# *Autumn Newsletter - September 2026*

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**September 2026**

A warm welcome to all of our new families. It has been a lovely start to the school year and I have enjoyed spending time around the school getting to know the new children. They seem to have settled nicely and are working positively in their new environments.

This year, a reminder that we have a temporary leadership structure in place whilst the Assistant Head is on Adoption Leave. Miss B Smith and Mrs J Thomas are Acting Deputy Headteachers with Miss Smith based in Infants (N-Y2) and Mrs Thomas in Juniors (Y3-Y6).

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs Ryan and family who welcomed their little girl into their family during the summer holidays. And congratulations to Miss Williams who has recently given birth to a beautiful baby boy. We all send our best wishes whilst you both enjoy this precious time with your families.

## Open Doors (R-Y6)

## Tuesday 10th November (3:30-5:00)

As always, staff open their classrooms on a termly basis for children to share their environments and learning with their parents and carers. This is a **child-led** session and individual opportunities to discuss progress will then follow the week after (week commencing 16th November) with dedicated parent-teacher reflection meetings. Links to book a slot will be sent after half-term.

*(Please note - Nursery and LRB classes will arrange sessions directly with parents)*

## School Day - Attendance & Punctuality

The amended school session times appear to be working well and children report that they are really happy with the shorter school day! We hope that this will also have a knock-on effect to attendance levels in general whereby the children are less likely to feel burnt out by the longer day and long terms.

As we go into the Autumn, there are lots of coughs and colds around but this is normal for this time of the year. Your child only needs to stay off school if they have a high temperature or sickness and diarrhoea.

It is also really important that children are in school on time every day so that they transition in calmly and can start their learning straight away. The Junior gates close at 8:55am and the Infant gates close at 9am so please leave plenty of time to ensure children are on time.

**Please ensure you notify the school office by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. (Messages should not be passed via class staff).**

**TIP** – The published dates for February half-term and the Easter break in 2027 are different to many areas of England and therefore, there may be savings to be had if you are booking holidays for next year.

(A reminder that holidays/days out during term-time will not be authorised by the school.)

## Safeguarding

The school is bound by the processes as laid out by the All-Wales Child Protection Procedures. All school staff have the Duty to Report any concerns they have in relation to the welfare of children. Occasionally, school will have to report concerns directly to Social Services without the consent of parents and we understand that this can be distressing for families but we have no choice in this matter. The school's Designated Senior Person (DSP) is the Headteacher who can discuss any concerns you may have. A reminder also that "safeguarding is everyone's business" and if you have any concerns about a child in the community, you should report directly to social services at Newport CC following the link on their website.

## Operation Encompass

The school participates in the Operation Encompass scheme, which enables key adults in the school, local authority and police to communicate and work together to support children affected by incidents of domestic abuse.

## Awareness Days

Across the year, we mark many awareness days but try to carefully manage what we ask of parents in relation to these. We cannot mark them all, but try to mark as many as we can, but specifically awareness days that are pertinent to our own school community. The children enjoyed the assembly earlier in September that marked World Duchenne Awareness Day and showed wonderful curiosity and respect during the session.

## Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 16th October, all children, staff (and parents) are invited to wear red to school. No uniform is needed for children Nursery to Year 6. We mark this day in school as part of our commitment to creating an Anti-Racist school community. A link for donations for the charity will be sent on the day.

| Diary Dates – Autumn 2026 | |
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| Friday 9h October | Colorfoto Individual Photos |
| Friday 16th October | Show Racism the Red Card (Non-uniform/wear red) |
| Wednesday 21st October 10am | Year 3 Strings Coffee Morning |
| Friday 23rd October | INSET Day |
| Mon 26h – Fri 30th October | Half-term holiday |
| Monday 2nd November | Return to school |
| Tuesday 10th November (3:30-5pm) | Open Doors Sessions |
| Friday 13th November | Children in Need |
| w/c 16th November | Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence |
| W/C 16th November | Parent-Teacher Reflection Meetings |
| Monday 30th November | N/R/LRB Christmas Panto in School |
| Wednesday 2nd December | ELF DAY<br>Christmas Dinner (TBC) |
| Friday 4th December 10am & 2:30pm | Reception Concerts |
| Monday 7th December | Y1-3 Trip to Pantomime at the Riverfront |
| Tuesday 8th December 10am & 2:30pm | Year 2 Concerts |
| Wednesday 9th December 10am & 2:30pm | Year 1 Concerts |
| Thursday 10th December 2pm | LRB Christmas Craft & Jingles |
| Tuesday 15th December 10am & 2:30pm | Year 3/4 Concerts |
| Tues 15th, Weds 16th, Thur 17th December | Nursery Christmas Craft & Jingles |
| Wednesday 16th December | Y4-6 Trip to Peter Pan at ICC |
| Thursday 17th December 10am & 2:30pm | Y5/6 Carol Concerts |
| Friday 18th December | Last Day of Term<br>Christmas Jumpers/Non uniform |
| Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January | School Holidays |
| Monday 4h January | Return to school |

## Term Dates 2026/27

| Term | Start | Half-term starts | Half-term ends | Term ends |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Autumn 2026 | 1st September | 26th October | 30th October | 18th December |
| Spring 2027 | 4th January | 8th February | 12th February | 19th March |
| Summer 2027 | 5th April | 31st May | 4th June | 20th July |

## School Prospectus 2026

A text message with a link to the prospectus was sent in July. Paper copies are available from the office. It is important that parents/carers read this carefully (and share with anyone who attends the school), as it gives a snapshot of our policies, procedures and school rules which are important for our day-to-day safe operation.

**School Uniform**

- Navy v-neck jumper/cardigan (with logo if possible)
- Navy trousers/shorts/dress/skirt
- Infant pupils (N-Y2) - white polo shirt (with logo if possible)
- Junior pupils (Y3-Y6) – white blouse/shirt with aqua blue school tie
- Navy or white socks
- Plain black shoes – smart, sturdy, trainer-type shoes are acceptable as long as they are all black with no coloured or white trims/soles.
- Navy gingham dress

**PE Kit**

- Navy shorts/joggers
- Jade or Sapphire t-shirt with logo *(Available from AJP in a kit bag - your child will be allocated a house)*
- Navy hooded jumper/zoodie *(optional - please note this is for PE/Sport only)*
- Trainers

*All uniform with the school logo and the school tie is available from AJP Embroidery on the Queensway Meadows Industrial Estate:*

**Children will continue to wear PE kits to school on PE days.**

## Health and Safety

A reminder that children should not ride bikes and scooters on school site. Please dismount and push them until you have left the school grounds. Please do not allow your children to climb on the climbing frames in the playground at the end of the school day. These should only be used with staff supervision.

## Parking

A polite reminder from the community – please use the designated bays for parking and do not park or stop on double yellow lines or on pavements and grass verges. Wherever possible, we encourage members of the community to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

**Remaining INSET Days:**

**INSET 2:** Friday 23rd October 2026
**INSET 3:** Monday 5th April 2027
**INSET 4:** TBC
**INSET 5:** TBC
**INSET 6:** TBC
**May Day**: Monday 3rd May 2027

*Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,*
*Mrs Richards and staff*