



Sageston CP School

Newsletter – April 2025



This Term's Values: Honesty and Confidence; Teamwork and Responsibility

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb! A huge thank you to everyone!

As you know, today is my final day as Headteacher of Sageston CP School. When I started in the school, I strongly felt that I would be here for a number of years, perhaps even until retirement. Sadly, things have not developed as I would have hoped for and after some serious soul searching and many long conversations with my wife and children, I felt that it was best for me and the school for me to step away. It was a very difficult decision to make and I leave the school feeling that I haven't been able to finish the job I started in April 2022 properly. However, I will look back on my short time as Headteacher of this wonderful school with many fond memories and belief that, together with the fantastic team of staff at the school, there are many areas of the school that improved during those three years.

I will always be incredibly grateful for the wonderful welcome from the whole community that I received when I started. In addition, I must thank you all for the continued support you have shown of my leadership of the school and of course the superb support you give to your children and the school every single day.

Your children are amazing and have the ability to make me smile every day, even when the going is particularly tough. They are a credit to themselves and their families as well as to the school.

The staff have also be an absolute pleasure to work with – they have all bought into the way I have wanted to lead the school from the very first day I arrived in April 2022 and have given me their unreserved backing as, together, we have tried every day since to ensure your children have a calm and safe learning environment and make progress in all aspects of their learning whilst having lots of fun!

I have been fortunate to work with Mr Noble on a few occasions in the past and I am confident that the school is in good hands moving forwards. I wish him and everyone connected with the school nothing but the very best wishes in the coming days, weeks, months and years.

Upcoming Dates

April:

Friday 11th April:	Final Day of the Spring Term
Monday 28 th April:	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 29 th April:	First Day of the Summer Term

A list of key dates will be published in the first week of the new term. Please also be advised that after school clubs will not be running in the first week of term, as per usual.

Important Messages

School Leadership

A message from Mr Glyn Noble:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. It is with pride and excitement that I introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Sageston Primary School. It is an honour to become part of such a warm, welcoming, and vibrant community school, where the wellbeing and academic development of every child is clearly at the heart of everything we do.

I have worked with children and young people for over 25 years, beginning my career in residential care before moving into education. Throughout that time, I have held a wide variety of roles in both England and Wales, ranging from classroom teaching to leadership positions. In 2015, my family and I made the move to Wales. Since then, I have continued my journey in education here, working in a number of schools before taking up my role as assistant head at Narberth School.

As I begin this new chapter as Headteacher of Sageston CP School, I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and months. Whether at the school gates, in the classroom, or during future community events. I am always happy to talk and to listen. For the rest of the summer term I will split my time between Sageston (where I will be in school Monday and Tuesday) and Narberth School just up the road. Be reassured that although not present in the school 5 days a week, I will be in contact with the school each day to ensure its smooth running.

Together, I am confident we can continue to build on the school's many strengths and the wonderful work of the staff under Mr Welch's leadership. I would also like to wish Mr Welch the best of luck in his new endeavours.

Thank you once again for the warm welcome I've already received. I am genuinely excited about the journey ahead and all we can achieve together to ensure Sageston is a place where every child can reach their potential.

Glyn Noble
Headteacher

From Mrs Lloyd, Chair of Governors:

From the first week of next term, Mr Noble will be in school on a Monday and a Tuesday each week. When he is at Narberth School during the rest of the week, Assistant Headteacher, Mr Davies will have responsibility for the daily running of the school. The school will continue to be supported by our Local Authority Improvement Advisor, Mrs Alison Botarelli, who knows the school well. Mr Davies will also be in contact with Mr Noble each day.

Swan Class will be taught full-time by Mrs Simes for the summer term.

INSET Days

A final reminder that we have already had four of our six allotted INSET days for the year. The first day of next term will be an INSET Day: Monday 28th April. The final INSET Day for the year will be on Monday 21st July and staff have been attending twilight sessions to make this time up so that they do not have to come into school on that date.

Key Events and Visits

It has been a relatively short time since my last monthly newsletter, so there aren't many events to update you on.

**Monday 31st March and
Wednesday 9th April:**

Landing Days for Robins and Swans – thank you so much to all of the parents and family members who came along to support their children during these events. We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children and staff did.

Thursday 3rd April:

First Experience Music Festival at Ysgol Greenhill – Swan Class had the chance to use all of their new musical talents of playing pBuzzes and pBones when performing with pupils from across the cluster in this event run and organised by Pembrokeshire Music Service.

Monday 7th April:

Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions – Pupils in year 1 and above experienced a cricket session with Sarah from Cricket Wales.

Tuesday 8th April:

Whole School Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Carew Cheriton – for the third time this year, we made our way to the church as a whole school to celebrate Easter with Rev Hannah and the community of St Mary's. Thank you to all those who attended and supported the pupils.

Thursday 10th April:

Barn Owl and Swan Class Visit to St David's Cathedral – pupils engaged with activities and storytelling linked to Easter within the incredible surrounds of St David's Cathedral. The pupils were a credit to the school, showing great listening skills and excellent behaviour.

In addition, we also received visits from Deacon Jon and Honey (our Burns By Your Side Reading Dog) and her owner, Sharon, this month.

School Improvement

Priority 5: Further develop processes and policy to improve attendance of all groups of learners

I am pleased to say that school attendance is currently at 93.69%. Whilst this still isn't meeting our target for whole school attendance of 96%, it is pleasing when compared to other schools across Pembrokeshire and reflects the improvements we have made in this area over the past year and two terms.

This week, I sent out letters giving your child's current attendance for the year. Again, I was pleased to see that a number of pupils' attendance had improved since last term and there are fewer children whose attendance is below 85% than there were at the end of the autumn term, which shows progress. I am grateful to you all for your continued support in this area.

Below is just a quick reminder as to how we rate various attendance percentages:

Excellent – Attendance above 95%

Good – Attendance 95 - 90%

Concerning – Attendance below 90%

Serious concern – Attendance below 85%

The Latest from FOSS

This term, which is usually the quietest for FOSS, has been another very successful term for raising additional funds for the school.

From the Easter Prize Bingo event on Friday 28th March, FOSS raised a brilliant £681.

From the Easter raffle, they raised a further £217.

And from the sweet sale after school on Friday 4th April another £70.35 was raised.

That makes a grand total of £968.35!

Thank you to those members of the FOSS who have worked tirelessly to support the school this term. Thank you to everyone who has supported the FOSS in raising so much money – including those who attended the Bingo, donated prizes for the raffle and the Bingo and bought tickets for the raffle.

As always, FOSS would be grateful of the support of new members next term and beyond. Please either contact the school directly to express interest or speak with Lisa Puzey, Kim Leach or Yvonne Marriott.

Summer Cricket Registration

Tom Davies, who runs junior cricket sessions at Carew Cricket Club, has asked me to share the following information with you so that you can register any children who want to play cricket this summer.

All Stars (5- to 8-year-olds)

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/carew/Course/33b3b0ea-3d35-4121-ba19-d55df1faec99>

Under 9s (children in Year 3 & 4)

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAa_e3AtFtUNE9aUVcyMzdFTUtKNjA2SUZaODk1VEY3US4u

Information about dates and cost can be found on the links.

Celebration Videos

As you know, each week, we have a celebration assembly where we award various certificates earned in school. It is also an opportunity for children to celebrate their achievements outside of school.

Here are the links to the celebration assembly videos for April:

[April 4th](#)

[April 11th](#)

If you don't already know the password to access these videos, please contact me and I'll be happy to share it with you.