

Welcome to the July edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful year at Magor Primary School, I would like to take a moment to reflect and express my sincere gratitude to our whole school community.

Firstly, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, partnership, and engagement with school life make an enormous difference to the experiences and outcomes of our pupils. We are incredibly grateful for the role you play in helping our children thrive.

To our pupils—well done on all that you have achieved this year. Your enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness have been a joy to witness. A special message goes to those pupils who are now leaving us to begin their next chapter. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you, and we wish you every success and happiness on your onward journeys. Please remember that you will always remain a valued part of the Magor family.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff. Their tireless commitment, professionalism, and passion are what make Magor Primary School such a special place to learn and grow. Every member of the team plays a vital role in creating the caring, ambitious and nurturing environment we are so proud of.

As we take a well-earned break over the summer, I hope you all have a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday.

We very much look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

With best wishes to you all

Anthony Dixon-Gough

Progression Step 1

Nursery

In Nursery we 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 we really enjoyed watching all 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

This half term Reception started the topic 'Are We There Yet?' This has been focussing on transport and forces. We started by looking at photos of ourselves on a day out or on holiday somewhere, and the children really enjoyed using these photographic prompts to recall and write about this photo, where they went and how they got there. John Burningham's book 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing' led to lots of work on the theme of boats, including re-visiting floating and sinking, learning about how and why boats float, making stick boats and boats that float made of junk materials. The children also enjoyed re-telling the story using wooden spoon puppets. In Science and Technology, the children designed and made a new boat for Mr. Gumpy out of Lego, then followed instructions very carefully to build and programme a boat launcher to help him get the boat moving with all those animals on board! They were delighted by the results ...

especially their new improved programme with its extra features! Reception loved Mike Smith's story, 'The One Hundred Decker Bus', and this inspired us to think about where we would go if we had a bus and could go anywhere in the world! It was lovely to hear both the imaginative responses and desires to return to favourite places they have been with their families... they were great at thinking about why they wanted to go to these places too, be it because it was hot and sunny, it had palm trees or it had 2 TVs and a swimming pool! They loved exploring how to use axles to fix wheels onto a box so they could turn and they made some great junk model vehicles. Exploring the forces of push and pull in PE was also lots of fun! Thinking about planes and hot air balloons led to some work on poetry and rhyming words with the children creating their own simple poems. In Welsh, the children had great fun playing an adapted version of Mr. Potato Head to practice the language patterns around describing hair and eye colour as well as big and small.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year and we wish you all a good summer.



Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

Our final topic has been called plant life, and we have enjoyed using the school grounds to find and identify plants and use them as a basic for our learning. We have looked at roots and asked, 'What secrets hide underground?' when thinking about the job of the roots. We then looked at the stems as 'magic escalators' and the leaves and flowers and the important job each component part does. This topic has needed us to learn to use the zoom feature on the iPad and the mark up tool to mark the veins on the leaf and annotate our work. We really have been super 'Plant detectives!'

We loved our trip to Bristol Zoo Project. We had a lovely talk about the rainforest, and we know what small steps we can take to protect our rainforest. We have been searching for the green forest logo on the food in our Cafe Cymraeg and on our shopping!

One of the highlights this term has been working as a group to build the Spike Lego. Great teamwork, problem solving and patience. What fun to add the speed, sounds and disco lights by creating the algorithms! I'm thrilled to say that the children can probably work independently on their next build.

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys - you have been a pleasure to teach. Your progress this year has been amazing!



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

This half term, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson really enjoyed exploring habitats in our local area. They have been finding out what animals need to survive. They have carried out a study on a woodland habitat completing research about shelter and food for different animals. They have studied in more depth the needs of a hedgehog and really enjoyed making pom poms and clay hedgehogs!

They had a fantastic time on their trip to Bristol Zoo Project, which has created a hook for their learning about conservation and protecting our rainforests. They have been finding out about the use of palm oil in different products and researching alternatives that would protect the future of the rainforests.

Year 1 have been very sensible taking part in their Pedestrian Safety sessions and Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying their forest school sessions, showing how the outdoors can inspire their creativity and investigative skills.



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James

This half term, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke and Mrs James thoroughly engaged with our 'Land Ahoy' project. We began by exploring the Severn Estuary and its historical links to piracy, followed by research into Newport's Medieval Ship. A particular highlight was our Pirate Day, where the children demonstrated wonderful creativity by crafting puppets, designing personalised pirate hats and sculpting clay "treasure."

In Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE), we have been exploring sacred places across various faiths. Through meaningful group discussions, pupils examined the architectural features and interiors of these sites, learned about specific traditions and reflected on their similarities and differences.

During PE, the focus has been on refining athletic skills, building stamina and improving technique in preparation for Sports day, we enjoyed the visit from an athlete and completing our sponsored circuit. Our Year 3's enjoyed their swimming sessions at Caldicot Leisure Centre.

Finally, our trip to Greenmeadow Farm provided a fantastic, hands-on learning experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed discovering daily farm life, with the live milking demonstration serving as the clear highlight of the day.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Welsh have had a lovely final half term with our amazing Year 3s. We have enjoyed learning through the topic of Outdoor Investigators and particularly enjoyed our trip to Greenmeadow Community farm where we even had a ride on a tractor! During our 'WOW Day' we enjoyed some outdoor art using natural materials - inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy. This was whilst being dressed up in our investigator outfits. Other highlights included a visit from an athlete, a fun-filled sports day and our swimming sessions at Caldicot Leisure Centre. We are so proud of how much you have learnt and grown in Year 3!



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

Year 4 had an incredibly busy, creative, and action-packed half term! In their exciting 'Potion Commotion' topic, the children became mini-scientists, learning about particle theory and viscosity through fun experiments. Their digital skills were put to the test during a Micro: bit project, working exceptionally hard to code a mountain safety gadget complete with an alarm, compass, nightlight, and sensor. We were also delighted to welcome the Urdd for a fantastic sports visit, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to practice and use their Welsh bilingual skills in action. Out of the classroom, Year 4 enjoyed an excellent trip to Castle Farm—a huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Rickard for hosting us, teaching us about Welsh agriculture, and treating everyone to fresh milkshakes! Back on the school field, the children let their imaginations run wild for Camp Out Day, working brilliantly in teams to build and run creative stalls that brought a fantastic festival atmosphere to the school. In the classroom, they have been completely captivated by Zanib Mian's, 'Planet Omar: Trouble Magnet', using his adventures as inspiration for brilliant creative writing and thoughtful comprehension work. It has been such a fun and successful year, and we are incredibly proud of every single one of the children.

We wish all our Year 4 families a wonderful, happy summer holiday, and we want to wish the children the very best of luck as they take their next step into Year 5!



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

Our topic this half term was '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 National Museum at Cardiff learning all about life on Earth and in space, Wales now and in the past, and taking part in a Cynefin art-based workshop! We have been keeping fit with rounders, circuits and athletic lessons this half term and have used our amazing IT skills to create space themed PowerPoints. We all had such a fun time on our DOJO reward day where we were able to come to school in our PJ's! 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

This half term Dosbarth Miss Rourke has been focusing on lots of fun projects; this includes our 'Dragons' Den' project where the children had to invent a robot that would solve a real world problem and pitch their ideas to the 'dragons'. They conducted market research, branding and designing to make their product as unique and creative as possible. Dosbarth Miss Rourke used their knowledge of robots to create prototypes using Lego Spike, they have used their computational thinking and collaboration skills to create 'Kiki the dog', a hopper and a moving break dancer robot. Continuing with their enterprising skills, the children worked in groups to develop and design a games stall for camp out day. They worked together to put up and put down tents of various sizes and run their stall so that it was entertaining for their peers. Dosbarth Miss Rourke has also practised their athletics skills this half term, they have developed their skill in javelin and shot put as well as attempting techniques for discus and running long jump. It's been a busy half term, but it's been great to see this class get ready for their next steps into year 6! Fantastic effort Dosbarth Miss Rourke.



Dosbarth Mrs James

It has been a busy half term in Y6 as we take part in transition activities and workshops in preparation for the move to new schools. It was wonderful to take part in the Leavers' Service at St Woolos Cathedral along with other pupils within the diocese. Our main focus has been the end of year show 'Gigglebox', allowing pupils to fully engage with the Expressive Arts area of learning; from creating props and digital backdrops, to singing, learning lines and developing drama skills. It has truly been a memorable and fantastic half term, with a brilliant group of Y6s. We are so proud of everything they have achieved during their Magor Primary journey, and we send with them our love and prayers as they move on.



Welsh Award - A huge accolade for Magor Primary School!



Pupils and staff from Magor CIW Primary School are celebrating a huge achievement today. They have been officially awarded the prestigious 'Gwobr Arian' (Silver Award) for Cymraeg Campus / Siarter Iaith, marking a massive milestone in their journey to weave the Welsh language into the very fabric of school life. While the initial Bronze Award introduces foundational habits, capturing the Silver Award requires a school to deeply embed a vibrant Welsh-speaking ethos across the entire community, transforming the language into a natural, highly visible part of daily culture.

To secure this coveted status, Magor CIW Primary had to successfully meet ten rigorous targets, proving that pupils are using Welsh with growing confidence not just during formal lessons, but across various subjects and socially on the playground. A driving force behind the success was the school's student-led *Criw Cymraeg*, who took full ownership of the campaign by planning initiatives. The school also boasts a talented Welsh choir who have fared exceptionally well in national competitions, further showcasing their cultural pride.

A key element of their success has been developing a strong sense of *Cynefin* (belonging) through engaging cultural events. This has included inspiring creative workshops with renowned Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts and exciting interactive visits from the Gwent Music Service, both of which have helped pupils connect deeply with their local heritage and Welsh identity.

The prestigious award has been driven forward by the passion of Welsh-speaking teacher Miss Burgis alongside Mrs Phillips, who recently completed a Welsh language sabbatical. Supported by the immense dedication of all staff members, who have worked incredibly hard to bring this vision to life, the school's commitment was verified by external coordinators who observed the children speaking the language authentically and proudly.

Pupil Leadership Teams

WAVE Team

Our WAVE Team have delivered an assembly based on the value of responsibility which included the story of Noah. They have also continued to evaluate collective worship across the school, offering feedback to those that deliver this.

Criw Cymraeg

It has been an incredibly successful and busy year for our Criw Cymraeg, who have worked hard to promote the Welsh language and culture all around the school. The team has been dedicated to achieving our Cymraeg Campus Silver Award, working hard to complete a variety of targets to help our school community thrive bilingually. Among their fantastic achievements this year, they have launched a wonderful new Welsh library area, introduced two dedicated Welsh speaking zones to help pupils practice their conversational skills, and organized lots of fun Welsh games on the yard at break times. They have also shown great leadership by confidently planning and leading our Welsh assemblies, inspiring the whole school to use more Welsh every day. We are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm — Da iawn Criw Cymraeg!

Curriculum Champions

Our Curriculum Champions have been working closely with another pupil leadership team this half term. We have been supporting our Criw Cymraeg in developing ideas for Welsh games to play in our curriculum time and on the yard! It has been lovely to work alongside another pupil voice team as we work towards achieving our Cymraeg Campus Silver Award. Together we are stronger!

Young Climate Leaders

Thanks to all those who helped the Young Climate Leaders take part in our Walk to School Day this half term. It was great to see all those children who walked to school or took part in our walking activity on the day. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we have received a donation from Magor Action Railway Group which will be put to good use throughout the school. Da iawn pawb!

Diary dates 2026/27

Please note that some events are held in **classes** and some in **year groups** due to space etc.

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

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

Monday 5th October - Harvest services at St. Mary's Church – Parents Welcome (IN CLASSES)

10.15-10.45am - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys/Taylor, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh

11.00-11.30am - *Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs James.*

Monday 12th October - School Photographs - Individual pupil photos - with siblings on request

Tuesday 13th October - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

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

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term

Thursday 5th November – Nasal Flu Immunisation – letters to follow

Friday 20th 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/>

Thursday 26th November - Nursery Children visit to the Chapel (children only)

Monday 30th November - Advent Eucharist in Church – Years 4, 5 and 6 in school hall, 2.15pm (parents welcome) (IN YEAR GROUPS)

Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December - Panto at the Riverfront Theatre. More details to follow.

Tuesday 1st December - Provisional Christmas visit to Willows Garden Centre, Usk. Nursery Only

Monday 7th December - PTFA School Discos. Children can come to school in party clothes. (IN CLASSES)

Dosbarth Mrs John, Dosbarth Miss Rourke & Dosbarth Mrs H Jeffreys/Taylor - 2.00-2.45pm;

Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James and Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh - 3.00-3.45pm;

Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys, Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James - 4.00-5.00pm.

Tuesday 8th December – Christingle Service Nursery (all) and Reception (Dosbarth Mrs John and Miss Rourke) at 9.30am in St. Mary's Church. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 9th 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 10th December - PTFA Secret Santa Shop. 3.15pm-4.00pm

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

Friday 11th December - Christmas Lunch day!

Friday 11th 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 14th December – Reception Classes Nativity 9.15am in the School Hall

Tuesday 15th December - Nursery Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome. (IN CLASSES)

10.15-10.45am - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys/Taylor, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh

11.00-11.30am - Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James.

Friday 18th December – Last day of term.

Spring Term

Tuesday 12th January - Dosbarth Mrs Phillips Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 14th January - Dosbarth Mrs H James Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 26th January - Dosbarth Miss Birt Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 28th January - Dosbarth Miss Jeffreys (Y4) Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

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

Monday 8th February – Friday 12th February – Half Term

Tuesday 23rd February - Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 25th February - Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Monday 1st March - St. David's Day celebrations - children may come to school dressed in Welsh themed clothing or colours of the Welsh flag.

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day – Comfy Clothes Day – Children may wear loungewear / comfy clothes to school. The PTFA will be providing each child with a book of their choice, and the day will be filled with literacy-rich activities!

Monday 8th March – Mothering Sunday Service – Nursery and Reception children 9.30am at St Mary's Church, parents welcome.

Tuesday 9th March - Dosbarth Mrs Johnson Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 11th March - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys / Miss Taylor (Y1) Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 16th March - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

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

Thursday 18th March – Easter services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome. (IN CLASSES)

10.15-10.45am – Dosbarth Mrs John, Dosbarth Miss Rourke, *Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh*

11.00-11.30am - *Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James.*

Friday 19th March – Last day of term.

Summer Term

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

Tuesday 25th May - Family Nursery trip to Caldicot Castle (provisional date)

Friday 28th May - Reports to Parents

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term

Tuesday 15th June - Sports Fiesta Nursery 9.30am and 2.00pm

Monday 21st June – Eucharist 9.30am school hall. Years 4 to 6 children. Parents Welcome. (IN YEAR GROUPS)

Wednesday 23rd 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 29th June - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

Wednesday 30th June - Nursery Graduation - more details to follow.

Thursday 1st July - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

Tuesday 6th July - 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, Dosbarth Miss Rourke and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys/Taylor

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

1.30-3.00pm - Dosbarth Miss Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James.

Tuesday 13th July - Reserve Sport's Day

Monday 12th July – Church services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome. (IN YEAR GROUPS DUE TO LEAVERS)

Reception to Year 2 at 1.15pm,

Years 3 & 4 at 1.50pm,

Leavers service for Years 5 & 6 at 2.30pm.

Friday 16th July – Last day of term for pupils – Whole school picnic from 1pm. (Further details to follow)

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

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