

Morrison Primary School Newsletter

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September's Right is:
**"Your right to an
 education."**
 Article 28



September's Value is:
Friendship

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, and also to welcome a number of new pupils to our school community. There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' session on the week of Monday 21st of September 2026 at 3.30pm. In this session parents will be provided with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and hear updates regarding the curriculum and how you can also support your children at home.

Any parents, who have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to see me in school or contact me on the school telephone number 01792 781811 or via email on thomasa493@hwbcymru.net. We have an Inset training day for staff on Friday 2nd of October 2026, so school will be closed for pupils on this date. Half term is Mon 26th October to Fri 30th October 2026.

Kind regards,

Alison Thomas
 Headteacher

**As it's a new term and we also have new parents, please
 remember to check the school website for updates:**



Morrison Primary School
 'To be the best you can be' - Article 29

On the school website there is a range of information such class information about termly themes and homework. There is information about afterschool clubs and a range of other parental information. We also keep the calendar up to date and post the newsletters there so please remember to check the website regularly for updates:

<https://www.morrisonprimaryschool.co.uk/>

After School Clubs

Please note clubs will start back from the Week beginning the 14th of September 2026.

MORRISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS After school clubs are outlined below. If your child would like to attend a club, then please collect and complete a consent form and return to the designated member of staff outlined below. Unfortunately, it will be on a first come first served basis. Numbers will vary in each club.					
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
LUNCH TIME	SIGNING CLUB Y1-Y6 12.00-12.30 MRS GRIFFIN	PHASE MEETING 12.00-12.30	SCHOOL COUNCIL & RRS GROUP Y1-Y6 MRS MOORE 12.00-12.30	CHOIR 12.00-12.45 Y1-Y6 MRS ARNOLD	CRIW CYMRAEG Y1-Y6 12.00-12.45 MRS. ARNOLD
AFTER SCHOOL	STAFF MEETING 3.20-5.00	ECO CLUB/COMMITTEE Y2-Y6 3.20-4.00 MISS REES & MISS SELLERE FOOTBALL CLUB Y4-Y6 3.20-4.00 MR. BANNISTER	NETBALL CLUB Y3-6 3.20-4.00 MRS WATTS HEALTHY SCHOOLS CLUB Y2-6 3.20-4.00 - MISS WHITE CHESS CLUB Y4-Y6 3.20 - 4.00 MR BENDLE	ART & CRAFT CLUB REC-Y3 3.20-4.00 MRS MOORE DANCE CLUB Y1-Y6 3.20-4.00 MISS JOHNS	

NB Please remember times of the school day:

Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am

Nursery 8.50am - 11.30am

Lower Phase 8.50am - 3.10pm (Rec/Y1/Y2)

Upper Phase 8.50am - 3.15pm (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)

STFs - 8.50am - 3.00pm

Can I also remind parents that the area directly outside the school is for turning only. Please do not park on the double yellow lines. Can I also ask that families do not cross the road right in front of the school gate but instead cross the road on the raised crossing further back from the gate as this will be safer. Pedestrian walkways are outlined by a yellow line so please stick to these areas for safety reasons.



This month is Snack-tember.

What is Snack-tember all about?

We want to improve children and young people's knowledge, skills, confidence and motivation, so that they can make and choose healthier, more sustainable snacks.

Throughout September 2026, we are helping children and young people to:

- **Explore** better snacking
- **Try** new snacks
- **Make** their own healthy snacks

Our aim is to help children and young people choose and make snacks that have:

- **MORE** vegetables and fruit
- **MORE** wholegrains, beans and pulses
- **LESS** saturated fat, salt and sugars

These are key contributors to healthier, more sustainable snacking!

More information on website if needed <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2026/>

#HelloYellow



On Friday the 9th October 2026 we will be taking part in #HelloYellow fundraising for World Mental Health Day and YoungMinds. #HelloYellow launched in 2016 to show young people they're not alone. Since then, thousands of schools, companies and communities have come together and made World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to YoungMinds. This year they are celebrating 10 years of the Hello Yellow campaign. We would politely ask that pupils wear their yellow school t-shirts on this day. Each class will be taking part in lessons linked to the #HelloYellow campaign. We are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p on this day. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

There is also a phone line open 9.30am - 4.00pm (0808 8025544)

Show Racism the Red Card Fundraising**WEAR RED DAY 2026**

**Be part of our day of action. Wear Red Day - Friday
the 16th of October 2026.**

We will also be taking part in 'Show racism the red card' on Friday 16th October #WRD26. Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism education charity, which was established in 1996. The pupils will be involved in lessons throughout the day to support this campaign and we kindly ask for a voluntary donation of 50p. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day/>

<u>Our School Vision</u> Our vision is encapsulated in Article 29 - 'Your Right to be the best you can be.' In Morrison Primary School we aim to provide a broad, balanced and rich curriculum. We offer an inclusive environment where pupils are encouraged to be healthy, happy, digitally competent, creative, confident and resilient learners. We challenge our pupils to reach their full potential, equipping them with the skills necessary to continue on their journey of life-long learning. <u>Our School Mission Statement</u> 'Together Everyone Achieves More.' Learning and working together as a community, we challenge and support each other, to achieve our goals.	<u>Attendance</u> It has been proven that attendance and punctuality can impact on achievement. This week, the classes with the best attendance are Nursery, STF 1, STF 2 and Year 4/5 with 94% - Ymdrech wych! We look forward to your continued support with attendance.	Class	% Attendance
		Nurs	94
		Rec/ Year 1	88
		Year 1/ 2	86
		STF1	94
		Year 3/4	90
		Year 4/5	94
		Year 5/6	89
		STF 2	94

Criw Cymraeg a Patrwm yr Wythnos

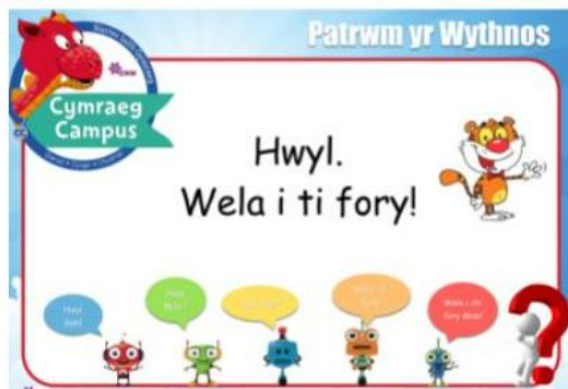
The Criw Cymraeg will welcome new members this term. In the first meeting they will vote for a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. As they move forward with the term, they will be looking at maintaining and continuing to improve on our Gold Siarter Iaith work.

The language patterns for this month are:



Croeso – Welcome

Croeso Nol – Welcome back



Hwyl. Wela i ti fory! – Bye. See you tomorrow!

Why not try these out at home with your children?

Shwmae Day, Thursday 15th October 2026



We will celebrate Shwmae Day this year on Thursday, October 15th 2025. Shwmae Day is a day marked each year in Wales to celebrate and promote the Welsh language. There will be a longer Welsh assembly in the morning and then Welsh activities in class throughout the day. Children are welcome to wear red, green or white clothes on the day or rugby/football shirts.

Harvest Celebration, Wednesday 21st of October at 9.15am



There will be a Harvest Celebration in the school hall at 9.15am on Wednesday October 21st 2026. All classes will take part. Parents, carers, guardians and grandparents are welcome to attend. The PTFA will be selling refreshments if required.

We will also be collecting again this year for Matthew's House. Matthew's House is a local charity on Swansea High Street. They are a home in the heart of the city that has been offering a warm space for the homeless and most vulnerable since they opened in 2017. They have a café, showers, laundry, and dignity packs available for anyone who needs them. If you would like to donate, items they are interested in collecting are:

HARVEST 2026

Items we love

✓ Custard, rice pudding, jelly ✓ UHT milk & coconut milk ✓ Coffee, hot chocolate & sugar ✓ Cooking oil, ground pepper ✓ Tinned beans, pulses & veg ✓ Tinned meat & fish ✓ Tinned fruit ✓ Jarred sauces ✓ Squash ✓ Men's & women's deodorant ✓ Toothpaste, lip balm, mints & gum	✓ Tinned soup ✓ Tea bags ✓ Golden syrup & jam ✓ Gravy granules ✓ Bars of milk choc, biscuits
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For more details, contact
friends@matthewshouse.org.uk



MATTHEW'S HOUSE

tinned meat, fish and pulses, custard, rice pudding and jelly, UHT milk and coconut milk, coffee, hot chocolate and sugar, tinned fruit and vegetables, jarred sauces, squash, deodorant and toothpaste.



Colorfoto will be in school all day on Friday 9th of October 2026 taking individual and family portraits. Codes will be given to pupils on cards so parents can order online. This will eliminate the need for orders and cash to be handed into school. Once you receive your card please register with Colorfoto to receive notification of when the photos are ready.

During Photo Day

Photographers will set up the studio area in the school hall. Internal siblings may be photographed together during the day on request.

If you have any questions please call Colorfoto on 02920 448210 or email schools@colorfoto.net

After Photo Day

Parents may place their order online at www.clickfoto.co.uk. Parents will have the option of FREE delivery to school or FAST delivery to home. Colorfoto will deliver one batch of orders to school to be handed out. The parent helpline is open for any parents needing help placing their order.

Wellbeing/Pastoral Support/Parent groups

Just a reminder that Miss Samantha Cole, our Wellbeing Support Officer is available to see any parents if they need her advice or guidance.

If you need to contact Miss Cole you will be able to call or text her on 07970273723. If she is not available, then please contact Mrs Thomas.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer for our school is Mrs Alison Thomas, the Headteacher and in her absence the Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mr Matthew Bannister. The Governor with responsibility for Child Protection and Safeguarding is Mr Anthony Beynon, the Chair of Governors, and in his absence Cllr. Andrea Harrington, governor at the school. If you wish to find out more about our Safeguarding procedures, please follow this link to the school website:

<https://www.morrisonprimaryschool.co.uk/policies-and-documentspolisiau-a-dogfennau/>

Morrison Money Box

We are pleased to inform you that our weekly school savings club, 'Morrison Money Box', has re-opened and available every Thursday.

If your child would like to begin saving, information and application forms are available from the school office. To join the scheme, simply complete an application form and return it to school with an initial deposit of as little as £1.

The Morrison Money Box provides an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop positive saving habits and gain an understanding of the importance of managing money responsibly from an early age.



Year 4/5's - Trip to Woodfield Street

As part of their current topic entitled 'Morrison and Me', Year 4/5 learners will be visiting Woodfield Street on **Friday 18th September** to conduct a survey of the range of local shops and services available.

During the visit, learners will gather first-hand evidence to help them answer their enquiry question:

"Does Morrison town cater for the needs of its community?"



Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight is running this year between September 21st - October 4th 2026. The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight's 20th anniversary/2026 is "Do it Fair - for People, for Planet and for Fair Pay", with a specific special focus on **Fair Pay**. To celebrate Fairtrade pupils will be taking part in activities within their classes linked to the theme. Activities will be shared with the classes by the ECO Committee. There is further information on the website <https://fairtrade.wales/campaign/fairtrade-fortnight-2026/>

NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe

As part of the NSPCC's **Speak Out Stay Safe** initiative, we will be talking to the children about how to recognise when something doesn't feel right, what it means to feel safe and who they can talk to if they are worried or upset. The sessions and assemblies are designed to be age-appropriate and help children understand that they have the right to feel safe, that it is never their fault if something happens to them, and that they should **speak out and keep speaking out until someone listens and helps**. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home and remind children that they can always talk to a trusted adult.



Wow Schools Project

Just a reminder that as a school we are continuing to take part in the WOW - walk to school challenge, being delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. Thanks to funding from Welsh Government, our school is one of many across Wales taking part in the project. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badges. You can park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey. A new badge can be earned every month if you walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week.

Dates for your diary

Please see the calendar on our school website for further details:

<https://www.morrisonprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=567&viewid=51>