



# ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Attendance week ending 08.12.23

REC	86.9%
CL1	91.4%
CL2	89.3%
CL3	88.3%
CL4	90.7%
CL5	91.6%
CL6	95.2%

**A Big Da iawn to class 6 for winning attendance cup this week. Well deserved!**

## Diary

11.12.23	PTFA Christmas Fair	15:45 – 17:30
12.12.23	Nursery & Reception Nativity	10:00
13.12.23	Year 1,2 &3 Nativity	13:45
14.12.23	Christmas dinner day & Christmas Jumpers with uniform	All Day
18.12.23	Rec, Yr1,2,3,4,5& 6 Pantomime- Christmas jumpers with uniform	AM
18.12.23	Bishop Vaughan Cluster carol service- St Joseph's Cathedral	18:00- 19:00
20.12.23	PTFA Disco- Non school uniform	PM
21.12.23	Year 4,5 & 6 Carol Service St Illtyds Church	13:30
22.12.23	Class Parties – Non school uniform	
22.12.23	Last day	All day

## Donations for the Christmas Fayre

The PTFA are hoping to run a bottle/tombola stall for the Fayre. If you have any unwanted bottles or gift sets that you are happy to donate, then please do send them into school. Many thanks

8th December 2023

## Estyn Inspection 4th- 7th December

Well what a week! Your children were absolutely amazing and this didn't go unnoticed with the inspectors. They were so impressed with the children's behaviour, confidence and commented how very respectful they all were. They have made me a very proud headteacher. I would like to thank the whole St Illtyd's team for all their hard work. Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaires and thank you to those who attended the meeting. The Estyn report will be available for you to read on 9th February. Well done all.

## Choir - Swansea Christmas Market



The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Swansea city centre this morning. They were in fine voice and really did

spread the Christmas joy. We attracted quite a crowd too! Thank you to all our families who came down to support the children.

## Christmas Jumpers

I know it is busy with all the different events going on. I hope the information below will clarify when the children will be allowed to wear Christmas jumpers and non-school uniform.

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day- <b>Christmas jumpers instead of school jumpers.</b> Normal uniform applies
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime - <b>Christmas jumpers instead of school jumpers.</b> Normal uniform applies
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA disco- <b>non school uniform- Christmas theme</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Party day- <b>non school uniform</b>



## Advent reverse Calendar- Message from the Mini Vinnies



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The Mini Vinnies are busy again, turning concern into action! The reverse Advent calendar helps us think about others during this festive season. We are collecting a range of items, which we will be donating, to the local community. Please scan the QR code or visit Twitter to find out what to donate. There will be a box at the back of St Illtyd's church so that the church community can join in. Thank you in advance for your continued and generous support.

## Christmas Fayre

The PTFA will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The details are below. Please do support the school and join in with the festivities.



### Change of INSET Day

Please note that we have had to change the date of our February Inset day. The Inset day will now be on **Monday 19th February 2024**. There will be no school for pupils on that day.

### Bishop Vaughan Catholic Cluster Carol Service

As well as our own preparations for Christmas, we will be joining with our Cluster family of schools to deliver a cluster carol service at St Joseph Cathedral. The choir have been working with Mr Eynon-Davies, the music lead at Bishop Vaughan, learning new hymns in readiness for the service. This will be a lovely catholic community event in which all will be welcome. **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6pm at St Joseph's Cathedral- free event.**



### Christmas Disco- PTFA

The PTFA will be organizing the school Christmas disco on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The cost of the disco will be £1:50, the cost will include a drink and selection box. Thank you to Carrie, one of our talented parents, for agreeing to provide the entertainment. **Please can you send in £1.50 in an envelope with your child's name and class.** We will start collecting disco money from next week.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATES

Nursery & Reception – Nativity	12.12.23	10am - school hall
Y1, Y2 & Y3- Nativity	13.12.23	13:45pm - school hall
Y4, 5 & 6- Carol Service	21.12.23	13:30pm - St Illtyd's Church

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:

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



			Mid-term holiday begins		Mid-term holiday ends		Terms ends	Total Days
Term	Term begins							
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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

1 Inset days to be confirmed

### Bank holidays 2024

29 March - Good Friday

1 April - Easter Monday

6 May - May Day

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.