



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the October edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a long and busy first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to share some of the highlights from the past few weeks.

The children have settled into the new academic year exceptionally well. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and commitment to learning have been a credit to you, and it has been a pleasure to see them thrive in their classrooms and around the school.

I've had the privilege of showing several prospective parents and visiting colleagues from other schools around our learning spaces. Without exception, they have commented on the calm, purposeful atmosphere and the high levels of engagement from our pupils. It's always a joy to see our school through fresh eyes and to hear such positive feedback.

This term, our staff have been working collaboratively with other schools in the area to enhance our provision in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). We are excited to have taken delivery of some fantastic new resources, including a 3D printer, LEGO Spike sets, and even a Goblin car – all of which will help bring STEM learning to life for our pupils.

In addition, our team has been exploring the latest innovations in Artificial Intelligence, ensuring we are well-equipped to prepare our children for the future. This professional development has sparked some exciting ideas and projects that we look forward to sharing with the children in the coming months.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing time with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back, ready for the next chapter of their learning journey.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Dixon-Gough

A note on school uniform

It has been lovely to see the children coming into school looking so smart and proud in their uniforms. Their commitment to following our school uniform guidelines really helps to foster a sense of belonging and pride in our school community.

Thank you to all of you who have supported your children in wearing their uniform with care—it truly makes a difference and is very much appreciated.

Details of our updated school uniform requirements can be found at [school-uniform-letter.pdf](#)

School Essentials Grant: help with school costs | GOV.WALES

Funding to buy school uniform, equipment, sports kit and kit for activities outside of school for your child:

School Essentials Grant: this is funding to buy school uniform, sporting kit, equipment and kit for outside of school activities. www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant-help-school-costs?

School Donation

The school has gratefully received a donation from Magor Tennis Club. This generous donation will be used on sporting activities and equipment for our school.

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to everyone that donated as part of our Harvest Appeal; the items were gratefully received by Caldicot Food Bank.



Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed their first half term together... We have been busy getting to know each other and making new friends. Nursery have made the most of the autumn vegetables and made their own Harvest soup as part of their Harvest festival celebrations. To carry on the autumn theme, we have all done an observational drawing and paintings of our favourite autumn vegetable the 'pumpkin' and used the autumn vegetables to help us with our counting.

We celebrated 'Roald Dahl' day by sharing one of his stories all about feelings. On 'World Smile Day' we made smiley biscuits and enjoyed doing 'happy' PE in the school hall.

We have all settled really well into Nursery life and have already shared some lovely experiences together. To end our first half term together we have been celebrating Diwali with lots of different shared learning activities. We especially loved making our 'floor fireworks'.



Dosbarth Mrs John

Our class have been enjoying all things Nursery Rhyme and story related! We loved learning the Sing A Song of Sixpence rhyme and particularly enjoyed making (and eating) honey sandwiches, so we could be like the Queen eating her bread and honey! Helping find ways to stop Humpty hurting himself when he fell off the wall was good fun... though some ways were more successful than others! Incy Wincy spider inspired us to find out more about spiders and we made a pictograph to show how many of us do and don't like spiders. We have also been busy learning our sounds, learning to blend sounds into words, and how to write some of our sounds and numbers! It's been a busy start to our schooling!

Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have really enjoyed learning about 'Superheroes'; real life and comic book! We began this topic with a Superhero dress up day and have enjoyed Superhero PE lessons, designing our own Superheroes, work on speech bubbles and comic strip writing. We have been very lucky to have a visit from a parent who is a doctor and the children were so excited to look at the medical supplies he brought in to show them!

We have a big focus on reading, learning 'red' words and writing simple sentences, sounding out by ourselves and using our 'red' wall washing line. In RVE we have enjoyed looking at symbols from different faiths and enjoyed a 'Treasure Hunt' around the school to find these. We enjoyed a Harvest service in Church and have loved making and tasting bread as part of knowing where food comes from and saying Thank you to God for our farmers.



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

We have really enjoyed our 'Memory Box' topic this half term. We started with a Teddy Bears picnic where we made our own sandwiches and took our teddys outside to share them with us. We have thought about how to keep ourselves healthy and strong, looking at different food groups and making healthy food choices.

In Humanities we have travelled back in time finding out about The Great Fire of London, comparing our life to life in 1666!

In our Literacy we have really enjoyed writing diaries and information texts about Reptiles and Amphibians, we know lots of facts and information and have been able to share this.

In Expressive Arts we have been studying portraits, identifying features of a portrait and creating our own family portrait pictures.

We have finished the topic by thinking about what is important to us, discussing and sharing special times and items that help us to remember important events in our lives. We have thoroughly enjoyed designing and making our very own memory box to take home!

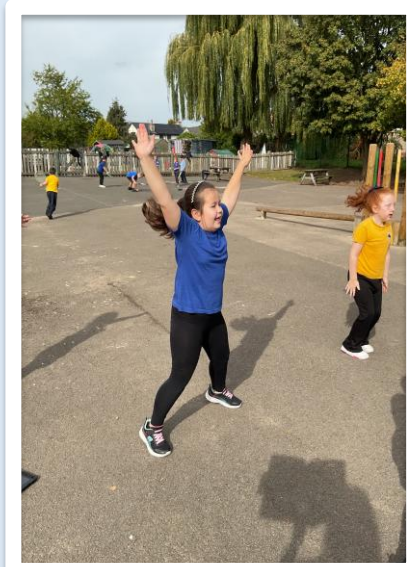


Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James

We've had a busy and exciting half term exploring our 'Human Survival' topic. We've been learning all about what we need to live healthy lives, including nutritious food, taking care of our bodies, building shelters, and keeping active through exercise. To celebrate everything we've learned, we created our own smoothies and milkshakes – and even gave them some fantastic names! Muscle Magic was our favourite – a delicious mix of spinach, blueberries, raspberries, and apple juice!

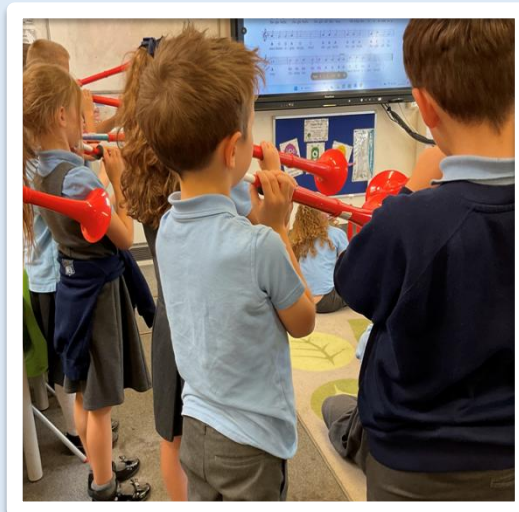
In *Cymraeg*, we've been working on the story of *Cinderella* – or *Sinderela*! We've been reading the story in Welsh, answering questions about the characters, sequencing the events, and even creating a Venn diagram to compare where the characters live – all in Welsh!

In *RVE* (Religion, Values and Ethics), we've been thinking about the idea of Belonging, and how people from different faiths show that they belong. We especially enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali and discovering the traditions and celebrations that go with it.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh have really enjoyed our topic of 'Scrumdidlumptious'. We have learnt about different food groups and how to stay healthy. We have had a visit from Cookstars, where we followed recipes to make our own bread to bake at home! We have also enjoyed learning to play our Pbuzz instruments, creating dances based on the story 'Alice in Wonderland' and meeting the local police community support officers!

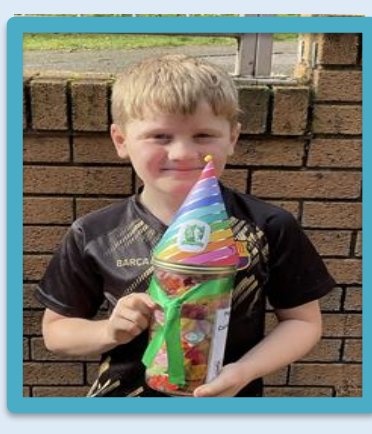


Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

We have had a fantastic start to Year 4! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Going for Gold', learning about the diverse global spirit of the Olympic Games. We discovered the origins of the Olympic Games, invented inclusive sports and reflected on diversity and values within sport. A true highlight was working collaboratively to research and make a bid for a chosen city to host the next Olympic Games. We had a virtual workshop where we got to send questions to former international football players and hear their response live! Year 4 got their heart rates up and improved their tag rugby skills through engaging sessions run by Gateway Rugby.

Whilst at an event at Caldicot School, a member of Year 4 won the 'Guess the Number of Sweets' in the jar competition by guessing the exact number. Well Done!



Dosbarth Miss Paul

We have all enjoyed our topic this half term of 'Food Glorious Food', where the children thoroughly enjoyed independently making fruit salads! We have used our mathematical skills to calculate the energy in our food and completed exercise challenges to test our heart rates. During our taste testing lessons year 4/5 used their critical thinking skills to describe the foods by taste, texture, sight and then completing a star rating as if we were reporters for a food chain company. We had a visit from the local police community officers, and the children asked sensible questions about being a good citizen.



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

We have had a great start to Year 5 and have enjoyed taking part in our 'Mighty Movers' topic. This half term has been full of topic work looking at exercise and the effects of it on the human body. We have tested our heart and breathing rates as well as identifying what muscles are used when completing movements and explored which ones can develop our muscular endurance, stamina and strength. We had a visit from ARWFITNESS where Adam led us through different activities that allowed us to use our motor skills and practise working as a team. We have also been looking at diary recounts in literacy and we have used emotive language to express how those who travelled on the Windrush may have felt on their journey to Britain.



Dosbarth Mrs James

We have had a super start to Year 6! We have really enjoyed our topic 'Trail Blazers and Barrier Breakers', learning all about people who took the stand for fairness and equality. We had a virtual workshop with Amgueddfa Cymru, where we found out about the Penrhyn Strike and had an inspirational visit from Race Equality First to end the topic. Year 6 also took part in life saving swimming lessons, and a fitness taster session as well as starting off the Round Robins football and netball tournaments.



Pupil Leadership Teams:

WAVE Team

This half term the WAVE team have delivered an assembly about the value of trust. They have issued kindness awards across the school and shared Bible verses. Some of our children also helped Rachel from ICE Wales deliver her assembly.



Young Climate Leaders

This half term our Young Climate Leaders helped to promote the Rags 2 Riches collection in which, thanks to the time and generosity of parents, we have raised £59.25 for our school.



Diary Dates: Confirmed **2025/2026** dates for your calendar:

Friday 14th November - Children in Need Day - children welcome to dress up in something 'Spotacular' (Spotty!) or Pudsey themed if they wish. Donate here IF you would like to: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Monday 24th November - Advent Eucharist in Church – Years 4, 5 and 6 in school hall, 2.30pm (parents welcome)

Thursday 27th November - Reception to Year 6 Panto at the Riverfront Theatre.

Thursday 27th November - Christmas experience at Willows Garden Centre, Usk for Nursery children and parents.

Monday 1st December - PTFA School Discos. Children can come to school in party clothes.

Reception & Year 1 2.00-2.45pm; Years 2 & 3 3.00-3.45pm; Years 4, 5 & 6 4.00-5.00pm.

Tuesday 2nd December – Christingle Service Nursery (all) and Reception at 9.30am in St. Mary's Church. Parents welcome. Nursery parents to meet us at the church with their child. There will be NO nursery until after the service.

Wednesday 3rd December - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event, 9.00am-9.35am. Parents/carers to bring children into their classroom via classroom doors from the yard **at drop off** to look at their child's learning in their classroom, if they wish. Parents leave via classroom doors as children go to assembly. Nursery will hold this event after the afternoon session, 3.15pm - 4pm.

Thursday 4th December - Year 5 and Year 6 children Christmas Concert 2.15pm. (Please note this is YEAR groups not classes)

Friday 5th December - Year 1 Christmas songs and mince pies! 1.45pm in the school hall. (Please note this is YEAR group not classes)

Saturday 6th December - Year 2 sing at the Frost Fair in Magor Square at 3pm. (Please note this is YEAR group not classes)

Monday 8th December - Year 6 Concert at Caldicot Comprehensive. Details to follow.

Tuesday 9th December - Morning Nursery children's Nativity and Christmas market at 9.30am.

Tuesday 9th December Afternoon Nursery children's Nativity and Christmas market at 2pm.

Tuesday 9th December - Year 3 Christmas Café Cymraeg 1.45pm in the school hall. (Please note this is YEAR groups not classes)

Thursday 11th December - Reception Nativity - 9.30am in the school hall.

Thursday 11th December - PTFA Secret Santa Shop. 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday 12th December - PTFA Secret Santa Shop. 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday 12th December - Christmas Lunch Day!

Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day - 'Save the Children'. (NB this is different from some other schools!) Children may come into school dressed in a Christmas jumper / t-shirt or Christmas colours if they wish. To donate:

[Magor CIW Primary - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

Monday 15th December - Year 4 children Christmas concert 2.15pm (Please note this is YEAR groups not classes)

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome.

This will not include Reception pupils due to their Christingle Service on 2/12/25.

Year 1 to Year 3 at 10.15-10.45am,

Year 4 to Year 6 at 11.00-11.30am.

Spring Term 2026

Tuesday 13th January - Dosbarth Mrs James (Year 6) Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 27th January - Dosbarth Miss Rourke Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 10th February - Dosbarth Miss Burgis Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Friday 13th February - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils) **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

HALF TERM - 16th-20th February

Tuesday 24th February - Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Friday 27th February - St. David's Day celebrations - children may come to school dressed in Welsh themed clothing or colours of the Welsh flag.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - Pupils to wear school uniform - The PTFA will be providing each child with a book of their choice, and the day will be filled with literacy-rich activities!

Monday 16th March – Mothering Sunday Service – Nursery and Reception children 9.30am, parents welcome.

Tuesday 17th March - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

Wednesday 18th March - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

Tuesday 24th March - Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 26th March – Easter services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome.

Reception to Year 3 at 10.15am,

Year 4 to Year 6 at 11.00am.

Summer Term 2026

Tuesday 14th April - Dosbarth Mrs Johnson class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 28th April- Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 12th May - Dosbarth Mrs John class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 19th May - Dosbarth Miss Paul class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Friday 22nd May - Reports to Parents

Monday 1st June - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Wednesday 3rd June - Sports Day - Children to please come into school in the school PE kit. Please bring a hat and water bottle and come into school wearing sunscreen if appropriate.

9.30-10.30am - Dosbarth Mrs John and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

10.45-11.45am – Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/Mrs James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Miss Welsh

1.30-3.00pm - Dosbarth Miss Burgis, Dosbarth Miss Paul, Dosbarth Miss Rourke, Dosbarth Mrs James.

Wednesday 10th June - Reserve Sports Day in case of poor weather. Timings as above.

Monday 15th June – Eucharist 9.30am school hall. Years 4 to 6 children. Parents Welcome.

Wednesday 24th June - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event, 9.00am-9.40am. Parents/carers to bring children into their classroom via classroom doors from the yard **at drop off** to look at their child's learning in their classroom if they wish. Parents leave via classroom doors as children go to assembly.

Tuesday 7th July - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

Thursday 9th July - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

Monday 13th July – Church services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome.

Reception to Year 2 at 1.15pm,

Years 3 & 4 at 1.50pm,

Leavers service for Years 5 & 6 at 2.30pm.

Monday 20th July - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Term Dates: [School Times / Terms | Magor CIW Primary School](#)

More dates will be added as the term progresses. You can also check the school website calendar. Don't forget to follow us on 'Bluesky' for regular class and school updates!