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END TO AN HISTORIC YEAR

Dear Parents/Carers,

Without doubt, this has been an historic year in the life of Trinity Fields School as we completed the extensive building and refurbishment project in early spring. I've written many times over the last couple of years to highlight the importance of this work whilst also recognising the compromises the school community has made along the way. We are now 'out the other side' with only minor improvement works planned as part of normal maintenance schedule.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to the entire school community over the past year for their understanding and unwavering support as we tried to achieve 'business as usual' albeit in unusual circumstances.

Despite this building work, we have continued to work towards our ambitious improvement plan and have made important strides in our Literacy and Numeracy provision. I love this time of year as we get to celebrate our pupils' achievements both formally and informally. I am really pleased with the progress pupils are making and how they've responded to our curriculum and Literacy/Numeracy strategies.

I've also been really impressed with the quality of the work experience offer for our oldest pupils. We have a range of appropriate internal and external work experience opportunities and we are looking to further develop this work next year alongside an enhanced range of accreditations for our oldest pupils.

Our provision for educational visits continues to grow with nearly every class having been on at least one educational visit this year. We've even managed to undertake overnight residential visits for pupils completing their Duke of Edinburgh studies in the 6th form.

Lower down the school, pupils have enjoyed a range of opportunities including baby ballet which has proved to be very popular. Many pupils in the Adventurers phase also enjoyed the bike scheme recently and it was a pleasure to see so many improving their skills. The year 6 Prom was also a particular highlight as we got to celebrate with our wonderful pupils and their families as they get ready to move to secondary education.

I am delighted with our new and improved outside areas on all sites of the school. It's been wonderful to see pupils enjoy the new pond/hobbit house, horticulture area, eco classroom and of course the new play structure on main site. We're currently finalising plans to install a new swing in the Pontllanfraith satellite class which will significantly enhance our provision for sensory integration



on this site. We have further plans to upgrade a number of additional outside areas over the next academic year.

We also continue to invest heavily in our assistive technology with a small group of staff driving this work forward. We have secured multiple resources including eye gaze cameras and software, mobility drive tech and recent delivery of an interactive sandpit. I look forward to seeing this work develop next year.

Café Oren continues to develop well into a lovely social space for pupils, staff and parents/carers/visitors. We now have a new card machine so look forward to seeing parents using the café in the new year. In addition, our new family will undergo final re-decoration over the summer and we will publish the calendar of family engagement events early in the new academic year. Engagement with families will feature prominently on our school development plan as we continue to expand our offer of support.

I am really pleased with our Expressive Arts curriculum having identified many projects this year. Earlier in the term we welcomed Rhiannon Roberts (renowned local artist) to school to support our pupils in creating 2 wonderful pieces of art. These will be on display very soon for all to enjoy. Most recently, we also really enjoyed our 2 day art exhibition which was a celebration of the wonderful creative abilities of our pupils.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Police Cadets who recently graduated from the programme. We were joined by the High Sheriff for Gwent alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner for a wonderful celebration.

Our Going for Gold celebrations were once again wonderful occasions where we celebrated the achievements and progress of all learners in a series of fabulous (if a little hot) assemblies. Congratulations to everyone. These were truly emotional experiences.

At the time of writing, we're also looking forward to the 6th form Prom in Bryn Meadows and the bitter sweet experiences of the leavers' assembly. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of our leavers who are moving on to their young adult lives with a range of different opportunities ahead of them. They have been inspiring to work with on a daily basis and a reminder of why we have the best job in the world. To their families, thank you will never be enough for your support, challenge and perseverance. Please stay in touch but if we can be of any support now or in the future, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

And so, as the year draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our community but mostly our inspirational learners. You make every day a joy and it's wonderful to share in your experiences.

School will be open to a couple of schemes during the Summer so if you need emergency support, there will be people in school over the 6 weeks. It only leaves me to wish you all a safe and happy Summer holiday. We'll see you on Friday 4th September to continue our journey.

Very best wishes



David Jenkins - Executive Headteacher



Diary Dates 2026-2027

Please see important term dates for all Caerphilly Schools in 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026

- Autumn term starts and the first day of the school year Tuesday 1 September 2026 – **this is also an INSET Day (please see below)**
- Half term starts Monday 26 October 2026
- Half term ends Friday 30 October 2026
- Autumn term ends Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

- Spring term starts Monday 4 January 2027 - **this is also an INSET Day (please see below)**
- Half term starts Monday 8 February 2027
- Half term ends Friday 12 February 2027
- Spring term ends Friday 19 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

- Summer term starts Monday 5 April 2027 - **this is also an INSET Day (please see below)**
- Half term starts Monday 31 May 2027
- Half term ends Friday 4 June 2027
- Summer term ends and the last day of the school year Tuesday 20 July 2027

School INSET Days

Each school also sets 6 x INSET Days. These are staff training days and are essential for the running of the school.

1. Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Safeguarding Training for all staff
2. Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Important statutory training for all staff
3. Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Important Transition and statutory training for all staff
4. Monday 4th January 2027 – Curriculum Development
5. Monday 5th April 2027 – Curriculum Development
6. Monday 28th June 2027 – Curriculum Development

With very best wishes



Dave Jenkins
Executive Headteacher