

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 Monday 22nd of September 2025 at 3.15pm. 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. Half term is Mon 27th October to Fri 31st October 2025. 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:



You will find dates for your diary, copies of the newsletters, updates to class pages etc.

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

You can also download 'TheSchoolApp' from the app store onto your phone or mobile device in order to enable you to stay up-to-date with the latest school information. In the app, there will be menu icons that will bring up the sub menus where you can navigate such areas as the 'About Us' and 'Key Information' pages - similar to the school's own website. We hope you make use of this way of staying in touch with the school and keeping up to date.

This link will help you download the app:

<https://www.morrisonprimaryschool.co.uk/the-school-app-connecting-with-our-parents/>

After School Clubs

Please note clubs will start back from the Week beginning the 22nd of September 2025.

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 CHESS CLUB Y4-Y6 3.20 - 4.00 MR BENDLE	NETBALL CLUB Y3-6 3.20-4.00 MRS WATTS HEALTHY SCHOOLS CLUB Y2-6 3.20-4.00 - MISS WHITE	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 2025, 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-2025/>

#HelloYellow



On Friday the 10th October 2025 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. 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



We will also be taking part in 'Show racism the red card' on Friday 17th October #WRD25. 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 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. <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 class with the best attendance is STF 2 with 100% - Ymdrech wych! We look forward to your continued support with attendance.		Class	% Attendance
				Nurs	94.1
				Rec/ Year 1	86.1
				Year 1/ 2	90.4
				STF1	83.3
				Year 3/4	93.8
				Year 4/5	88.6
				Year 5/6	90.5
				STF 2	100

Criw Cymraeg a Patrwm yr Wythnos

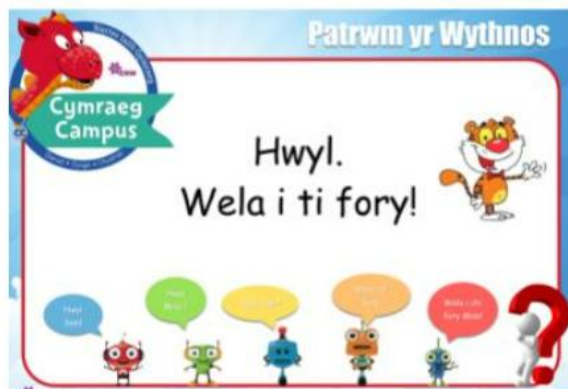
The Criw Cymraeg will welcome new members this term. In the first meeting they will vote for a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. As they move forward with the term, they will be looking at the Starter targets in order to work towards the Gold Award.

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, Wednesday 15th October 2025



We will celebrate Shwmae Day this year on Wednesday, 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 and we have asked the kitchen staff if they will prepare Welsh cakes.

Harvest Celebration, Friday 24th October at 9.15am



There will be a Harvest Celebration in the school hall at 9.15am on Friday October 24th 2025. 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 2025

Items we love	We do not need
✓ Custard, rice pudding, jelly	✗ Tinned soup
✓ UHT milk & coconut milk	✗ Teabags
✓ Coffee, hot chocolate & sugar	✗ Honey & jam
✓ Cooking oil, ground pepper	✗ Gravy granules
✓ Tinned beans, pulses & veg	✗ Cereal & biscuits
✓ Tinned meat & fish	
✓ Tinned fruit	
✓ Jarred sauces	
✓ Squash	
✓ Men's deodorant, men's socks	
✓ Toothpaste, lip balm, mints & gum	

For more details, contact
friends@matthewchouse.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, jar sauces, squash, deodorant, toothpaste and wet-wipes.

PTFA

The PTFA will be holding a Harvest disco for pupils, after school on Thursday 23rd of October 2025, which will run from 3.15pm-4.15pm. There will be a £3.00 entry fee which also includes food and a drink. Lower Phase parents will need to stay with their children. Many thanks.



Colorfoto will be in school all day on Friday 3rd of October 2025 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 Mrs Andrea Lewis, Deputy Leader and 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/>

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 170 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.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight is running this year between September 22nd-October 5th 2025 and the theme is 'Brew it Fair,' and is based around the theme of 'tea' and the people who pick tea leaves around the world. There is further information on the website [Fairtrade Fortnight](#).

To celebrate fairtrade and to take part in the initiative we will be holding a 'Bake Sale' where each class will make/decorate something which can be sold at playtime on Thursday October 2nd at 2pm. Items will be sold for 20p each if pupils would like to bring spending money with them on that day.

Educational walk of Woodfield Street

As part of Year4/5's current topic entitled 'Morriston and Me' an educational walk of Woodfield Street has been planned for the morning of Monday 15th September 2025.

The class will survey the different services and amenities within the town of Morriston.



UK Parliament Assembly and Workshops

Members of staff from the UK Parliament will be delivering a whole school assembly on Tuesday 16th September.

Following the assembly Upper Phase classes will engage in workshops based on the role of parliament and how laws and decisions are made.



Dates for your diary: Please see the school website for more detailed information on the link below:

<https://www.morristonprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2025/09/>