



ALBERT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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End of Half Term Newsletter – Autumn 1

As we reach the end of a busy and exciting first half of the Autumn Term, we'd like to thank all our pupils, families, and staff for their continued support and enthusiasm and reflect on a few of the events that have taken place over the last eight weeks.

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our 'Meet & Greet' with class teachers. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to build strong home-school partnerships and share learning goals for the year ahead.

A huge congratulations to our staff and PTA representatives who took part in the Cardiff Half-Marathon! Their commitment and energy were inspiring, and we're proud to support their efforts in promoting health, wellbeing, and community spirit.

Families enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Cardiff Devils' Family Event. It was a great chance to come together outside of school and celebrate teamwork and fun in a lively sporting atmosphere.

Thank you to everyone for helping make our individual and sibling photo day run smoothly. The ColorFoto team captured some lovely moments, and we look forward to seeing the final prints.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were thrilled to meet renowned author Cressida Cowell. Her visit inspired budding writers and readers alike, and her storybook session was a true highlight of the term.

Our school proudly took part in 'Wear Red Day' to show our support for the Show Racism the Red Card campaign. Pupils and staff wore red to stand against racism and promote equality and respect.

Year 6 families joined us for a special engagement events at Cardiff Museum and participated in online classroom safety lessons. These sessions helped reinforce the importance of digital wellbeing and cultural learning.

We welcomed Nursery and Reception parents into school to celebrate Harvest with a warm bowl of homemade soup. It was a lovely way to share seasonal traditions and showcase our youngest learners' learning environment and achievements.

Our pupils attended a beautiful Harvest Service at St Augustine's Church. The service was a time for reflection and gratitude, and we thank the church for their warm welcome. In addition, your generous donations were taken to the local Foodbank.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.





Celebrating Our Incredible SOAP [PTA]

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing SOAP PTA for their continued dedication and support this term. Their Annual General Meeting (AGM) was a great success, and their tireless fundraising efforts have once again made a real difference to our school community.

This term saw fantastic participation in the Cardiff Half-Marathon, as well as a fun-filled School Disco—both events were not only enjoyable but also raised valuable funds to support our pupils.

A huge thank you goes to the outgoing committee for their hard work and commitment over the past year. Your contributions have been truly appreciated.

We also give a warm welcome to the new SOAP committee, who have already hit the ground running with exciting plans for future fundraising initiatives and events. We look forward to seeing what's to come!

Poppy Appeal 2025

Poppy Appeal merchandise [£1] will be on sale from Monday 3rd November after the half-term holiday.



Diary Reminders

Friday 24th October : INSET DAY

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October : HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd November : School re-opens



We're pleased to share that schools across the Local Authority have now started using a new School Management Information System : ARBOR. This change will help us improve how we communicate and share important information with you.

As part of this rollout, we will be introducing a new email & text messaging service next half-term, making it easier for us to keep in touch with you quickly and efficiently.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we're excited to launch a **Parent App** that will integrate directly with our school systems. This app will allow you to:

- Receive school communications instantly
- Access key information about your child
- Stay up to date with school events and notices

We believe this will be a fantastic development for our whole school community, helping us stay connected and informed.



Personalised Assessments / SELFIE Tests

Numeracy (Procedural/Reasoning) and **Reading** personalised assessments are available throughout the year for schools to use to support Year 2 to Yr 6 learners to make progress.

[Personalised assessments: information for parents and carers - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

We will be administering the personalised assessments during class lessons from 3rd November until 21st November.

After learners have completed these, we will have access to their feedback on learners' skills, progress and age-standardised scores to help plan teaching and learning.

Teachers will wait until later in the school year to discuss how your child is progressing based on feedback from one or more assessments and their observations of their learning.

During this assessment window we will also be carrying out our annual SELFIE [Year 1 to 6] and non-verbal assessments [Reception to Year 6].

If you wish to find out more please discuss with your child's class teacher.