



# Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



*Welcome to the July edition of our Magor Messenger!*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, it's hard to believe that I am already at the end of my first year as Headteacher of Magor CiW Primary School. Time has flown by, and I wanted to take a moment to thank you all sincerely for the warm welcome and support you've shown me throughout the year. From day one, I have felt truly part of this wonderful school community.

Magor Primary is a very special place, and that's down to the incredible pupils, dedicated staff, supportive governors, and engaged parents who make up our school family. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to every member of staff—your diligence, work ethic, and genuine care for the children have shone through in everything you do. You are a credit to your profession, and I feel privileged to work alongside you.

This year has brought many successes, including a very positive Estyn visit, continued development of our curriculum, and a noticeable increase in the level of challenge across the school. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone involved.

As always, this time of year is a little bittersweet as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been superb ambassadors for our school, and I have every confidence that they will continue to thrive as they move on to their chosen high schools. I look forward to hearing about their many future achievements.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful, joyful, and safe summer break. Thank you once again for your continued support—I am already looking forward to the new school year and all the exciting opportunities it will bring.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Dixon-Gough

## **A note on school uniform**

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?](http://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant-help-school-costs?)

Support over the summer break and for next academic year

Summer Savings - Monmouthshire [www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/summer-savings](http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/summer-savings)

A variety of support is available to Monmouthshire residents. From free community meals and low-cost food clubs; to free activities that will keep the whole family entertained. Creating unforgettable memories and giving you moments filled with fun and laughter, there are lots of ways to help stretch your budget a little further. Find out what support is available near you!

## Progression Step 1

### Nursery

In Nursery we have had lots of discussion and great ideas in 'How we can make a difference to our World'. We have looked at caring for our world and really enjoyed watching all of our vegetables grow in our garden.

The older Nursery children have been doing lots of learning to get them ready for their transition into Reception...they have been working so hard and we are very, very proud of them all.

We held an emotional Nursery graduation show for the parents to show off the children's singing skills...the happy tear tissues came in handy.

To end our summer in Nursery we celebrated with a Nursery carnival filled with lots of fantastic activities and ice-cream.

Nursery you have been an absolute joy to work with, and we will miss you very much! Just remember we are only over the fence!

Have a lovely summer holiday.



### Dosbarth Mrs John

Our class have been enjoying their Ready, Steady Grow topic. We have made machines with moving wheels to help dig the enormous turnip up. Then they especially enjoyed watching their cress seeds grow and the different stages of their bean seeds growing in clear plastic bags on the windows and transferring them to pots once big enough. Then they measured them with cubes! We even wrote instructions for the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk, on how to grow his own seeds, after he sent us a letter asking us for our help! Our tomatoes are coming on well too. Our Forest School sessions have been lots of fun, using hammers, making dams and boats as well as clay models, to name but a few activities. We have been learning about healthy eating and caring for our teeth - we had fun with disclosing tablets and finding out that some raw vegetables even help to clean our teeth! All in all, it has been a busy end to the year.

The children have all done so well this year and we are so proud of them all. We hope you all have a lovely summer!



## Progression Step 2

### Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have really enjoyed learning about things that grow in our 'Plant Life' topic. We have planted seeds and watched them grow, measured them and enjoyed learning about different plants and all of the conditions needed for growth. We have learned about 3D shape, telling the time, rotation and symmetry alongside our usual number challenges! As part of our Spirited Arts project, we went to Magor Church to think about 'Sacred Spaces'.

Our trip to Noah's Ark Farm Zoo was a great success and the Year 1 children have been learning to cross the road safely with 'Pedestrian training'. It has been a pleasure to teach you all Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys, and we hope you have a lovely summer.



### Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

Dosbarth Mrs Johnson have really enjoyed their trip to Noah's Ark Zoo where they took part in a workshop all about habitats. They met Colin the cockroach and Herbie the tortoise, they were so brave, carefully handling them. They had a fantastic time exploring all the animals at the zoo. They have used this experience to complete lots of research and information writing in class.

They have all worked really hard in their maths lessons on shape, space and measure and are becoming confident with times tables. They have worked independently on their challenge tasks every day to extend their learning.

Year 1 children have demonstrated excellent behaviour while taking part in road safety lessons with "Pedestrian training". It has been a fantastic year, and we will really miss you all have a lovely Summer!



## Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James – End of Year Summary

This term, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our topic 'Land Ahoy!'. Pupils have engaged in a wide range of learning experiences centred around the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), the lives of pirates, and the voyages of Captain James Cook. As part of our design and technology work, the children designed, built, and tested their own model boats. We also created detailed treasure maps incorporating compass directions, natural features, and map keys.

A particular highlight was our *Pirate Day*, where pupils fully embraced pirate life—participating in themed activities and even speaking like pirates for the day! It was a memorable and immersive learning experience for all.

We also enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Techniquest, where pupils had the opportunity to explore, investigate, and develop their understanding of how things work through hands-on science exhibits. Our Year 3 pupils successfully completed their swimming lessons this term. We are incredibly proud of their progress and resilience, especially those who faced the challenge of jumping into the deep end and learned important water safety skills—such as floating like a starfish, as advised by the RNLI.

It has been a pleasure teaching all the pupils in Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James this year. We are extremely proud of their hard work, enthusiasm, and achievements. We will miss them all and wish them continued success in the future.



## Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh have really enjoyed our topic of 'Bend and Flex' where we have been learning all about the human body.

We also enjoyed a fun-packed visit to Techniquest where we took part in a workshop and had a great time exploring all the exhibits!

We also enjoyed a visit to the chapel where we sang at the coffee morning to entertain some of our local community.



## Dosbarth Miss Burgis

We have thoroughly enjoyed becoming scientists this half term as part of our topic 'Potion Commotion'. We have explored particle theory and investigated the viscosity of a range of liquids, even noting observations of a non-newtonian liquid! In literacy we have analysed extracts from Alice in Wonderland and created safety labels using imperative verbs for her 'Drink Me' potion. We loved learning about famous scientists in the past and present, and how different cultures use natural materials to make medicine. We have prioritised our wellbeing through discussing the benefits of having a growth mindset and balanced diet, alongside changes in our body. Year 4 had a fantastic day visiting the BBC Studios in Cardiff, seeing robotic cameras in action and learning how radio, Welsh news and sports tv shows are made. It wrapped up an unforgettable year filled with learning, adventure and fun memories, making it a fantastic end to an exciting school journey. We will miss all the children, they have worked so hard, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Wishing them all the best for the future and hope everyone has a relaxing and well deserved summer.



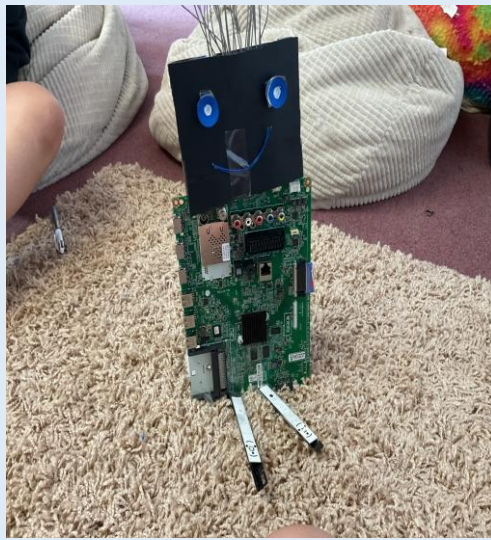
## Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

We have all enjoyed our topic this half term 'Stargazers'. We began by exploring outer space and taking a real close look at our Galaxy. We have really enjoyed learning all about the solar system and the differences in sizes and shapes of the planets. We researched information about Galileo and Sir Isaac Newton and explored the effect of gravity on Earth and in space. We loved our trip to the BBC seeing how modern technology has developed and learning all about how programmes are created and appear on our screens! We have been keeping fit with rounders and athletic lessons this half term and have used our amazing IT skills to create space themed PowerPoints. But one of our favourite days was camp out day, where we set up our tents and ran our stalls for a day on the field. Phew... what a busy half term! We are very proud of all the children this year, they have worked so hard and made us smile every day! Wishing all our children and parents a very happy, relaxing summer.



### Dosbarth Miss Rourke

We have had a jam packed half term full of lots of activities for both year groups. Year 5 has been looking at the world of technology in our 'Tomorrows World' topic. They have looked at formatting emails, blogs and even started their own podcast. They have been able to use this learning on their trip to the BBC Wales studios where they observed this technology in real life. As well as the BBC, Year 5 visited Caldicot Leisure Centre to take part in a cluster playmaker event. They were able to look at different parts of the community and learn games that they could then bring back to school. Year 6 have had lots of transition activities in preparation for comprehensive school. They have been able to experience their final church visits together and visit St Woolos for a memorable cathedral visit. The preparation for their Year 6 performance has taken place a lot this half term and it has been great to see the children's bravery on stage take place. Both year groups have enjoyed focusing on our Spirited Arts project this half term and they have explored diversity within different faiths, through the form of art and music. Also, both year groups really enjoyed their camp out day, they all got to join together to create stalls and put up tents and spend good quality time with one another.



### Dosbarth Mrs James

We were very lucky to be visited by Harry, who works in the world of Formula E, hearing about different jobs and where they can take you in the world of sport. This half term we have had lots of exciting transition activities as we prepare for the big move onto Year 7, including a Leavers service at St Woolos Cathedral. We have worked hard on our Leavers show 'School of Pop' and loved performing to the school as well as our friends and families. It has been very busy, but happy half term as we reflected on our time at Magor Primary, writing letters of thankfulness to past teachers. Pob lwc in all that you do Year 6!





## Sporting News

One of our pupils recently played cricket for East Wales. She had a brilliant game where East Wales U12 Girls beat Christmas College Brecon U13 Girls. She was the top scorer of the game and took a catch to take a wicket! Here is a photo of her about to open the batting! Well done!



## Pupil Leadership Teams:

### WAVE Team

This half term the WAVE team met with our Governors to share their good work. They also delivered a fabulous assembly in the presence of Bishop Cherry on thankfulness.

### Young Climate Leaders

This half term our Young Climate Leaders organised and supported our Walk to school day this half term. They designed the tickets that then got handed out to all pupils and supported each class in collecting and noting how much we fundraised as a school. Thank you to all the volunteers who also supported the day and celebrated the children who walked in and around school.

### Curriculum Champions

Our Curriculum Champions led an assembly to promote National Numeracy Day, and they were busy creating their own number games for every class to take part in. The whole school immersed themselves in number activities and the children really enjoyed playing number bingo, multiplication races and telling the time games with our pupil leadership team!

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

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest services at St. Mary's Church – Parents Welcome

Reception to Year 3 at 10.15-10.45am,

Year 4 to Year 6 at 11.00-11.30am.

**Monday 13th October** - School Photographs - Individual pupil photos - with siblings on request

**Tuesday 14th October** - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

**Wednesday 15th October** - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

**Wednesday 22nd October** - PTFA Non-uniform day

**Thursday 23rd October** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

**Friday 24th October** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

**Friday 21st 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christingle Service Nursery (all) and Reception at 9.30am in St. Mary's Church. Parents welcome.

**Wednesday 3rd December** - Nursery 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.

**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!](#)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome.

Reception to Year 3 at 10.15-10.45am,

Year 4 to Year 6 at 11.00-11.30am.

**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**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 9th June** - Reserve Sports Day in case of poor weather. Timings as above.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Eucharist 9.30am school hall. Years 4 to 6 children. Parents Welcome.

**Wednesday 24th June** - Nursery 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!