

July 10th 2026

WEEKLY UPDATE

Photo of the Week



Radyr Comprehensive pupils (including 2 past pupils) performing a range of songs using different instruments to the whole school

Sports Day 2026

This week, our Year 5 children enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Storey Arms, packed with adventure, challenge and unforgettable memories.

Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of thrilling outdoor activities, including gorge walking, caving and canoeing. These experiences encouraged everyone to step outside their comfort zones, show courage and develop new skills while exploring the beautiful Welsh countryside.

As well as enjoying the adventurous activities, the children worked together across a variety of challenges, developing important life skills such as independence, resilience, communication and teamwork. It was wonderful to see the children supporting and encouraging one another, building confidence and creating lasting friendships along the way.

There were lots of smiling faces, plenty of laughter and countless moments of success throughout the week. The children represented the school exceptionally well and should be very proud of all they achieved.

A special thank you to our parents and carers for helping the children prepare for the trip, ensuring they were organised, packed and ready for their adventure. Your support helped make the week such a success.

Well done to all of our Year 5 pupils for their fantastic attitude, enthusiasm and determination throughout the week, and thank you to the staff who helped make this memorable experience possible!



Upcoming Events

Details are added to the school calendar regularly on the website and please note that these are all subject to change.

Date	Event
14/07/2026	Year 6 Leavers Trip
14/07/2026	New Nursery Parents Meeting (2pm)
15/07/2026	Year 3 Cafe Afternoon
16/07/2026	Year 6 Trip to Llandaff Fields
17/07/2026	End of Term
01/09/2026	INSET DAY
02/09/2026	Pupils return to school





Cardiff City Penalty Shootout

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic World Cup Shootout Day this week. Children came to school dressed in the colours of different countries and took part in an exciting penalty shootout challenge. We also held a cake sale, with families generously donating cakes to help raise money for the Cardiff City Foundation.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising so far. The money raised will help us access coach-led PE lessons next year, provide after-school coaching opportunities, and enter a range of football competitions.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, there is still time to support our campaign. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/brynderifootball2026?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you for your continued support in creating more sporting opportunities for the children of Bryn Deri.

Dosbarth Derbyn have been busy!

Over the past fortnight, pupils in Dosbarth Derbyn have given their parents not one, but two fantastic performances. They first presented an excellent class assembly, sharing what they have learned and experienced throughout the year. The confidence, enthusiasm and pride shown by the children was wonderful to see.

On Tuesday, pupils also performed a violin concert for their parents, showcasing the musical skills they have developed throughout the year. They confidently performed a range of songs and even demonstrated their understanding of Italian musical terms. Their focus and musical ability impressed everyone in attendance.

Both performances highlighted just how much the children have grown since starting school in September. They have made tremendous progress in their confidence, communication and learning, and have shown great potential as they prepare to move into Year 1. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to seeing their continued success in the years ahead.



Goodbyes!

Unfortunately, it is that time of year when we must say goodbye to members of staff. They have been important members of the Bryn Deri family and will be greatly missed by the whole school community.

Mrs Green

Almost all parents will have had contact with Mrs Green. For four days a week, she answers the phone, responds to emails, welcomes visitors at the door, manages the day-to-day budget, monitors attendance, places orders, communicates with contractors and so much more. Her dedication, professionalism and wealth of knowledge will be difficult to replace.

Miss Dickens

Most children in the school, and many former pupils, will have been supported by Miss Dickens at some point. Not only does she support the class teachers she works alongside, but her hard work and perseverance have helped unlock understanding and success for so many children. The pupils who have directly benefited from her teaching and the staff are all incredibly grateful for everything she has done.

Mrs Bowden

Mrs Bowden has worked with Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary since the 1970s! During that time, she has undertaken many roles, all of which have been carried out to the highest standard. As an example of her unwavering commitment to excellence, her cleaning cupboard has recently once again been recognised as an exemplar for schools across Cardiff. Even as she prepares for retirement, Mrs Bowden's exceptionally high standards remain unchanged. Mrs Bowden has frequently gone above and beyond for the school, often alongside her husband, Ron, giving up time during holidays and weekends to help maintain the site. Bryn Deri will not be the same without Mrs Bowden's diligence, commitment and hard work.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish all of our departing staff members every happiness and success in the next stage of their lives. Thank you for everything you have done for Bryn Deri. We wish you all the very best for the future.



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