

Rogerstone Primary School

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Newsletter



# This Week's Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find some information for upcoming events:

**Welsh Phrase of The Month** - Beth wyt ti'n hoffi wneud? – What do you like to do?

**Attendance & Punctuality-** Please see important information on attendance in next slide.

**Reading & Learning at Home-** Home learning will be uploaded onto the school website under the class folders every fortnight. Our home learning will have a resilience and life skills theme. We also encourage children to keep reading regularly and enjoy learning through play.

**Dates for the Diary** – Please keep an eye on every newsletter as we will update the 'Dates for the Diary' section when we have any new and exciting information. We have put a lot of dates and events that are taking place in school for this term.

**INSET DAY** – We have our next planned INSET Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. School will be closed to pupils on this day.

**After School Clubs** – Our Tuesday after school clubs will be starting on 27<sup>th</sup> January for 3 weeks before half term and 3 weeks after half term (ending on 10<sup>th</sup> March). Letters went out on the website last week and the spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**Parent Forums** – We have a parent forum planned for the Spring Term.

Parents are invited into school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9-10am which will be on communication.

**Parent Information Sessions** –

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 4pm – Resilience

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – 9-10am – Helping your child with writing

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 9-10am – Helping your child with maths

**Parent Forums and Information Sessions** – These sessions have been arranged for all parents to attend should they wish. They will be planned around current themes within the school but they will also give you ideas and ways to support your children.

Kind regards,

**Dean Taylor**

Executive Headteacher

**Mairi Dunn**

Head of School

**Danielle John**

Acting Assistant Headteacher



# Attendance and Punctuality

Regular school attendance and punctuality play a vital role in your child's learning, confidence, and overall success. When children arrive at school on time, they are able to settle into the day calmly, take part in important morning activities, and fully engage with lessons from the start.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in late arrivals, which can disrupt learning not only for the child arriving late but also for their classmates. Missing even a small portion of the school day can lead to gaps in understanding, reduced concentration, and added anxiety for children.

By ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time, you are helping them build positive routines, develop responsibility, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

## Did you know?

### **Lost Learning Time:**

5 mins late daily = 3 days lost; 15 mins late daily = nearly 2 weeks lost ; 30 minutes late daily = 19 school days lost.

According to the government website on education:

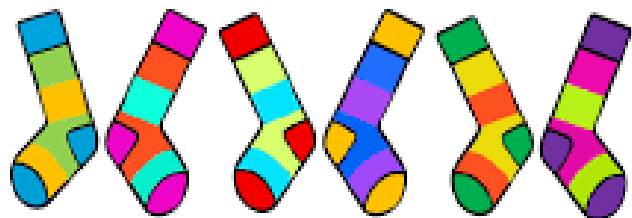
At primary school, children who attend nearly every day in Year 6 (95–100% attendance) have 30% higher odds of reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90–95% of the time.

Letters have been sent to parents/carers if a child's attendance is of concern. Thank you for your continued support and working with the school.

# IMPORTANT!



# World Down Syndrome Day!



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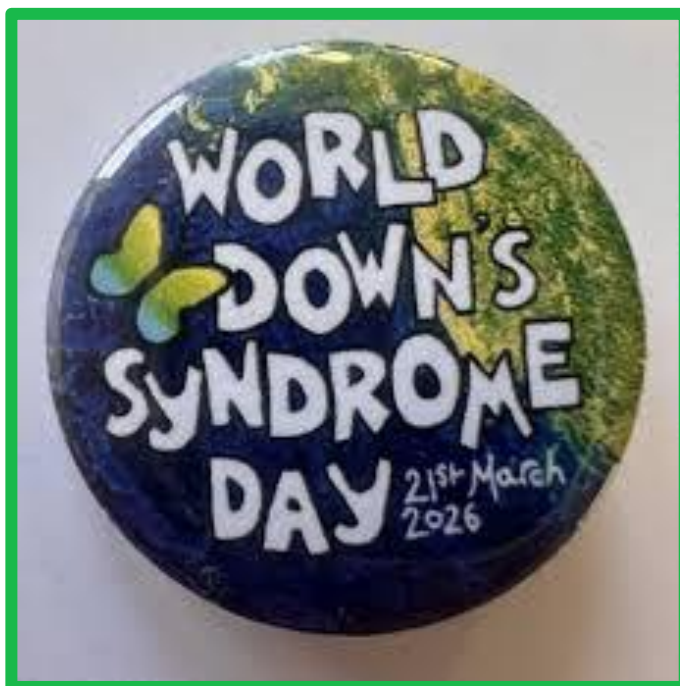
••• **March 21** •••

World Down Syndrome Day is a chance to celebrate people with Down syndrome for who they are – not as a diagnosis – but as valued members of our families, schools and communities.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026

For more information on how you can get involved and support this fantastic awareness day please see this website:

<https://downsyndromeuk.co.uk/world-down-syndrome-day/>



### KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SCREEN TIME

The average child spends 7+ hours daily using a screen. The first step is to check your screen time on your device settings, this is broken down by application and will help you see where you may need to cut down.



# Managing Screen Time

## HOW TO CONTROL YOUR SCREEN TIME



### AVOID SCREENS 1HR BEFORE BED

Blue light used in screens trick the brain into thinking it is daytime. This makes it more difficult to fall asleep shortly after using screens.



### SCREEN FREE TIME

Setting aside time to participate in other activities which do not involve using screens will contribute to using your screen time. Examples are: family walks; board game night; arts and crafts.



### DON'T EAT IN FRONT OF A SCREEN

Avoid eating meals or snacks while you watch because it can make you lose your screen time control easily. Instead try some quick verbal games like: I Spy; Two Truths and a Lie; Alphabet game.



### GET LOST IN A BOOK

A good story doesn't need a screen - use your imagination! If you struggle focusing on words on a page, try an audiobook. Make it an activity to look up any words you don't understand.



## ASK YOUR CLASS TEACHER FOR MORE IDEAS!



# Resources/Donations

We are looking to expand our collection of **good-quality board games** for both Breakfast Club and Afternoon Club.

If you have any games at home that are complete, in good condition, and no longer needed, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Games that encourage teamwork, problem-solving, or creative thinking are especially welcome, but we're happy to receive any age-appropriate options.

Thank you so much for your continued support—it really makes a difference!



# Dates For The Diary

| <u>Date</u>                               | <u>Time</u>                   | <u>Event</u>  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| WC. 12.1.26                               | Individual days and times TBC | 6HB - Beanies   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January (every Thursday) | PM                            | Year 3 - Gwent Music - Samba  |
| WC 19.1.26                                | Individual days and times TBC | 6SL - Beanies   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January                  | 9:15am-12:30pm                | Year 6 at Bassaleg watching show – 39 Steps                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January                  | 4pm                           | Parent Information Session – Resilience – All welcome!                      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                  | PM                            | Year 2 - Suez Litter Pick   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> January                  | 3:20-4:15pm                   | Tuesday After School Clubs Start – Week 1                                   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January                  | AM                            | Nursery – Head over heels gymnastics in school                              |
| WC 2 <sup>nd</sup> February               | Individual days and times TBC | Year 1 – Beanies  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                  | PM                            | 6HB – Circor Electronics Trip   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                  | 3:20-4:15pm                   | Tuesday After School Clubs – Week 2   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February                  | PM                            | 6SL – Circor Electronics Trip   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February                 | 9-10am                        | Parent Information Session – Helping your child with writing – All welcome! |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February                 | 3:20-4:15pm                   | Tuesday After School Clubs – Week 3   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February                 | AM                            | Year 6 at Bassaleg watching Gym and Dance display                           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February                 | 2pm                           | LRB2 – Beanies – Parents are invited in                                     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February                 | 2:30pm                        | Year 4 – Celebration of Learning Assembly – Parents invited in              |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February                 |                               | INSET DAY   |
| WC 16 <sup>th</sup> February              |                               | HALF TERM   |

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| <u>Date</u>                | <u>Time</u>                   | <u>Event</u>   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> February  | Return to school              |  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February  | 3:20-4:15pm                   | Tuesday After School Club – Week 4   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March      | FP – AM KS2 – PM              | Whole school - Eisteddfod  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March      | 9-10am                        | Parent Forum – Communication – All welcome!                                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March      | 3:20-4:15pm                   | Tuesday After School Club – Week 5   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March      | All Day – Whole School        | World Book Day - Pyjamas and favourite book                                      |
| WC – 9 <sup>th</sup> March | Individual days and times TBC | Reception- Beanies   |
| W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | All Week                      | 5AC - Safe Cycling - Information to follow                                       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March     | All Day                       | Colourfoto and Year 6 Individual photo   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March     | 3:20-4:15pm                   | Tuesday After School Club – Week 6   |
| W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> March | All Week                      | 5SC - Safe Cycling - Information to follow                                       |
| WC 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | Individual days and times TBC | Year 2 - Beanies   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March     | 1:15pm-3pm                    | Careers Afternoon - More details to follow                                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March     | 3:20pm – 6:00pm               | Parents Evening  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March     | All Day – Whole School        | Comic Relief - Information to follow   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March     | AM                            | Year 6 - Bethesda - Easter Eggsplained   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | 3:20pm – 6:00pm               | Parents Evening  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | All day                       | Year 4 Trip - Botanical Gardens - Information to follow                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | TBC                           | LRB1 - Spring picnic with parents/carers - TIME TBC                              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March     | 9-10am                        | Parent Information Session – How to support your child with Maths – All welcome! |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March     | 1:30pm                        | LRB3 – Spring picnic and biscuit decorating – Parents/carers invited into school |
| WC 30 <sup>th</sup> March  |                               | Easter Holidays  |

# Term Dates

## 2025-26

### Autumn term

Starts: Monday 1 September 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

### Spring term

Starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

### Summer term

Starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Ends: Monday 20 July 2026

## 2026-27

### Autumn term

Starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026

Half term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

### Spring term

Starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half term: Monday 8 February 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027

Ends: Friday 19 March 2027

### Summer term

Starts: Monday 5 April 2027

Half term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2027

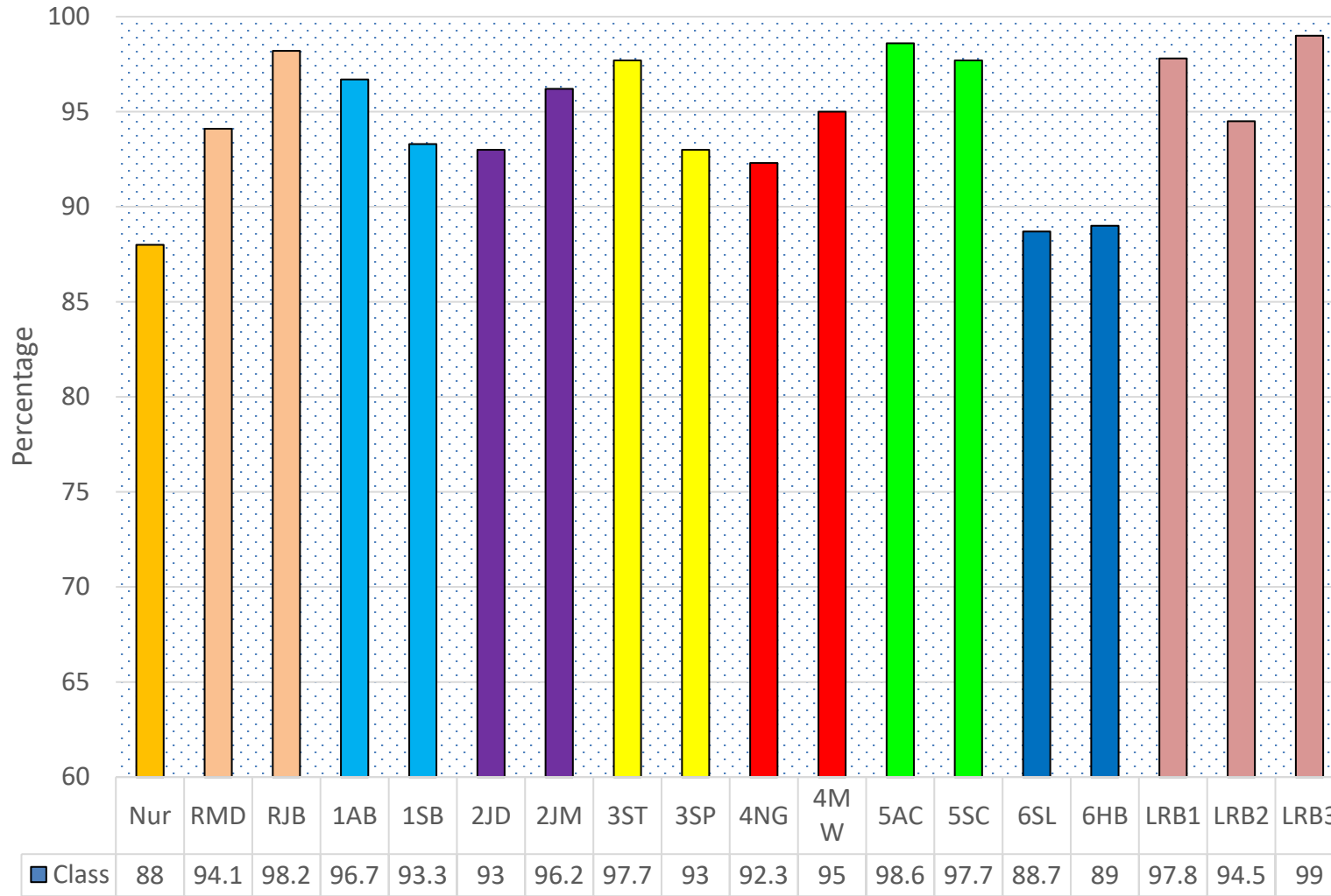
### INSET Days – School is closed for children:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026



# Attendance at Rogerstone

## Last Week..



Well done to LRB3 last week with 99% attendance!



Attendance target for 2025-2026 is 95%

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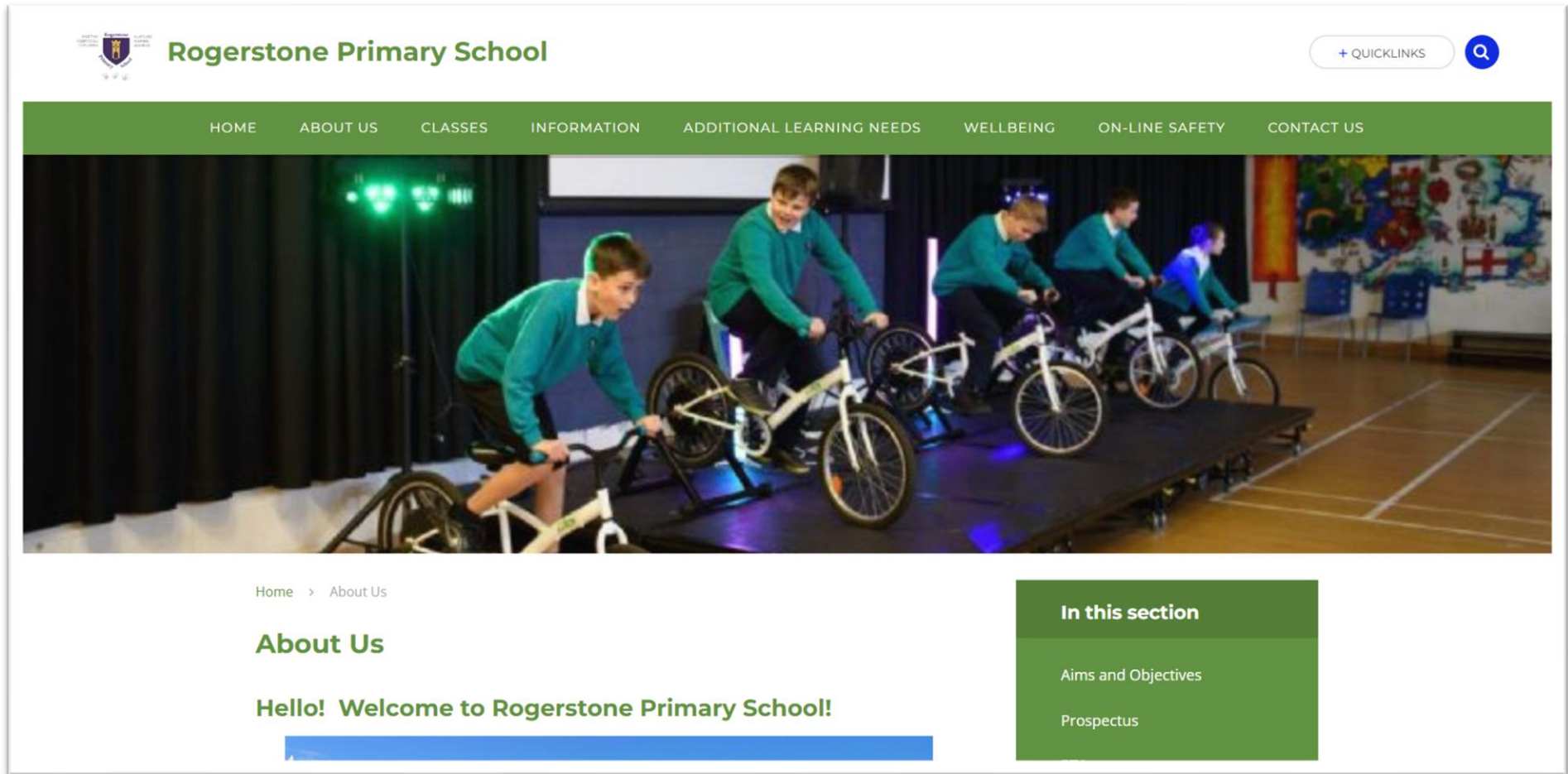
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