

# BIRCHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## News

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 13th February as it is an INSET day.

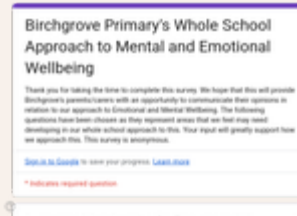


The School Council have planned a range of activities to promote Children's Mental Health Week, taking place from 9th–15th February. As part of this, we will be holding a "Break the Rules Day" on Thursday 12th February, which will act as a fundraiser to support the creation of wellbeing boxes for each class.

Further information from Miss Davies and the School Council will be shared shortly.

## Birchgrove Primary's Whole School Approach to Mental and Emotional Wellbeing

Below is a link that provides parents/carers with an opportunity to communicate their opinions in relation to our approach to Emotional and Mental Wellbeing. The following questions have been chosen as they represent areas that we feel may need developing in our whole school approach to this. Your input will greatly support how we approach this. This survey is anonymous.



## Football News

We are incredibly proud of our boys' teams and our girls' team who represented us at Whitchurch Primary School last Monday. Our girls secured a fantastic win, and one of our boys' teams also came away victorious. Although the other boys' team was beaten, every child played with determination and showed great sportsmanship. They all did the school proud. A big thank you to the parents who kindly helped with transport to Whitchurch.



# Dates for the Diary - Spring Term



## February

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Reception Teddy Bear Hospital Day  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Yr6 Rugby Coaching  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Children's Mental Health Week  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Yr4 PBuzz Celebration  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Break the Rules Day  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY**  
**16th - 20<sup>th</sup> - Half Term Holiday**  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Football Match v Llandaff City

## March

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Upper School Eisteddfod  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lower School Eisteddfod  
 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 to Morfa Bay  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Rugby Match v Llandaff City  
 24th/25th/26th - Parents' Evenings  
**30<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays**

*More details on these events to follow nearer the time*

## The Importance of Good Attendance



Our current whole-school attendance stands at 95.2%. Please see the information below about the importance and long-lasting impact of good attendance.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1hour 40minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

## INSET Days Reminder

School will be closed for INSET DAYS on:

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 May 1st  
 June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 July 20<sup>th</sup>

## Term Dates Reminder

Term	Term Dates	Half Term Dates
Spring	4 Jan 2026 - 26 Mar 2026	16 Feb 2026 - 20 Feb 2026
Summer	12 Apr 2026 - 19 July 2026	24 May 2026 - 28 May 2026

## Safer Internet Day 2026

We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on 10 February, an important annual event that encourages children to think carefully about how they use technology and how to stay safe online. As a school, we will be joining the BBC for a special AI-technology-themed Live Lesson, which will guide pupils through key ideas about responsible online behaviour. During the session, we will explore how to stay safe online, how to make sensible choices, and how to recognise some of the challenges that young people may face as technology continues to evolve.

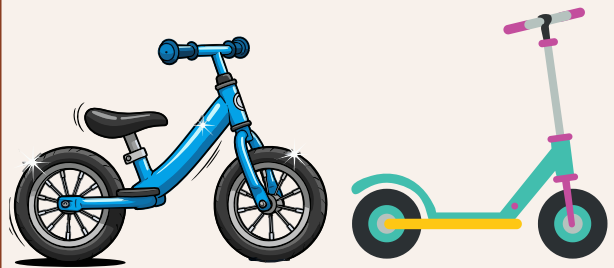
Designed specifically for primary school pupils, this interactive lesson will help children build confidence and awareness in a fun and engaging way.



## Bikes and Scooters

We have reminded pupils this week that once they enter the school site, they must dismount from their bikes and scooters.

The walkway through the main gates can become very congested at drop-off and pick-up times. If your child scoots or rides their bike to school (which we actively encourage), please remind them to dismount before entering the school grounds.



## PTFA News

There will be a Movie night this term on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please look out for more information from the PTFA shortly.



## Eisteddfod 2026

Our annual School Eisteddfod will take place on Monday 2nd March for pupils in Years 3-6, and on Tuesday 3rd March for pupils in Reception to Year 2.

This year's Eisteddfod theme is 'Dreams', which we hope will inspire the children as they prepare their work and performances.

Throughout the event, children will have the chance to earn valuable house points by taking part in a range of competitions held both in school and at home. Information about the at-home competitions has already been sent home with your child. Please ensure all entries are submitted by the deadline.

The celebrations will conclude on Tuesday afternoon with the traditional Chaining of the Bard ceremony, followed by the announcement of this year's winning house.

We look forward to a wonderful two days celebrating our Welsh identity and the pride we share in living and learning in Wales.



# EASTER CAMP

**GREENWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
(CF3 3JG)**

**YEAR 3-6**

**TUESDAY 31ST MARCH-THURSDAY 2ND APRIL  
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL-THURSDAY 9TH APRIL**

**MORNING: 9:45-12:15, £20**

**AFTERNOON: 13:00-15:30, £20**

**FULL DAY: 9:45-15:30- £30**

**CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN THE CODE TO SIGN UP  
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