Morriston Primary School Newsletter

SCHOOL WEBSITE - WWW.MORRISTONPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK

We have an X Twitter page @Morristonps so feel free to add us for updates if you haven't already.

November's Right is:
You have the right to stay safe.'
Article 19



November's Value is:
Cooperation

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,
We are holding our parent's evenings next week, starting Monday 16th November 2026. Hopefully by now you will have booked your slots with your class teacher, if not they will give you a telephone call to update you on progress. The meetings being held in school will give you an opportunity to see your child's progress and ask any questions you might have.

I am also always available if you have any concerns or worries you wish to discuss, or if I can help in any way. The last day of term for pupils is Friday 18th of December 2026. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th of January 2027 as we have an Inset staff training day on Monday 4th of January 2027.
Kind regards,

Alison Thomas
Headteacher



On Thursday 10th December 2026, we will be celebrating Christmas jumper day, Christmas Dinner and a lot of festive fun! We will also have a very special guest visit from Father Christmas himself, who is looking forward to meeting all of our lovely pupils.

Christmas dinner is free and consent forms will soon be sent home to ensure all children are able to join in as well as capture any dietary requirements. If children don't want dinner, then they would need to bring a packed lunch that day, so please let us know when the forms come out.

Our School Vision

Our vision is encapsulated in Article 29 –

'Your Right to be the best you can be.'

In Morriston 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.

Our School Mission Statement

'Together Everyone Achieves More.'

Learning and working together as a community, we challenge and support each other, to achieve our goals.

Attendance

It has been proven that attendance and punctuality can impact on achievement.

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 3/4 with 94%, ymdrech wych!

We look forward to your continued support with attendance.

Class	% Attendance
Nurs	84
Rec/Y1	77
STF1	88
Year 1/2	93
Year 3/4	94
Year 4/5	90
Year 5/6	91
STF 2	84

Criw Cymraeg a Patrwm y Pythefnos

Croeso/Welcome

The Criw Cymraeg have been busy helping Mrs Arnold to maintain and strengthen our use of Welsh around the school. Mrs Arnold was invited to attend a Gold Award School's meeting at Tan-y-Lan Primary School last week. The meeting brought together representatives from Swansea schools that have successfully achieved the Gold Siarter Iaith Award. During the meeting, an exciting event was planned for May next year. Members of the Criw Cymraeg will visit Sketty Primary School, where they will meet and collaborate with Criw Cymraeg representatives from other Gold Award schools across Swansea.

In preparation for this event, the Criw Cymraeg, supported by Mrs Arnold, will develop a presentation based on the theme of "Cynefin" - exploring their local area and what this means within the context of Morriston Primary School. After Christmas, the Criw will begin planning how they would like to showcase their ideas and experiences, which they will then present at the event in May.

Patrwm yr Wythnos – why not try this at home with your children.



Dw i'n ffrind i ti – I am your friend.

Morriston Primary Parent Support

Miss Sam Cole, our Well-Being Support Officer is still available to provide support as required. If you need to speak to Miss Cole, please contact the school via text or landline: 07970273723 / 01792781811. Please see below an opportunity to join a creative wellness opportunity for 4 weeks. Please see further information below. If interested please notify Miss Cole.



Parental Feedback

We are keen to gain the feedback and opinions of parents and guardians. I would therefore like to invite parents/carers/guardians to complete a questionnaire. This needs to be completed online and will be going live from today.

To access the questionnaire please click on the link below or type in the following link online:

My Voice – The parent/carer/guardian Autumn 2026 – Fill in form

Families with more than one child are invited to complete more than one questionnaire as answers are likely to vary depending on the class etc.

Morriston Christmas Light Switch On



This year it is planned that the annual Morriston Christmas Light Switch-on and Parade Event will take place on Friday 27th of November 2026 from 5.00pm. Our Choir will be singing in the event.

Christmas Enterprise & PTFA Fayre

All classes will take part in a Christmas Enterprise Project this year.

Pupils will be planning, designing and carrying out market research. They will be pricing, sourcing materials, advertising their products and selling them in time for Christmas, in the PTFA Christmas Fayre in school on Thursday 26th of November 2026 at 2pm. The PTFA are asking for donations of bric-a-brac and also if any parents would like to help with the event. So, watch this space, your child's class will be in touch with further information over the coming weeks. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for their generous donation of £296.70 towards new football kit for the school.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

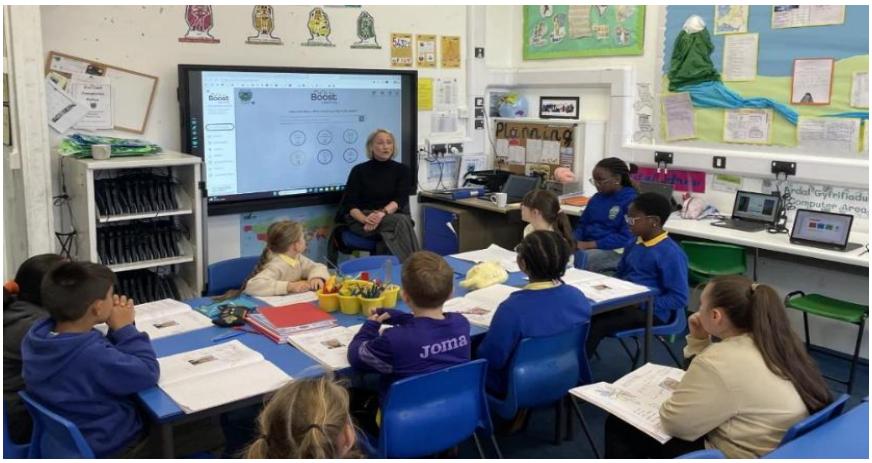
The Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer for our school is Mrs Alison Thomas, the Headteacher and in her absence the Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mr Matthew Bannister. The Governor with responsibility for Child Protection and Safeguarding is Mr Anthony Beynon, the Chair of Governors, and in his absence Cllr Andrea Harrington, who is also a 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.morristonprimaryschool.co.uk/policies-and-documentspolisiau-a-dogfennau/

Politics Project engagement – Year 4/5

As part of Careers Month, Year 4/5 pupils were delighted to welcome Councillor Andrea Harrington, Deputy Leader of Swansea Council, into class on Wednesday 4th November.

Pupils used their literacy and questioning skills to interview Andrea about her career journey, local democracy and the role of local government. The session provided a valuable real-world learning experience and helped broaden pupils' understanding of careers within public service and community leadership.



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

Please arrive at school for a prompt start at 8.50am. We are still having some congestion around the school gates in the morning and afternoon, as well as some issues with parking inside and directly outside the school gates. Can I remind everyone that the area directly outside the school is for **turning only**. Please do not park on the double yellow lines. The only vehicles to come into the school car park should be taxis or parents dropping off or collecting from the Specialist Teaching Facilities or someone who needs a disabled bay (please only use the disabled bay if you have a blue badge). This request is made for the safety of pupils due to the level of congestion. 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. Pedestrian walkways are outlined by a yellow line so please walk within these areas for safety reasons.

Healthy Schools Updates

As part of our Healthy Schools initiative, we will soon be introducing **The Daily Mile** for all pupils at Morriston Primary. Pupil HAPPEN survey results highlighted that only 18% of our pupils are physically active for one hour or more each day, so we feel this is an important step towards improving physical fitness, stamina and overall health and wellbeing.

Pupils will be encouraged to walk, jog, run or use a combination of all three around the school yard, with staff also encouraged to participate alongside their classes. Our long-term aim is to build up to **18 laps of the netball court (one mile)**. However, we know that many of our pupils currently find completing even two laps challenging, so we will gradually build up their stamina and confidence, celebrating individual progress rather than speed.

Anti-Bullying Week will be taking place the week of 16.11.26, providing an opportunity for pupils to explore the importance of kindness, respect, friendship and standing up against bullying.

On **Tuesday 25th November 2026**, pupils will also take part in a Water Safety Assembly, organised by the Local Authority, to help raise awareness of staying safe in and around water.

Speed Shot Challenge, Wednesday 18th of November 2026



Your child had been invited to take part in the Football First Speed Shot Challenge. This is a fun football fundraising event being held at the school, where the children take penalty shots into an inflatable goal, with an attached radar system that records the speed of each shot. Sponsorship collected from family and friends, turns into prizes for the different amounts raised. Further information has already been sent home. All the children will receive certificates and the school retains 50% of the money raised towards PE equipment.

Dates for your diary (please see the school website for relevant dates and times using the link below):

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

(Concert dates and times are on the website. NB Children need to return to school by 5.30pm, ready for a 6.00pm start on Monday 14th of December 2026).



Year 1/ 2, Year 3/ 4, Year 4/ 5, Year 5/ 6 and STF 2 concert Monday 14th of December 2026 at 6.00pm (children to arrive at 5.30pm).



Year 1/ 2, Year 3/ 4, Year 4/ 5, Year 5/ 6 and STF 2 concert Tuesday 15th of December 2026 at 1.30pm.



Nursery/Reception/Year 1 concert – Tuesday 15th December at 9.15am.