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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are fully back into the swing of the summer term and with lots of exciting activities happening and planned, please see below for your summer term update

Residential Visits

We have been very busy since the final week before Easter with our Residential programme taking place.

Year 5 have visited Morfa Bay Adventure Centre in Pendine just before the Easter holidays. Year 6 have been on an exciting adventure to Normandy, France and Year 4 return from their Llangrannog trip last week.

Additionally, a mix of Year 5 and 6 pupils have visited the St David's Farm Experience this week to learn about growing food, caring for animals, cooking and many more exciting activities.

May I take this opportunity to express how proud I am of the children on each of the residentials visited so far, all centres we have attended, and our own school staff have commented on how fantastic the children's behaviour has been, their excellent manners and willingness to give all challenges in front of them a go. I certainly saw this first hand with our Year 4 children in Llangrannog.

I would also like to express a thank you to all staff who have given their time as well to make these trips happen, these trips involve a lot of planning prior, staff to be vigilant throughout to ensure all children are enjoying and safe, as well as time away from their own families, which I know we all have appreciated and the children have had a great time as a result.

Attendance

Our current attendance percentage as a school is: **90.98%**

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, can I say thank you to all for the effort in helping us improving attendance at the school this year and urge you to continuing prioritising attendance where your child is fit and well to attend. Attendance will continue to be on our school improvement plan into the 2026-27 academic year, but our current attendance percentage has seen an improvement to date of 3.3% from last year, which really is a significant improvement.

I understand the increased focus on attendance, increased letters, authorised/unauthorised holiday forms process and unfortunately warning letters for some has, at times, caused concern, but every interaction with parents/carers has been very positive and I hope those who have had to discuss this in detail with us, can see the balanced approach we are trying to adopt taking into account the need to ensure good attendance for all, but also understanding individual circumstances with our decision making.

Sports Days

Our Sports days are fast approaching! A reminder, these will be held on:

- Meads Site – Full time Nursery and Reception – Wednesday 20th May 9.30am (field at front of the Meads school)

- Meads Site – Year 1 and 2 – Wednesday 20th May 1.30pm (field at front of the Meads school)
- Prioryville – Year 3 and 4 – Thursday 21st May 9.30am on Prioryville School Field.
- Prioryville – Year 5 and 6 – Thursday 21st May 1.30pm on Prioryville School Field.

Our Friends of the school will be selling drinks and snacks throughout each event, including lollies. A reminder, that no smoking, vaping or alcohol is to be consumed on school site, anyone seen to be doing this will be asked to leave school site.

Transition

As we fast approach the final weeks of the academic year, we are now reviewing our structure for the 2026/27 academic year and preparing the pupils for transition.

Feedback received last year from parents/carers felt that additional transition days, especially for Year 2 pupils moving to the Prioryville Site, would help support pupils confidence in moving to their new class and getting to know their new teacher better before the summer break.

We are happy to announce that we have been able to accommodate this, meaning all pupils will receive transition days on the following:

- Friday 26th June 2026
- Monday 29th June 2026
- Friday 3rd July 2026

More information about where to go on the day and collection will be shared closer to time.

Springboard Update

Due to the ongoing challenges with budget that all schools in Wales are facing, we are no different and are constantly reviewing how we operate to ensure we are as effective, but also as cost efficient as possible.

As a result, one measure that will come into place from this term will be a reduction of Springboard provision from two days to one day per week. We value Springboard highly and the support it gives to our families, as well as the opportunities for qualifications, parent/carer learning and opportunities to work on projects with your children.

It has been your commitment to the programme this year, that has led to us ensuring we keep it moving forward, as we can see how many of you value the opportunities the programme presents.

Breakfast Club

This is a polite reminder that Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am on both school sites.

We have noticed that some children are arriving at the Prioryville site from 8:00am but not entering breakfast club and meeting on the school yard or at the front of the school. Please be aware that playgrounds before the start of the school day are not supervised by staff and the school doors do not open for the start of the school day until 8:40am.

If children need to arrive before 8:30am, they should attend Breakfast Club to ensure they are safely supervised.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) – Parent Consultation

Thank you to all who attended our consultations.

We have taken back some excellent points from these workshops and will be implementing all suggestions to ensure our RSE curriculum meets national requirements, as well as our family expectations.

Our Health and Wellbeing Team will share the final overview in the coming weeks.

Upcoming dates:

A busy summer term is ahead of us! Please see below a list of upcoming activities for your diaries:

Date:	Activity:
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May	Mr Thomas – Study Visit with Welsh Government
Monday 18th May	Year 5 and 6 Girls – County Cricket
Tuesday 19th May	Year 5 Pupils – Boat Launch Competition Winners – Milford Marina
Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 – Photography
Wednesday 20th May	Full time Nursery and Reception Sports Day – 9.30am (Meads Field) Year 1 and 2 Sports Day – 1.30pm (Meads Field)
Thursday 21st May	Year 3 – 4 Sports Day – 9.30am (Prioryville Field) Year 5 – 6 Sports Day – 1.30pm (Prioryville Field)
Friday 22nd May	Last day of half term
Monday 1st June	Pupils return to school
Thursday 4th June	Year 6 Expressive Arts Transition Day – Milford Secondary School
Wednesday 10th June	Summer Disco – Year 3 – 6 – After school
Thursday 11th June	Summer Disco – Nursery – Year 2 – After school
Friday 19th June	Race for Life – Year 3 – 6 – Prioryville Site
Friday 26th June and Monday 29th June	Year 6 – Transition Day – Milford Secondary
Friday 26th June	Flying Start and Part time Nursery – Family Sports Fun Morning – 10am Whole School Transition Day – Meet your new teacher
Monday 29th June	Whole School Transition Day – Meet your new teacher
Friday 3rd July	Year 6 – Additional Transition Day – Milford Secondary
Friday 3rd July	Whole School Transition Day – Meet your new teacher
Wednesday 8th July	Cluster Band Event at Torch Theatre
Friday 10th July	End of Year reports to parents
Monday 13th – Tuesday 14th July	Parent Drop In Sessions linked to reports – Optional
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20th July	Local Authority Directed INSET Day

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Stephen Thomas
Headteacher