

Welcome to the May 2026 edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the final half term of the school year, it's hard to believe just how quickly the time has passed. It feels as though we were only just welcoming everyone back, and yet here we are already approaching the summer term's conclusion. It has been a busy, productive, and rewarding year, and I am incredibly proud of all that our pupils have achieved.

This final stretch is always an important one, particularly for our Year 6 pupils. They are now preparing for the exciting transition to high school—a significant milestone in their education. Alongside the excitement, we know there may be some nerves, but we are confident they will take everything they have learned here with them and continue to thrive in their next chapter.

Across the rest of the school, pupils are also looking ahead to their move up to the next year group. This brings new opportunities, fresh challenges, and with that, an increased sense of responsibility. It is always wonderful to see how our children rise to these expectations, showing growing independence, maturity, and confidence.

As we move through this final half term, we look forward to celebrating achievements, supporting smooth transitions, and making the most of every remaining moment of this school year together.

To mark the end of the school year, we are delighted to invite you to join us for a **school picnic on the Sycamore Playing Fields** on the **last day of term at 1:00pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children, families, and staff to come together and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the sunshine (weather permitting!). More details, including lunchtime arrangements will follow via ParentMail.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Dixon-Gough

Pre-loved @ Magor Primary School

Our 'Pre-loved' provision is now up and running! Here's a reminder of how you can help and what is available for you...

How You Can Help: If you have any **high-quality** items to pass on, please place them in the donation box provided. We are currently collecting:

- Pre-loved uniform: jumpers and cardigans, grey trousers, shorts and skirts, blue checked summer dresses.
- PE clothing: Black joggers, black shorts, royal blue t-shirts.
- Footwear (black shoes and black trainers)
- Outerwear (coats and summer / winter hats)
- New vests and underwear items (sealed)
- Clean lunchboxes and drinks bottles
- School bags
- Christmas Jumpers and Welsh themed tops / outfits

Should your family need any items from the shed, please feel free to help yourself. If you are in a position to contribute, a QR code and a donation pot are available in the shed.

By reusing these items, we hope to support our community in both reducing waste and saving money. Thank you for your continued support in making this provision a success. If you have any queries regarding the use of 'Pre-loved', please contact Miss Welsh.



A note about labels!

PLEASE can you label your child's clothing - particularly jumpers and cardigans. We have just bagged up 3 bin bags full of unnamed items which have appeared in lost property since January!

PTFA Plea

A strong, vibrant school community doesn't happen by accident; it's built by the passion and commitment of the people who care about it most. Joining our PTFA (Parents, Teachers, and Friends Association) is one of the most impactful ways you can support our students and enrich their educational journey. By bringing together your diverse talents, fresh ideas, and unique perspectives, you help us raise vital funds for resources, technology, and extracurricular activities that the school budget simply cannot cover. More than just fundraising, the PTFA fosters a warm, inclusive network where parents and community members can connect, share experiences, and actively shape the school environment. Whether you can volunteer your time at events, offer a professional skill, or simply share your ideas, your involvement sends a powerful message to our children that their education and community matter. Email Magor Primary School PTFA if you can help in any way magorschoolptfa@gmail.com

Progression Step 1

Nursery

In true Nursery form we have been busy with our learning. We prepared our Nursery garden and are growing our vegetables...and they are growing fast. The children enjoy looking after the garden daily and love seeing all the different types of vegetables grow. The children have learnt about recycling and how to help look after our planet.

We looked at the UN Convention Kindness quote and had a day of being kind to our friends.

We were lucky enough to get a visit from one of our farming families who brought in some baby lambs, which we all got to feed and learn all about them - Thank you!

To end on a blast, both morning and afternoon Nursery were able to get together for our annual Nursery trip, which was led by 'Louby Lou's' Storytelling'. A jam packed half term!



Dosbarth Mrs John

This half term our topic has been Animal Safari, and the children have been learning about some of the animals we can find in our local area and some of the animals from the story 'Dear Zoo'. We found out that lots of the animals in 'Dear Zoo' come from different parts of Africa and the children have shown great interest in finding out about some of the animals found on the Savannah and have made some super class books about them. Following the African theme, we thought about masks and where and when we wear them here and learnt a bit about how masks are used in parts of Africa. The children loved retelling the story 'Dear Zoo' using wooden spoon puppets and have enjoyed making their own African inspired animal masks to use on a noisy parade around the school!

They have also been learning about the lifecycle of frogs and butterflies and enjoyed having our tadpole visitors. We have done lots of addition and subtraction in maths and have been learning how to use different value coins to pay for items.



Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have loved the topic 'Our Wonderful World'. We began with thinking about our local area and went to investigate with our clipboards around Magor village. We then drew our own local maps and used 'Digimaps' to look locally and then at the wider world. We have produced our own fantasy maps and are able to understand simple coordinates enough for our friends to find things using the coordinates we have written. We then went on to find about the UK and the wider world. Every child thought of a question that they would like to find out about, whether animals, space or countries and we have enjoyed finding out the answers. David Attenborough's 100th Birthday was celebrated in style with party and activities, and we had a visit from Zara's tortoise who may live to be 100!



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

This half term, we began our project, 'Land and Sea' by exploring our local area. We have walked around Magor identifying natural and man-made features, exploring routes and creating tally charts to find out how many different shops and businesses are in the local area. We have looked at maps and atlases, followed directions using compass points and used co-ordinates to find places. We have been making comparisons with the life and landscape in the coastal town called Whitby in North Yorkshire.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our science investigations exploring how to make a circuit in order to make a lightbulb to light up our light houses and creating a boat that will carry a 100g weight without sinking! In Literacy we have been reading 'The Willow Pattern Story' by Allan Drummond and we are really looking forward to designing and making our own plates that will show things that are special to us and our individual family stories.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Caldicot Fire Service, we learnt how to stay safe and tried on some of their kit.



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James

This half term, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James have been very busy becoming brilliant 'Street Detectives'. We began our project by exploring the local area and creating our own map of Magor Square. A highlight of our learning was visiting the local Estate Agents David James, where the staff kindly answered our questions and explained how houses are bought and sold. A big thank-you to everyone at David James for welcoming us. We also compared old and new shops, located Magor on a map, and continued to build our understanding of our community. Alongside our project work, we enjoyed a fantastic gymnastics session with Mrs Cawte and visited Magor Church and learnt all about our Church. Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to meet Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts to complete a collaborative piece of artwork inspired by Wales and her vibrant style.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh

On the last day of Spring term, Dosbarth Mrs. Morgan / Miss Welsh enjoyed a great session of tennis skills with a local coach from 'Match Point'. This half term, they have enjoyed their topic of 'The Romans are Coming!' where they have learnt what life was like in Roman times. We have also been learning about a range of faiths starting with a visit to St. Mary's Church to look at the different parts of a Christian Church. We have also been very lucky to meet Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts! We have all had the opportunity to collaborate in a communal piece of Wales-inspired artwork. Arbennig!



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

A Peak Performance in Dosbarth Miss Burgis! During our "Earth's Mighty Giants" topic the children mastered the complexities of mountain formation, navigated the details of contour lines, and delivered impressive presentations on the world's most famous peaks. A true highlight was following the journey of a hiker to Everest Base Camp; the children were captivated as they explored real photos and souvenirs from the trek, bringing the mountain experience to life. The children became scientists and have been busy diving into the water cycle, conducting hands-on investigations to compare evaporation rates in the sun versus the shade. We also took the time to explore our local cynefin, welcoming a very special fleecy visitor to school! This visit from a lamb from Castle Farm provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about agriculture in our community and understand the importance of farming in our local area. Beyond the classroom, we enjoyed an insightful visit to a local chapel to compare different places of worship. To top it all off, the children have shown incredible determination in the pool; they have absolutely loved every swimming lesson, working hard to refine their strokes and build their confidence.



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

We have all enjoyed our topic 'Road Trip USA!' We began by fastening our seatbelts as we flew across the Atlantic Ocean and explored the wonders of the United States of America. We went on a class treasure hunt to find our boarding passes and then used maps and globes to locate the different states. We have learned all about the physical and man-made landmarks, such as Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, Statue of Liberty and the Golden Gate Bridge. We have researched information about American Icons, USA food, Route 66, New York and the history of the Native Americans, focusing on the Iroquois tribe. We enjoyed our live link with Carly, who told us all about life in Atlanta, Georgia, showing us similarities and differences to our life in Wales. We enjoyed performing our assembly to parents this term about our value, Forgiveness. One of our favourite surprises was when the artist we had been studying visited our school! The famous Welsh artist, Rhiannon Roberts, worked with us on creating beautiful, collaborative pieces of artwork and we were so proud of what we achieved. Ardderchog!



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

This half term Dosbarth Miss Rourke has been exploring the 'Frozen Kingdom' topic looking at animal adaptations, climate, culture and tourism in the polar regions. They created persuasive holiday leaflets where they designed dream luxury cruise ships and sold their exhibitions, facilities and accommodation to customers. The children have also journeyed to witness the Northern Lights and created artwork and soundtracks inspired by the natural beauty. They've also taken part in a Digital forensics investigation that aided them in solving the mystery of the missing Jaguar car, they used steganography, cyber chef as well as many other platforms to use the digital evidence to find clues. In maths they have been looking at data handling and used data gained from the Titanic lifeboats to create graphs and charts efficiently. Dosbarth Miss Rourke have shown great skill in their rounders skills this half term and they have worked on their batting and fielding as well as developing their knowledge in game rules.



Dosbarth Mrs James

This half term we have studied 'Our World', starting with a visit from Gwent Wildlife to learn about features and habitats in our local area. We then began to find out about geographical features in Wales and eventually considered the planet as a whole, investigating climate change and extreme weather around the world.

We were lucky enough to take part in a cluster safe swimming event and had a road awareness workshop. We have started to have visits from Y7 teachers and really enjoyed seeing past pupils during a Y6 and 7 Q&A session - transition is well and truly underway!



Rhiannon Roberts Visit

Year3 to 5 were fortunate enough to meet Welsh artist, Rhiannon Roberts.



Pupil Leadership Teams:

WAVE Team

Our WAVE Team delivered an assembly based on the value of forgiveness which included the story of the Unforgiving Servant.

Curriculum Champions

Our Curriculum Champions had an important role this half term. They have been looking at our curriculum and giving feedback on their learning this year. They have given their pupil voice about important matters such as, what they think about their learning, what they have enjoyed and the things they would like to improve moving forward.

Ysgol Senedd

Completed May's Monthly Matters survey which was all about cultural activities which links to article 31- the right to relax and play. They were asked whether they take part in cultural activities, the access they have in school or in the community and any barriers that prevent them from taking part.

They also have had the very important role of taking part in interviewing potential new teachers, asking questions and giving their feedback.

Young Climate Leaders

Thanks to our amazing PTFA, our Young Climate Leaders have spent this half term having a spring clean-up of the school outdoor areas. The PTFA donated a new set of litter pickers for the group, and they have monitored the school grounds as well as local community areas for litter. They have also spent some time planting wildflowers and putting our rotating compost bins into good use.

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

Summer Term 2026

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

Tuesday 2nd June - Nursery Sports Fiesta (AM and PM session)

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.

Every Friday from Friday 5th June - Magor School PTFA Ice Cream Fridays, from 3pm, Main Playground

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.

Thursday 16th July - Inflatable Fun Day, from 3pm, School Field

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Term - Picnic on the field at 1pm. Additional letter to follow.

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

Autumn Term 2026

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

Wednesday 2nd September - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Spring Term 2027

Friday 5th February - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Friday 30th April - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Summer Term 2027

Monday 19th July- Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Tuesday 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.



Attendance – Why does it matter?

Why is it Important to attend School?

- Children only get one chance at school. If they do not attend school regularly, they may not be able to keep up with schoolwork.
- Setting a good pattern of attendance from an early age will help your child develop resilience. Children who have a poor school attendance have less chance of achieving their full potential.
- Research has shown that some young people who regularly miss school for no good reason may be drawn into anti-social behaviour or crime.

Anyone with attendance below 90% is now considered a persistent absentee.

What does a session or a whole day off look like as a percentage?

Attendance	Days missed from school
100%	0
99%	1
97%	5
95%	10
90%	19
85%	28
80%	38
70%	57
60%	76

School Procedures

- Parents are asked to notify school by email or telephone on the first day of a child's absence.
- If we have not heard from a parent by 11.00am on the first day of absence, we will contact you.

What Does the Law Say?

- All children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable full-time education. As a parent you are responsible for making sure this happens.
- You are responsible for making sure your child attends regularly.
- If your child fails to attend school regularly – even if they miss school without you knowing – the Local Education Authority may take action against you.

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What About Authorised Absences?

- There may be times when your child is too ill to attend school this is to be expected.
- They may also have to go to the doctors or the dentist, but these appointments should be made OUTSIDE school hours wherever possible.
- Pupils may attend sporting events or attend alternative educational provision.

What About Holidays?

- Schools have the discretion to grant up to 10 days absence in a school year.
- The school will consider each application for absence individually.
- Absences for holidays will NOT be authorised if your child's attendance is below 93%, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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What Happens if My Child Does Not Attend School Regularly?

- The school will send initial letters.
- If attendance does not improve a meeting will be held with parents/carers and the headteacher.
- If attendance does not improve the school will refer the child to the Education Welfare Service. A meeting will be made with the Education Welfare Officer and support will be offered.
- If improvements are not made prosecution proceedings may be started and parents can be fined or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.

Lateness

- Pupils who arrive late for school disrupt the lesson and miss an important part of the school day. It can cause anxiety and children can miss out on vital learning.
- Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Gates from 8:50-9.00am.

You can access attendance information and support on our school website:

HYPERLINK "<https://www.magorciwprimary.co.uk/lateabsenceattendance/>"
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