORMANCES & FREE TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE

DROP-IN CLASSES

String Steps for 3-8 year olds
11:30am-12:30pm
Thinking about group violin? Come and see what it's all about!



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FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS AGED 3 - 18, ON SATURDAYS DURING TERM TIME

WHAT WE OFFER:

TO APPLY, GO TO:
WWW.CFMUSICEDUCATION.CO.UK/CF-MUSIC-SKILLS/

Instrumental & vocal tuition from beginner to post-diploma level

Mini Music classes: Dalcroze-based musicianship classes for 4-10 year olds

Workshops, masterclasses, audition coaching and orchestral projects

Chamber music programme for all ages/levels

String Steps - complete beginner violin programme for 3-8 year olds

A range of packages tailored to your musical aspirations and instrument



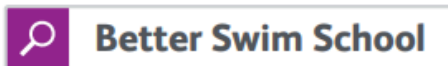
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TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO WEEKLY LESSONS

Give your child the gift of confidence and safety in and around the water with Better Swim School.



Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50% off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.



Terms and conditions apply. Offer open to new customers only for school children aged between 4 - 12 years. Offer ends on 07/08/2026. Full terms at better.org.uk/offer-terms. Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 27793R. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX. Inland Revenue Charity no. XR43398.

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DISCOVERY DAY

Thursday 4th June 2026

EVERY NEW ADVENTURE STARTS SOMEWHERE

With a wide variety of subjects and experiences on offer, **Discovery Day** will give current Year 5 pupils an insight into life as a Senior at The Cathedral School.

Whether you are interested in core academic subjects, music, sport, performance, learning a new language, being creative... there are opportunities for everyone at The Cathedral School.

To find out more and to book a place, visit cathedral-school.co.uk/discovery-day

Current Year 5 pupils are invited to a taster day for Year 7 Entry September 2027

What will you discover?



Step Web Pages and Home Learning Tasks

The Step web pages are updated frequently, please take a look (and keep checking back) as specific home learning tasks and ways you can support your child are signposted on there. These are open access pages and can also be found on the school website www.stmonicasschool.co.uk

[Nursery Web Pages](#)

[Step 1 Web Pages](#)

[Step 2 Web Pages](#)

[Step 3 Web Pages](#)

Financial Support for Families

Some parents may be entitled to School Essentials Grants from the Welsh Government. Please click in the box below for more information:

School Essentials Grants

Eligible families can apply for a grant of £125 per child per year. Families with children entering year 7 can apply for £200 to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school. All looked after children qualify for the grant. Schools also receive additional funding as a result of claiming this grant.

Staff Contacts

Head - Abi Cuthbert abigail.cuthbert@cardiff.gov.uk

Deputy Head - Richard Thomas (Mr T) thomasr293@hwbcymru.net

Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator - Kelly O'Gorman ogormank@hwbcymru.net

Wellbeing Lead - Tanya Meakins meakinst@Hwbcymru.net

Acting Office Manager - Jozefina Fedorova jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please contact either Mrs Cuthbert, Mrs O'Gorman or Mrs Meakins. We are the Designated Safeguarding People for the school.

Dates for your diary

I am not able to authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

[School term dates](#)

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

Half Term Break - no school for 1 week

Monday 1st June Children return to school - Breakfast Club doors open at 8.10am Swiss student teachers joining us for 3 weeks	Tuesday 2nd June	Wednesday 3rd June Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship Years 5 & 6 Cycling in Maindy	Thursday 4th June Green Flag (Eco award) assessment	Friday 5th June 1.30 - 3pm Stay & Play 2.30pm Praise & Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us
Monday 8th June 3.30pm Parent meeting - ESTYN	Tuesday 9th June	Wednesday 10th June Rev. Caroline (St Michael's) - worship Years 5 & 6 Cycling in Maindy	Thursday 11th June	Friday 12th June 1.30 - 3pm Stay & Play
Monday 15th June Years 2 & 3 leading worship	Tuesday 16th June	Wednesday 17th June Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship	Thursday 18th June 11am Vision & Values GB meeting	Friday 19th June Helping Hands meeting at the Table 1.30 - 3pm Stay & Play

		Talent Show tickets released on Parent Pay Years 5 & 6 Cycling in Maindy		2.30pm Praise & Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us
Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June Colorfoto - class photo day	Wednesday 24th June Governor learning walk - listening to learners (pupil voice groups) Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship 6pm Talent Show at The Table	Thursday 25th June Step 3 visit St Mark's Church 4pm Standards GB meeting 6pm Talent Show at The Table	Friday 26th June 1.30 - 3pm Stay & Play
Monday 29th June Closing date for Nursery (Spring/Summer 2027 applications) Grab bag lunches have to be ordered by today ready for Sports Day picnic!	Tuesday 30th June Worship - Jo Deeley	Wednesday 1st July Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship Years 5 & 6 Cycling in Maindy?	Thursday 2nd July	Friday 3rd July 9.30am Rock Steady - Summer Concert 1.30 - 3pm Stay & Play 2.30pm Praise & Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us
Monday 6th July Step 1 leading worship	Tuesday 7th July Sports Day	Wednesday 8th July Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship Years 4 & 5 Cycling in Maindy Y6 Leaver's Service in Llandaff Cathedral 3.30pm Summer Party in St Monica's	Thursday 9th July 4pm Full GB meeting	Friday 10th July 1.30 - 3pm Stay & Play
Monday 13th July	Tuesday 14th July	Wednesday 15th July Y6 Leaver's Treat Years 4 & 5 Cycling in Maindy 6pm Y6 Leaver's Celebration Evening - all welcome	Thursday 16th July	Friday 17th July Last day of term for children

Summer Break - no school for 6 weeks
Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Our remaining INSET day (training days where children are not in school) this academic year

- 20th July = INSET day 6, training linked to the School Development Plan