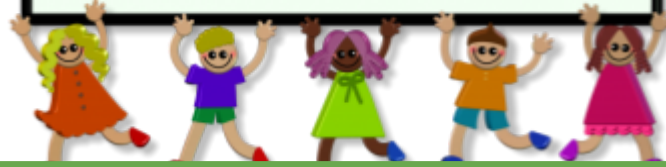




# June 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

## **INSPECTION UPDATE**

We had a simply marvellous inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate: ESTYN last week. The official report will be published on 10th August - that seems like such a long time away! So many people contributed to the team's findings - thank you to all of the children, parents, staff and governors, who were so open and honest, giving a true picture/flavour of our school.

## **YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE PROJECT**

Year 6 will be selling products they have made at the end of the day **this Friday (19th)**. Each team has been given £5 to grow - to make a profit. Any money they raise will go towards the cost of their Leavers Treat. **All items cost either 50p or £1 and the children will only be accepting cash for their products/services.**

## **TALENT SHOW**

The Talent Show was due to take place the week ESTYN were with us, the new dates are **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June, the performances will take place in school at 6pm**. Tickets will be released Friday morning - on Parent Pay. Tickets cost £4 each, you do not need to buy a ticket for your child if they are performing. This is the main fund raiser for the school, your support is greatly appreciated. Helping Hands will be meeting this Friday at 9.15am at The Table to discuss any of the finer organisational details - all welcome!

## **CURRICULUM NEWS**

Next week will be our Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) and Diversity Week in school. The resources we will be using for [RSE are available here](#), and on our website. Much of what will be taught in [Years 5 and 6 can be found here](#).

## **YEAR 5 PARENTS**

Please be aware that the application period for secondary school places 2027/2028 will be from September 4th - 30th October. This is much earlier than usual and is a Wales wide change. Many secondary schools will be advertising open evening events very soon - it is worth taking every opportunity to visit schools as you decide which 5 schools you will apply for. Please contact me if you would like any support with the application process.

## **ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Cardiff Council is consulting on the Active Travel Network Map, a 15 year plan for improving routes for walking, wheeling and cycling. For further information, to view the proposed Active Travel Network Map and respond to the consultation please visit our website at: [www.cardiff.gov.uk/ActiveTravelConsultation](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ActiveTravelConsultation) The consultation closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026.

## **END OF YEAR REPORTS / PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

We shall be sending home your child's end of year report on 1st July. There is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the report after school on Monday 6th July. This is a 'drop-in' session, this time we will not be providing booking links, teachers will be available in the school hall from 3.30 - 4.30pm to answer any questions you may have about the report.

With my kindest regards, Abi Cuthbert (Head Teacher)



**St Monica's CW Primary School**  
Where everyone SHINES

**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

You are invited to join our free virtual swap shop:



**FREE SCHOOL CLOTHES.com**

Join our **growing community**. Easy to adopt with significant benefits for schools and families:

- FreeSchoolClothes.com is a free, not-for-profit "virtual swap shop" helping families share and reuse school clothes and other essentials locally within your school community, for free.
- Help families to save money.
  - Protecting our planet by reducing waste.
  - Strengthening our communities.
  - Your school is already live on the platform and ready to go.
  - **Free** to join and use. Not-for-profit.
  - **No storage or handling** of clothes, redistribution happens directly between families.
  - **Sustainability goals:** live impact data show money saved and carbon offset for your school.
  - **Always open:** when families need it most, evenings, weekends and school holidays.
  - **Compliments existing physical swap shop initiatives**, if you have one.
- Founded in 2022 at Ysgol Treganna, Cardiff. **Now covering all UK schools.**

It's easy to get started. *Simply share this message and QR code with your families.*

Please visit [FreeSchoolClothes.com](https://www.freeschoolclothes.com) to join our new virtual swap shop.

Offer outgrown school clothes to other families in our school community. Browse and request things that you need, for free. Save money and protect the planet.



For support or to volunteer as a school champion please contact: [support@freeschoolclothes.com](mailto:support@freeschoolclothes.com)




**Prescribing to SPW**

Single Parents Wellbeing is a peer led organisation for single parents by single parents. Our vision is to empower single parent families to thrive emotionally and socially in a connected community. We do that through workshops, events and socials and by providing resources and getting involved with campaigning. We are a social and nature prescribing organisation.

There are many different ways that you can prescribe Single Parents Wellbeing to individuals.

- Community Introduction
- Specific Workshops
- Outdoor Meet Ups
- Volunteering

Contact: [Rachel@singleparentswellbeing.com](mailto:Rachel@singleparentswellbeing.com)



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**Community**  
Community is at the heart of everything we do at Single Parents Wellbeing. We know being seen and heard directly improves your mental wellbeing. Our [Facebook community](#) is active, safe and has a wealth of knowledge and peer support in it.

**Workshops and Resources**  
Our [website](#) has all our workshops, resources & events listed on it. Whether you are looking for help with co-parenting, mental health, how to connect with your children or menopause, there is something for you.

**Outdoor Meet Ups**  
Our group began with walking meet ups, and they are an integral part of SPW. Volunteers are trained in nature prescribing. A warm welcome awaits everyone joining our family friendly outdoor meet ups.

**Volunteering**  
Volunteering is proven to improve mental health and at SPW [volunteers](#) shape SPW's direction and focus. We have a full training package, single parent friendly practices and support embedded into our framework.





## WOMENS HEALTH

### FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

Health and Wellbeing Support - Health Checks  
Information Stands - Interactive Sessions - Vaccinations

NO BOOKING  
REQUIRED

27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
11AM - 3PM

EVERYONE  
WELCOME

Grange Pavilion, Grange Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 7LJ

## School Holiday Cycling Courses

Learn to Ride  
+  
Level 1+2 On the Road



To book a place, go to: [link.wales/yc](https://link.wales/yc)

## ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Caerphilly Road, Birchgrove CF14 4AE  
(Opposite CO-OP)



Calling all  
5 - 11 year olds!

You are invited to our Egyptian  
themed holiday club...

## PYRAMID ROCK

## The story of Joseph

Using resources from Scripture Union, John Hardwick and others.

songs - quizzes - bible stories - games  
craft activities - puppets

*Come and join the fun and why not invite a friend?*



9.30am – 1.00pm every day  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
(Bring a packed lunch)

Admission free! (Donations welcome)  
Registration: In advance or on the day (if space)  
For more information and to book, contact:  
Mary by e-mail:- [marystand1@outlook.com](mailto:marystand1@outlook.com)

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**Academi Open Day**  
JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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!

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!

LOBBY PERFORMANCES & FREE TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE



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WHAT WE OFFER:

- 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



50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT

## 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.

**Better Swim School**

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](http://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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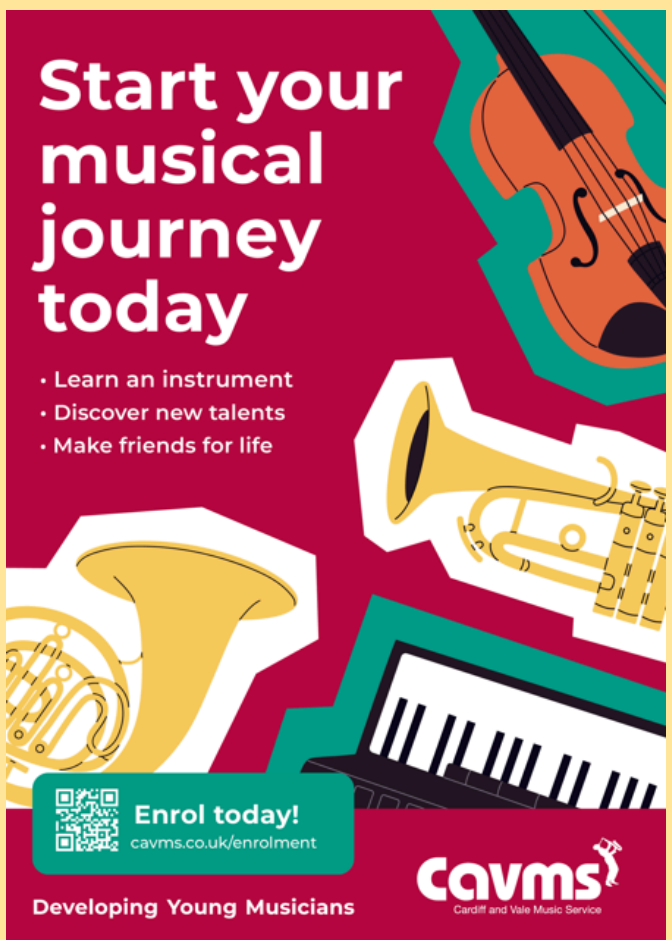
## Start your musical journey today

- Learn an instrument
- Discover new talents
- Make friends for life

Enrol today!  
[cavms.co.uk/enrolment](http://cavms.co.uk/enrolment)

**Cavms**  
Cardiff and Vale Music Service

Developing Young Musicians



## 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](http://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](mailto:abigail.cuthbert@cardiff.gov.uk)

Deputy Head - Richard Thomas (Mr T) [thomasr293@hwbcymru.net](mailto:thomasr293@hwbcymru.net)

Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator - Kelly O'Gorman [ogormank@hwbcymru.net](mailto:ogormank@hwbcymru.net)

Wellbeing Lead - Tanya Meakins [meakinst@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:meakinst@Hwbcymru.net)

Acting Office Manager - Jozefina Fedorova [jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto: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>

				<b>Friday 19th June</b> <b>9.15am Helping Hands meeting at the Table</b> <b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b> <b>2.30pm Praise &amp; Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us</b> <b>3.15 Year 6 'Fiver Challenge'</b>
<b>Monday 22nd June</b>	<b>Tuesday 23rd June</b> <b>Colorfoto - class photo day</b>	<b>Wednesday 24th June</b> Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship <b>6pm Talent Show in school</b>	<b>Thursday 25th June</b> Step 3 visit St Mark's Church 4pm Standards GB meeting <b>6pm Talent Show in school</b>	<b>Friday 26th June</b> <b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b> <b>5.30pm Launch event - Mural project at Heath Evangelical Church</b>

<b>Monday 29th June</b> Closing date for Nursery (Spring/Summer 2027 applications)  <b>Grab bag lunches have to be ordered by today ready for Sports Day picnic!</b>	<b>Tuesday 30th June</b> Worship - Jo Deeley	<b>Wednesday 1st July</b> Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship  Years 5 & 6 Cycling in Maindy?	<b>Thursday 2nd July</b>	<b>Friday 3rd July</b> <b>9.30am Rock Steady - Summer Concert</b>  <b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>  <b>2.30pm Praise &amp; Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us</b>
<b>Monday 6th July</b> Step 1 leading worship	<b>Tuesday 7th July</b> <b>Sports Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 8th July</b> Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship  Years 4 & 5 Cycling in Maindy  Y6 Leaver's Service in Llandaff Cathedral  <b>3.30pm Summer Party in St Monica's</b>	<b>Thursday 9th July</b>  4pm Full GB meeting	<b>Friday 10th July</b> <b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>
<b>Monday 13th July</b>	<b>Tuesday 14th July</b>	<b>Wednesday 15th July</b> Y6 Leaver's Treat  Years 4 & 5 Cycling in Maindy  <b>6pm Y6 Leaver's Celebration Evening - all welcome</b>	<b>Thursday 16th July</b>	<b>Friday 17th July</b> 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