



ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



6th October 2023

Attendance week ending 6.10.23

REC	88.1%
CL1	93.2%
CL2	90.7%
CL3	98.3%
CL4	90.3%
CL5	91.2%
CL6	97.7%

A big da iawn to class 3. A super effort. Attendance is on the up!! Keep it up everyone.

Diary

9.10.23	Fr Robert to visit classes link to RE topic	All day
10.10.23	School photos- individual photos & sibling groups within school	AM
12.10.23	Class 4- Copper Jack and River Tawe	All Day
13.10.23	SHWMAE Day! wear welsh colours	All day
18.10.23	Class 4 & 5 - PC Kyle	AM
23.10.23	Class 6 – Taster day Cefn Hengoed	All day
24.10.23	Parents Evening	15:40 – 17:30
26.10.23	Parents Evening	15:40 – 17:30
27.10.23	End of Term	All day

Please remember suitable outdoor coats and footwear, as we utilise our outdoor areas in most weather

Bishop Vaughan Y6 Transition Day

Thank you to Bishop Vaughan for hosting such a wonderful transition day yesterday. The children enjoyed being 'Explorers' for the day. They enjoyed looking around the school grounds, meeting new children from other schools and experiencing what it is going to be like in secondary school next year. Please remember to complete your child's application form for their year 7 school place.

Y5 trip to Bury Port and Wetlands



The children were full of excitement telling me about all the wonderful learning they experienced yesterday on their school trip. They learnt so many facts about Amelia Earhart and her

flight across the Atlantic. Then they went to the Wetlands Centre to look at the adaptation of birds and how this helps them to fly. All supporting them with their topic on 'Flight'.

SHWMAE day Friday 13th October



On Friday October 13th we will be celebrating Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae, this is to promote the idea of starting every conversation with 'Shwmae, su'mae or shwdi!'

The event aims to show that the Welsh language belongs to us all – fluent speakers, learners or those shy about their Welsh. **The children can come to school wearing something Welsh or colours of the flag- red, white and green.** This is an opportunity to have fun and share our wonderful language; the children will be taking part in activities throughout the day.

School Photos - 10th October

Please can all children come to school in full school uniform on Tuesday. No PE kits please. If your child does have PE on Tuesday, then can they bring their kits to school and we will change them as soon as they have had their photo. Many thanks.



Harvest Collection 2023

The Mini Vinnies will be launching their Harvest collection appeal next week. They will be asking the children to bring in any tins, jars pasta or rice by Monday 23rd October. All donations will be going to the local community food bank. There will also be a collection point at back of St Illtyd's church, so donations can also be dropped off at the church.

Y5 & Y6 Football Festival

Well done to the boys and girls who represented the school today in the first football festival of the year. Mr Lewis said they did very well and played so well as a team. They supported each other but most importantly, they enjoyed every minute. Da lawn!

Reception/Year 7 school places- September 2024

Applications will be live Monday for the Reception and Year 7 places for September 24. An email has been sent with the details of how to apply. If you need any help, please do contact the office.



School Uniform

Thank you for your ongoing support with regards to ensuring our uniform policy is implemented. We are now following **winter uniform** but tailored shorts can be worn. Can I remind you that only plain black trainers are allowed as part of our school uniform policy. **Polo shirts to be worn on PE days or trip days only.** We do have some pre-loved uniform in school for anyone who needs it. Please contact the office if you do require anything.

Data Capture information sheets

Just a few form still to be sent back. If you need a new sheet, please contact the office.

School Diaries- Consent pages

Please can you sign all the consent pages within the diary ASAP. Consents include allowing the children to leave the school to explore our local area, consent to attend church and activities that may be happening in our secondary schools as well as consent for your child to have photos put on Twitter (X) and our website. The diary is also your child's reading

Parents Evening- 24th & 26th October 2023

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets on the above dates. Appointments will start at 3:40pm and end at 5:30pm. We will use the online booking system 'School Cloud' for you to book an appointment. Information has been sent out today and booking will open from Monday for two weeks.

Attendance - Welsh Government and Local Authority directive

As we return to the new academic year, the advice from Welsh Government is to focus on attendance. Therefore, the Educational Welfare Service will be following the 'All Wales Attendance Framework', which will also include the use of Penalty Notice and Court if appropriate. **Attendance in schools needs to remain a priority** to ensure that children and young people are given the chance to achieve their potential. You will see from this week's attendance figures that attendance is quite low. I will be having fortnightly meetings with Jonathan Martin, our educational welfare officer, to discuss pupils who have low attendance.



Save the date: Class assemblies

Class assemblies will be held in our school hall at 9:30am. All welcome. Please take note and save the date for your child's class assembly:

INSET DAY- 6th November 2023

Please save this date. It is the first Monday after half term. There will be no school for pupils on the above date, as staff will be involved in training.

Y6 Mrs Saer	Thursday 25 th January
Y5 Mrs Lynch	Thursday 14 th March
Y4 Mr Dalton	Thursday 2 nd May
Y3 Mr Lewis	Thursday 16 th May
Y2 Mrs Rees	Thursday 29 th February
Y1 Mrs Delaney	Thursday 18 th April
Rec Mrs Hickson	Thursday 13 th June

Term	Term begins		Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends		Terms ends	Total Days
Autumn 2023	Friday 1 September	Friday 27 October	Monday 30 October	Friday 3 November	Monday 6 November	Friday 22 December	76
Spring 2024	Monday 8 January	Friday 9 February	Monday 12 February	Friday 16 February	Monday 19 February	Friday 22 March	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April	Friday 24 May	Monday 27 May	Friday 31 May	Monday 3 June	Friday 19 July	69

INSET days

Monday 6th November 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 8th April 2024

1 Inset days to be confirmed

Bank holidays 2024

29 March - Good Friday

6 May - May Day

1 April - Easter Monday

27 May - Spring Bank Holiday

Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes that may arise as a result of Welsh Government issuing a direction on term dates.

The City and County of Swansea does not accept any liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following changes to the timetable in any direction issued by the Welsh Government.