



# BE KIND, BE YOUR BEST

## May Half Term 2026



## THE DELL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

This half term has been one of excitement and opportunity at The Dell Primary. Pupils and staff have worked hard to ensure that we made the most of outdoor learning opportunities and local community visits. Outdoor learning being a priority with Year 6 enjoying woodwork sessions in our new craft cabin. Many thanks to the PTA and parents and carers who have helped us resource this cabin with deliveries of wood and a range of tools. Also our Forest Schools sessions have again been very popular with Year 1 enjoying these lessons with Mrs James each week. Earlier this term Year 3 walked to Chepstow Castle as part of their Wish You Were Here Theme and Year 5 visited to Chepstow School for a MasterChef Session. In April our School Council visited the Welsh Senedd building to learn about democracy and meet with elected officials. Finally, just yesterday, Year 5 had a superb day at the Hay Festival, meeting authors and participating in writing workshops. We look forward to more opportunities and excitement in June and July.

This half term the staff team have worked with cluster colleagues from Thornwell Primary and Pembroke Primary reviewing our provision for challenge and outdoor learning. We have worked hard on our collaborative self-evaluation process and undertaken staff training on Maths and Numeracy Pedagogy. Earlier this month our Pupil Wellbeing Team led our Mental Health Awareness Week with a superb assembly and useful techniques to aid everyone's mindfulness. Huge thanks to our hard working pupils, staff and governors for another busy and successful half-term. School is open again following the May holiday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. I hope you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Thank you for all your support,  
Mark Adams.

Huge thanks to our PTA and School Council for funding and selcting new markings for our Early Years Playground.



Huge congratulations to a special pupil in Year 5 who earlier this term became British Gymnastics Under 11 Tumble Champion. Amazing news, we are so proud. Bendigedig!

## YOUNGMINDS

Support for children (AND Parents) at  
[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



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Many thanks to our Senedd Leaders and School Council who played a vital role in the Deputy Headteacher interviews earlier this week. They met with all the candidates, asking interesting and challenging questions. Diolch.



Huge thanks to our Pupil Wellbeing Team for their superb school assembly as part of our Mental Health Awareness Week. They also modelled some excellent mindfulness techniques with pupils and staff. Diolch yn fawr!

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PTA Update...

Huge thanks to our amazing PTA who have helped fund exciting new resources around the school. Earlier this month new markings were added to the Early Years Playground. Also this term we have seen Year 6 enjoying the new woodwork resources in our cabin - all funded by our fantastic PTA. Diolch yn fawr.



Year 6 learners enjoying their woodwork session in our new craft cabin on the school field. Many thanks to the PTA and parents who have provided resources.





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### Staffing Update

Following a rigorous two day process of interviews, teaching and leadership tasks we are delighted to confirm that Hannah Adams has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at The Dell Primary School. Having already undertaken two separate spells as Acting Deputy Headteacher her appointment is very well deserved. Congratulations to Mrs Adams!

### THE DELL DIARY DATES 2026

#### 25-29 May - HALF TERM

10 Jun - The Dell Sports Day  
16<sup>th</sup> Jun - New Reception Parent Meeting @ 6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Jun - New Reception Parent Meeting @ 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Jun - PTA Summer Disco  
30<sup>th</sup> Jun- New Reception Learner Session @ 4pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Jul - New Reception Learner Session @ 4pm  
1 Jul - Upper School Summer Production @ 6pm  
2 Jul - Upper School Summer Production @ 6pm  
10 Jul - Sharing Afternoon - 2pm- 3:15pm  
11 Jul - PTA Summer Fayre  
15 Jul - Year 6 Leavers Celebration Picnic at 1pm  
17 Jul - Last Day of Summer Term  
20 Jul - INSET Day

#### INSET Days 2026/27

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027

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### Premises Work...

In March and April we saw the solar panels on the school roof replaced and fitted with water tight fixtures. The internal doors have been painted ensuring the building is brighter and more welcoming. Finally following our most recent survey, trees on the Early Years Playground and the car park have been cut back and made safe for learners, staff and visitors. Diolch.



Yesterday our Year 5 pupils visited the Hay Festival for a day of culture attending workshops by authors, poets and illustrators. Da iawn Year 5!

