



Dinas Powys Primary School

Newsletter

October 2025

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Contact Details and School Communications

To help us stay connected and ensure we can reach you, please ensure your contact information on the Arbor parent app is up to date – including mobile numbers, emails, and emergency contacts.

If you require any information or assistance, feel free to contact either school office via office@dinaspowysps.co.uk

All absence or general queries should be emailed directly to the school address, rather than through platforms like Seesaw or Google Classroom.

Parent consultations

Parents Evening for Reception to Year 6 will be face to face appointments.

Junior site appointments will be Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th between 3.30pm – 6.10pm.

Infant site appointments will be available Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th between 3.50pm – 6.10pm. (Reception classes until 5.45pm)

Details have been sent via email.

School timings

We'd like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring children arrive on time each day. Punctuality helps the children settle quickly and get the most out of their learning from the very start of the day.

Here's a quick reminder of our daily timings:

Juniors:

First bell: **8:40am**

Start of day: **8:45am**

End of day: **3:10pm**

Infants:

Start of day: **9:00am**

End of day: **3:30pm**

Nursery:

Morning session: **9:05am – 11:40am**

Afternoon session: **12:50pm – 3:25pm**

Please ensure your child arrives with enough time to walk calmly to their classroom before the start of the day. Your support makes a real difference — thank you!



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Dates for your diary

October

- 9 Pupil Flu Vaccinations
- 14 Junior Site Parent Consultations
- 15 Infant Site Parent Consultations
- 16 Both site Parental Consultations

- 27 Half term

November

- 4 Y5 to the Senedd (TBC)
- 13 Colorfoto – Individual pupil photos
- 28 Junior Pupils Festive Film

December

- 9 Infant Christmas Concert (morning)
- 10 Infant Christmas Concert (morning)
- 11 Infant Christmas Concert (morning) and Junior Christmas Concert (afternoon)
- 12 Junior Christmas Concert (afternoon)

- 19 End of term

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January

- 5 Start of term
- 21 Y4 pupils swimming begins (details to follow)

February

- 3 Colorfoto – Class photos
- 13 INSET day – school closed to all pupils
- 16 Half term
- 23 School re-opens

March

- 17 Junior Site Parent Consultations
- 18 Infant Site Parent Consultations
- 19 Both site Parental Consultations

- 30 Easter Holidays

April



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- 13 School re-opens
- 29 Y6 residential to Manor Adventure

June

- 10 Sports Day
- 17 Reserve Sports Day
- 24 St Cyres Induction Day for Y6

July

- 6 St Cyres Music Transition Day
- 17 End of term
- 20 INSET day

School Term Dates

School term dates can be found at:


<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/School-Term-Dates.aspx>

Attendance

We'd like to thank all our families for your continued support with school attendance. Last year, we came very close to reaching our target — and with your help, we're confident we can achieve it this year!

Our **whole-school attendance target** remains at **95%**, which is equivalent to missing no more than **10 school days** across the year. Regular attendance helps children make the most of their learning, build strong friendships, and feel confident in their routines.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable, and we're here to help. If you ever need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us — we're happy to work with you.

 **Please remember to inform the school on the first day of any absence**, as we operate a first-day response system to follow up on any unexplained absences.

Here's a quick look at how attendance percentages translate into missed learning time.

Attendance Rate	Equivalent to
90%	One day off every two weeks
80%	One day off a week
75%	If this level were sustained throughout a child's time in the juniors it would be equivalent to missing an entire school year.

Parking and Safety Around the School

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of all children, staff, and families,



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we'd like to kindly remind everyone of a few important guidelines regarding parking and access around the school sites.

Infant Site Car Park - Please do not park in the infant site car park or walk through it at any time. This area is reserved for staff and essential access only, and walking through it poses a safety risk, especially during busy times.

Local Area Parking - We also ask that you avoid parking on double yellow lines in the surrounding streets. These restrictions are in place to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone, including pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Friends and Family Association AGM

Monday 13th October 2025

Meeting time: 5.30pm

Meeting location: Infants School Hall

Fruit Snack

We encourage all children to bring a fresh fruit snack for morning break. Snack is provided for children in nursery with a requested donation of £1 per week, payable through ParentPay.

Medicines

We are able to administer medicines in school where these are prescribed specifically for the child and are required four times a day. If your child requires medicine during the school day please contact the offices to request a form. Medicines can only be administered on completion of the form.

Flying Start

Based at the junior site, Dragonflies provides high quality sessional childcare for children aged 2-3 years, funded through Flying Start and the 2 year old childcare offer.

To find out whether you are eligible for Flying Start or the 2 year old childcare offer, please check your postcode via the link below:

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/social_care/children_and_young_people/Flying-Start.aspx



We currently have a limited number of space available in our After School Club. Playworks Dinas Powys. After School Club runs Monday – Thursday, from the end of the school day until 6.00 pm.

Children attending the club are provided with a healthy and nutritious buffet style afternoon snack in line with the Welsh Assembly Guidelines for Healthy Eating. The children are offered a variety of activities including, group games, art and craft cookery and outdoor play. The club is



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registered with The Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) this means that parents/ carers maybe eligible to access help towards their childcare costs, to check eligibility contact HMRC directly. For those parents and carers with childcare aged 3 - 4 years you may be entitled to up to 30 hours of free childcare each week through the 30 Hours Free Childcare Offer for Wales, for more information visit <https://www.gov.wales/childcare-offer-for-wales-campaign>
If you would like to make a booking for your child to attend club or would like more information about Playworks and how we can help meet your childcare needs, contact our Head Office on 02920 864780.

Contact School:

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact school.

Tel: **02920 512151**

Email: office@dinaspowysps.co.uk

A copy of our complaints policy can be found on our website.