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News for the week ending 28 April 2023

KEY DATES

1 May	May Day Bank Holiday School Closed
3 May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
8 May	Bank Holiday for Coronation School Closed
12 May	Year 9 Reports Published
29 May-2 June	Half term

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Dear Parent/Carer

Here is our most up to date Newsletter.

We wish all families an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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COWBRIDGE CORONATION PARADE, PICNIC & PARTY

Sunday 7th May 2023 • Street Parade 11:30am • Bear Field 12-4pm



**BRING A
PICNIC**

**A COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION**

**FAMILY
FUN**

Join the Street Parade at 11:30am from the fire station or wave from High St.

Celebrate with a picnic at the Bear Field with family and friends.

Royal themed fancy dress optional.

Aberthin Tractor Boys • Live Singers & Entertainment • Burger Stall • Gin Bar
Ice Cream • Crepes • May Pole • Belly Dancers • Children's Fun
Face Painting • Fire Engine • And Lots More!



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Music Extra-Curricular Activities 2022-2023

	A1C	A1I	A1D	<i>Afterschool rehearsals</i>
Monday	Ukulele Group 8:20 - 8:50	Senior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50	Flute Group 8:20 - 8:50	<i>Sixth form Acapella Group</i>
Tuesday	Concert Band 8:20 - 8:50	Junior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50		<i>School Musical A1C / Main Hall</i>
Wednesday	KS3 Vocal Group (Year 7, 8, 9) 8:20 - 8:50	String Group 8:20 - 8:50		<i>Big Band A1C</i>
Thursday	Senior Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50	Junior Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50		<i>School Musical A1C / Main Hall</i>
Friday	KS4/KS5 Vocal Group 8:20 - 8:50	Drum Group 8:20 - 8:50		

PE Extra-Curricular Summer Clubs (3-4pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cricket (Y9&10)	Cricket (Y7&8)	Athletics (All)	Girls Football	
Tennis (Boys)	6th Form Gym Club		Tennis (Girls)	



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Mobile Phone protocol

Please see below the School's mobile phone protocol.

All pupils are aware of these requirements.

We would be very grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

Thank you

 Phone use	 Phone use
Classroom and study spaces (Teacher permission)	Toilet area
Break Out areas	Corridors
Canteen, piazza and other outdoor areas	Mobile phone conversations
Headphones/Earpods (Teacher permission in classroom only)	Taking photos, videos or recording audio
	Headphones/Earpods (when moving or outside the classroom)



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School Uniform - reminder

We would like to remind all parents/ carers that the current school uniform has not changed for some time and all pupils are aware of expectations.

We are anxious to avoid any conflict with pupils or parents regarding school uniform. Therefore, we would encourage you to contact us as soon as possible if your child is likely to have difficulty in complying with the School's uniform requirements. For example, we might be able to help in cases of financial hardship which has resulted in problems in obtaining items of school uniform.

Please see below for a reminder of current uniform requirements:

- Trousers should be "tailored" in nature and not overly tight - **leggings are not part of the school uniform;**
- Skirts, if worn, must be no more than 5cm above the knee;
- Jeans in any colour are not part of the school uniform;
- Hooded tops are not to be worn;
- All pupils need to have a school jumper and tie which are compulsory and integral elements of the uniform;
- Footwear must be black and plain with no coloured logos;
- Jewellery is restricted to a watch and one stud earring in each ear - these must not extend beyond the earlobe to ensure the health and safety of all.

We continue to remind all pupils on a daily basis of expectations regarding uniform. Please note that if any pupil attends school wearing inappropriate clothing, which clearly does not comply with uniform requirements, parents or carers will be contacted and asked to bring suitable replacement clothing to school.

Clearly, we wish to avoid this inconvenience for all concerned. Therefore, we would request that you ensure that your child attends school wearing items of clothing which comply with the uniform requirements.

Thank you in anticipation of support on this matter.

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Punctuality

We would like to remind all parents/carers and pupils that morning school starts at 8.30am for registration. All pupils are expected to be in morning registration at this time unless there is a specific reason to explain the lateness/absence. Attendance during this session is compulsory.

If you are experiencing any problems in ensuring your child arrives at school on time, please contact the relevant year group achievement team.

Arrangements for pupils leaving school during the day

We fully understand that pupils may occasionally need to leave the site during the school day. This might be for medical/dental appointments or for urgent family reasons.

However, in these circumstances it is essential that members of staff in school have been informed of any need for pupils to leave site. For example, prior notice of any appointments is needed. If possible appointments should be made in time slots outside of school hours.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that pupils are not able to access or answer text messages from home during lessons. Therefore, if any essential or urgent information needs to be conveyed to a pupil, please contact the school directly and speak to or email the relevant year group achievement team.

TyHapus Counselling Service

Please find attached information about the free counselling service TyHapus offer.

Careers Wales

Please see the link below which will enable you to access updated information and resources from Careers Wales. The information and resources are designed to help parents and carers support young people in making decisions relating to careers and the world of work.

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents>



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022-25

Welsh Government has confirmed that the current academic year will be further reduced by one day to reflect the extra bank holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday 8 May 2023. Please see below and next pages the term dates 2022-2025.

This information can also be viewed on the Councils website [here](#)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022/2023

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2022	Mon 5 Sept 2022	Monday 31 Oct 2022	Friday 4 Nov 2022	Friday 23 Dec 2022	74
Spring 2023	Monday 9 Jan 2023	Monday 20 Feb 2023	Friday 24 Feb 2023	Friday 31 Mar 2023	55
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April 2023	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 Jun 2023	*Monday 24 July 2023	64
				TOTAL	193

Mon 5 Sept 2022 and *Monday 24 July 2023 will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 24 July 2023 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 1 May 2023** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Sunday 25 December 2022
	Easter	Good Friday 7 April 2023 Easter Monday 10 April 2023
	May Bank Holidays	Monday 1 May 2023 Monday 29 May 2023

Extra one-off bank holidays

Queen's Funeral	Monday 19 September 2022
King's Coronation	Monday 8 May 2023



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		Begin	End		
Autumn 2023	Mon 4 Sept 2023	Monday 30 Oct 2023	Friday 3 Nov 2023	Friday 22 Dec 2023	75
Spring 2024	Monday 8 Jan 2024	Monday 12 Feb 2024	Friday 16 Feb 2024	Friday 22 Mar 2024	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	*Monday 22 July 2024	70
				TOTAL	195

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All schools will be closed on Monday 6 May 2024 for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas	Monday 25 December 2023
Easter	Good Friday 29 March 2024 Easter Monday 1 April 2024
May Bank Holidays	Monday 6 May 2024 Monday 27 May 2024



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024/2025

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		Begin	End		
Autumn 2024	Mon 2 Sept 2024	Monday 38 Oct 2024	Friday 1 Nov 2024	Friday 20 Dec 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 Jan 2025	Monday 24 Feb 2025	Friday 28 Feb 2025	Friday 11 Apr 2025	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	*Monday 21 July 2025	55
TOTAL					195

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All schools will be closed on Monday 5 May 2025 for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas	Wednesday 25 December 2024
Easter	Good Friday 18 April 2025 Easter Monday 21 April 2025
May Bank Holidays	Monday 5 May 2025 Monday 26 May 2025