

MAES EBBW SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

19th June 2026

The forecast next week is for hot weather. If you haven't already done so, please can you send in an unopened, named bottle of suncream which staff can apply at break/lunchtime. It would also be very helpful if you could send your child to school with a hat and wearing cool clothes during this hot spell.

PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

Thank you to the many of you who attended primary sports day yesterday. The weather stayed dry and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to take part in a range of games and have fun with their class and their family.

SECONDARY SPORTS DAY

For our older pupils it's Secondary Sports Day on Thursday, **June 25th** from 10am-11.45am). If you are able to come along and join us, we would love to see you. It is forecast to be much warmer next week. Please think about hats and suncream to make sure no one gets sunburnt.

Fond Farewells and a Happy Retirement

We would like to share that, after 27 very happy years at Maes Ebbw, Liz Mortali will be retiring.

Liz has been an invaluable member of our school community, and she will be greatly missed. She leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of knowledge, wisdom and expertise. Many of you will have relied on Liz's unfailing support over the years; assisting with forms, liaising with the transport department, or simply having the answer to almost any question. Her dedication and willingness to help have made a lasting difference to pupils, families and staff alike.



On a personal note, as Headteacher, I will miss Liz enormously. She has been instrumental in keeping both the school and me organised and on track!

We are pleased to let you know that Layla and Emma will be stepping into Liz's role. They already have strong relationships with our parents, pupils and staff, and we are confident they will continue her excellent work. In addition, Bev Lyons will be joining the office team from her role in class to further support our administration.

We wish Liz a long, happy and well-deserved retirement, she has certainly earned it!

Welsh word of the week is "Dad – Tad"

Sad News

It is with great sadness that I share the news that one of our pupils, Charlie, passed away peacefully in hospital on 6th June, with his Mum and Dad by his side.

For a small boy, Charlie was a HUGE character! In school we talk about the "Charlie effect". Anyone who met Charlie, even once, was immediately drawn to his cheeky, mischievous spirit. He made sure we knew exactly what he wanted and what he was thinking, he didn't miss a trick! School was one of Charlie's happy places, he loved to be at school as much as we loved him being here with us. We feel immensely privileged to have been part of his life.

We will continue to support Charlie's family as a school now and in the future. Charlie was a much loved and treasured member of our school family.

A service to celebrate Charlie's life will be held at Langstone Vale Crematorium on **Thursday 25th June at 2:00pm**. All who wish to attend are welcome. In honour of Charlie's love of Elmo, the family have asked that attendees wear something red. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made at the service for Maes Ebbw School or given online to Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice.

