

Croeso i/Welcome to Cowbridge School



Prospective parents' meeting 2025

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Cowbridge School



Lower School
Nursery- Year 7



Middle School
Year 8 and 9



Senior School
Year 10 and 11



Sixth Form
Year 12 and 13

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STAFFING STRUCTURE:

Mrs D Thomas - Headteacher

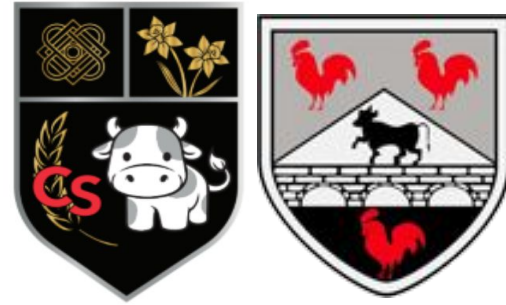
Mr Ling - Deputy Headteacher

Mr Griffiths and Mrs Williams - Acting Deputy Headteachers

Mrs Leftley - Assistant Headteacher (Lower School)

Mrs S Thomas - Assistant Leader, Nursery-Year 4

Mrs Bishop - Achievement Assistant



ABOUT COWBRIDGE SCHOOL:



- 3-18 provision
- We are **one** school
- Once you are accepted into Reception, you do not need to re-apply
- Organised into
 - Lower School (Nursery-Year 7)
 - Middle School (Year 8 and 9)
 - Senior School (Year 10 and 11)
 - Sixth Form (Year 12 and 13)

BENEFITS OF 3-18 PROVISION:

- Children can make firm and lasting friendships
- Enjoy familiar surroundings and facilities
- Children feel known by their teachers
- Benefit from a continuity of approach, ethos and community
- Links with specialist teachers and pupils to support learning
- Gradual approach, establishing children and classes before expanding





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Strategic Improvement Plan: Big Picture 2023-25

Develop **C**aring, **S**uccessful young people *with*

Collaborative, **S**kilful teaching *and*

Outstanding **C**are, **S**upport and Provision

CURRICULUM FOR COWBRIDGE - LOWER SCHOOL (NURSERY - Y7) PHASE OF LEARNING:

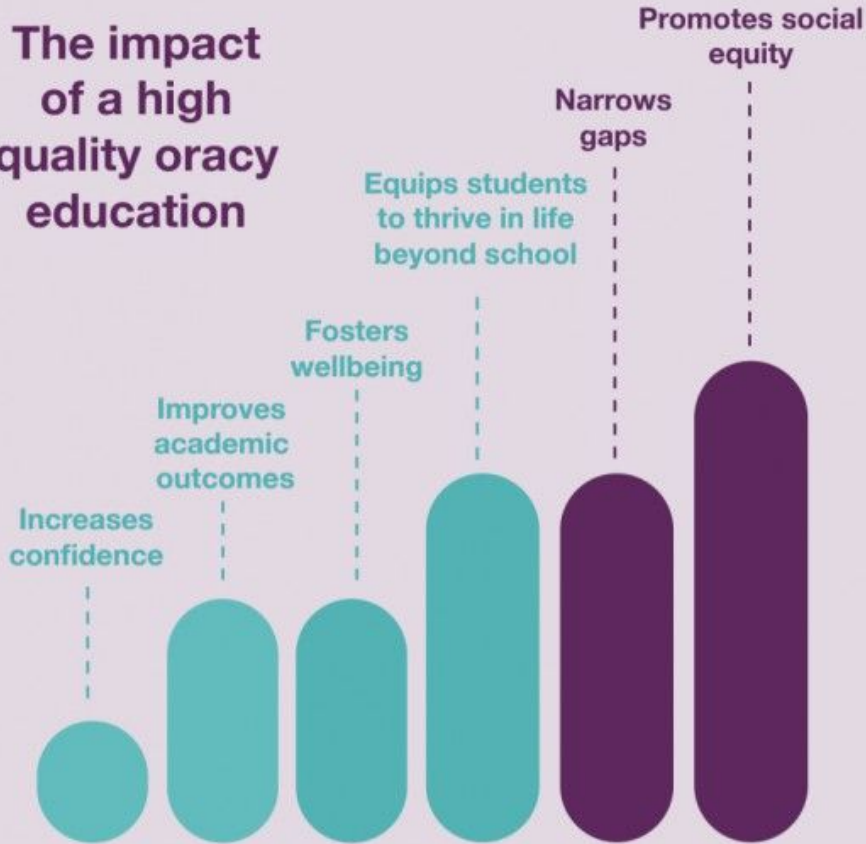
We aim to be a **happy and high-achieving school** where children are **inspired and challenged** from their very first day with us. Our pupils will be challenged to think **independently, creatively, and with curiosity**, to enjoy and participate fully in their learning, and to achieve their full potential so that they can **flourish and grow**.

Central to our core aims are for children to be **confident and to believe, 'I can and I will!'** and to be fully supported in a warm and inclusive environment in order to **thrive in all that they do** at Cowbridge. We will guide children to learn to value themselves and each other; to take risks and responsibility; **to learn from their mistakes; and, to build on their successes day by day, year by year**.

We aim to provide a broad and exciting curriculum, supported and delivered by **excellent specialist teachers** so that our children steadily build: knowledge and understanding; key skills; and, a robust work ethic, **ready to embrace the secondary phase of learning**.

We aim to be recognised as a **centre of excellence for learning, wellbeing, and nurture for our children, inspirationally led and self-improving**, whilst sharing the values and aspirations of the secondary phase (Middle, Senior and Sixth Form) of education for life.

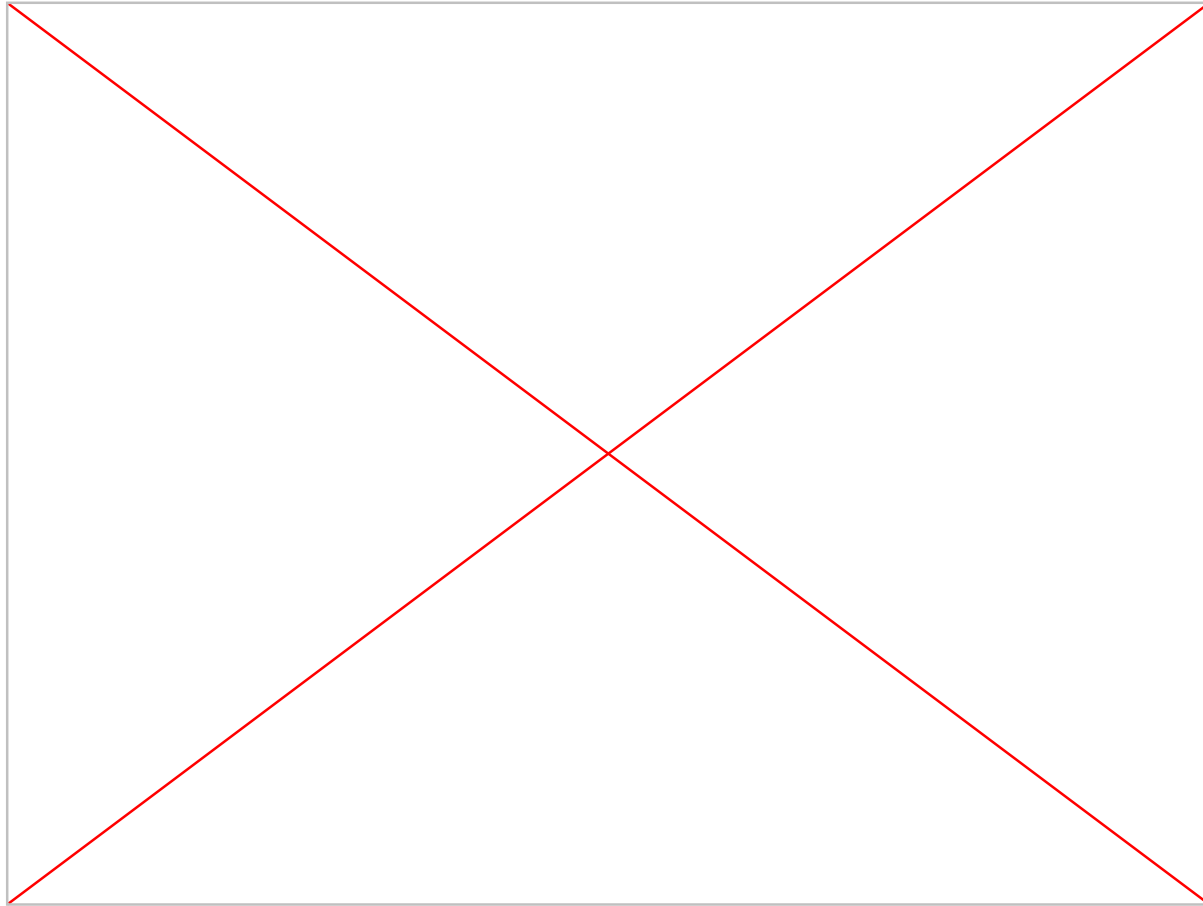
The impact of a high quality oracy education



High focus on early literacy skills for high attainment. Higher level oracy skills are proven to aid and enhance reading and writing skills.

‘Reading and writing float on a sea of talk.’

New Library - collaborative project with GCSE and A Level pupils



FOREST SCHOOL

We have 2 members of staff who are trained Forest School leaders and we are in the process of setting up our own Forest School area which has been planned with the children.

Our children receive weekly Forest School sessions during class teacher's PPA time.



ENRICHMENT

Specialist Modern Foreign Language lessons

From Reception, our pupils are taught German and French by a specialist Secondary Phase colleague.

Curriculum design

Activities are planned every year with Head of Departments to enrich children's learning e.g. art department making a mural, D&T department making Christmas crafts.



OUR LEARNING AREAS:

We are a purpose built, brand new 21st Century School. Children from Nursery- Year 2 have free flow access to secure outdoor areas as well as large multipurpose areas.

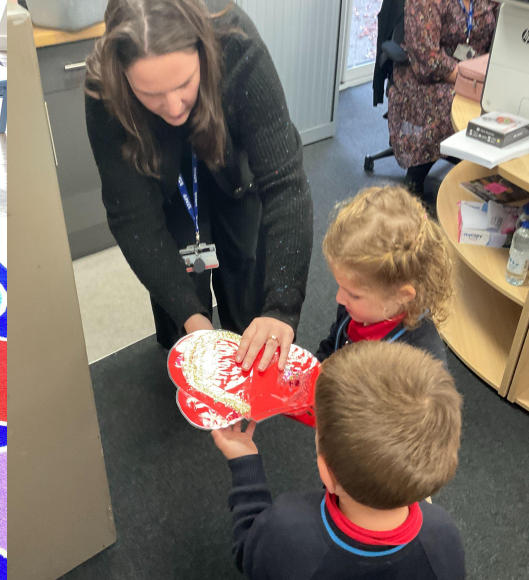
We will continually develop outdoor areas to resource and improve as we expand.

Year 3 & 4 will benefit from a vast 'break out space' used to encourage independence.

Year 5 & 6 will be incorporated in to specialist subjects with timetabled lessons as part of a blended curriculum.







Supported by
willing
volunteers!

CLWB BRECWAST/CINIO

Clwb Brecwast/Breakfast club

8.15-8.45 (all pupils welcome)

Free of charge- Welsh Government funded

Amser c inio/Lunchtime

Food cooked on site by Big Fresh Catering

Free of charge- Welsh Government funded

Amser chwarae/Play time

We are a healthy school, fruit snacks are strongly encouraged!



OUR SCHOOL DAY

Clwb Brecwast/Breakfast club

8.15-8.45 (children escorted to class for 8:50m start time)

Nursery- AM session only

8.50am-11.30am

Reception- Year 4

8.50-3.30pm



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- All of our pupils are given equal access to every aspect of the school with well-being playing a central role in nurturing their development.
- Our ALN pupils have access to interventions within and beyond the classroom through differentiation, adaptations to resources and the environment, additional support and targeted provision.
- If your child requires extra support we will work through a graduated response with parents/carers and your child to ensure everyone is clear with the provision.



COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

We value links between home and school. Collaboration between the 2 forms an important joint partnership that helps children thrive.

We celebrate children's learning through multiple means such as certificates, stickers, social media and Google Classroom.

We also send out a weekly newsletter so home and the wider community can keep up to date with our activities.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

At Cowbridge School, we believe that meaningful family engagement is at the heart of a thriving community. Throughout the year, we host a wide range of events designed to bring families together, celebrate our shared values, and strengthen the connection between home and school. From seasonal celebrations and curriculum showcases to workshops and family activity days, these events foster a warm, inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels welcome and involved. By creating these opportunities ourselves, we ensure that our school remains a vibrant, connected community where families play an active role in school life.



ADMISSIONS

All admissions go via the Vale of Glamorgan admissions page. As we are currently not at full capacity, we are taking applications from out of catchment for all year groups (nursery to Year 2 currently, Year 3 for a 2026 start).



When your child is accepted into our Reception class, then they are part of Cowbridge School until Sixth Form. There would be no need to reapply for Comprehensive School in Year 7.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. WE WILL NOW HAVE A TOUR OF
THE SCHOOL.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS

