

**Where every child matters and every moment counts!**



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Milford Haven Community Primary School**

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you again for your flexibility and understanding this week with our boiler issues. Please see below for your latest updates.

**Inset Days:**

Please see below the full list of our INSET days for the remainder of the school year:

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

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**School Attendance:**

Currently, our school attendance is 88.5%. Unfortunately, this places our school very low in comparison to other schools across Pembrokeshire and is causing concern. The target attendance across Wales is 92%.

Our attendance team is working tirelessly to contact families when we haven't been provided a reason for absence or if there are patterns of regular absence or lateness to school. We kindly ask you message or call on the morning of the first absence please.

We understand fully that at times children are unwell and have illnesses and would never want them to attend school if not well enough to do so. However, this is something we as a school need to look closely at and consider approaches to try and improve this overall percentage for our school.

This means we will be continuing to contact families where attendance is a concern to us to arrange meetings to discuss your child/ren's attendance. These meetings focus on support and what we can do as a team (school and parents/carers) to improve attendance for your child. We kindly ask that you engage in these meetings with us, as your engagement demonstrates support and willingness. However, we are seeing an increase in non-engagement which means we have to progress through the stages of the Local Authority attendance policy, which at the end of all steps being exhausted, can lead to penalty notices being issued which we do not want to do.

We want to work with all families in a supportive manner and thank you in advance for your cooperation with us on this.

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**Year 6 - Normandy 2025:**

As we know, our Year 6 pupils will be heading to Normandy in France in April 2025 for an exciting trip linked to their topic during the half term. **Reminder – Please don't forget to apply for a European Health card for your child, which is free of charge to do so.**

We would like to arrange a meeting for parents/carers of the children attending the France trip on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm in the school hall.** This will be to share the finer details of the trip – itinerary, staffing, travel, etc... We hope you can make it.

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### **Staff leaving:**

This week we say goodbye to two members of staff. A big thank you to Miss Alexandra Norman who has been a Teaching Assistant and Breakfast Club Supervisor at our school for some time now. We wish her the very best of luck in her exciting new role.

We also say goodbye to Miss Sayers, who has resigned from her post as class teacher at the school and wish her the very best for her future.

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### **Parent/Carer Survey results:**

Thank you to all who took part in our parent/carers survey to gain your views about our school. We received a positive response and have now analysed the results.

We are very appreciative of the many positive comments and are delighted with the overall parent/carers satisfaction with the work of the school. Responses were often in the region of 90% across most areas, which is highly positive. We will certainly celebrate this positive response but equally importantly, this activity has also provided us with some clear steps to improve further.

Please see below for the main points raised and the actions we will take to improve these areas:

<b>Points raised:</b>	<b>What we will do:</b>
Improve communication on key matters in a more timely manner.	Moving forward we will aim to create a calendar to share with you for the academic year ahead, with the key dates we know of and update this each half-term with new dates as activities are confirmed in the year.
Improve transition activities to support Year 2 pupils further in moving up to Year 3.	Agreed. We will be looking to provide more visits this year and moving forward to our Year 2 pupils. More time with their new class teachers in the summer term and opportunities for parents/carers to visit the Prioryville site to meet the new teachers before the summer break.
The school provides my child with a range of interesting learning experiences, including educational trips and visits	We will be reviewing our curriculum and topics over the summer term, mapping out trips, visits and opportunities we could utilize to bring learning to life for the children moving into the next academic year.
More visibility of Senior Staff at start and end of each day.	We will certainly aim to be more available at the start and end of each day. It can be that most of our queries come at the start and end of each day, which can prevent us from getting out at the front of the school but we will certainly make every effort.
More opportunities for community-focused activities e.g. beach cleans, litter picks	As part of the work above in looking at where these opportunities could be utilized in our curriculum, we will also explore opportunities in our Senedd groups for our different councils to undertake more activities that positively impact our community and educate the children on the importance of looking after our community.
Grab bags on a Friday don't provide enough of a meal for pupils heading into the weekend.	An update on this will be with you shortly.

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### **Parking**

As you will have noticed, we have now allowed vehicles to enter the Prioryville site and use the turning areas/parking bays to support in trying to reduce traffic on Prioryville road.

We kindly ask that no parents/carers (unless holding a valid disabled badge) park in the staff car park please. This area needs to have very little movement of vehicles to ensure the safety of the children coming to and leaving school each day.

We have also received complaints of parking on Vaynor Road, where residents have been blocked in their driveway or parents/carers have parked in residents' driveways. We kindly ask that we are considerate of our neighbours and avoid doing this please.

We do appreciate that we are a big school and our location on the Junior site in particular, makes parking a challenge, but kindly ask you to work with us as best as possible to keep our neighbours happy. Thank you.

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**Friends of the School:**

Please help!

We are struggling to maintain the Friends of the School group due to such little take-up. The group has been re-established in the past two years and has carried out some wonderful work for us in holding events and raising money for the school to give back to the children.

We have a meeting happening after half term to look at the viability of the Friends for the future and hope you can join and provide some support to the group. Any help is appreciated!

This meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 pm. Activities will be provided to support childcare during the meeting.

Best Wishes,

Mr S Thomas,  
Headteacher