



ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Attendance week ending 01.12.23

REC	88.1%
CL1	93.2%
CL2	98%
CL3	90.3%
CL4	95%
CL5	92%
CL6	93.3%

A Big Da iawn to class 2 for winning attendance cup this week. Keep it up!

Diary

4.12.23	Estyn Parent Meeting	3:45pm
7.12.23	Y5 Stem day	All day
11.12.23	PTFA Christmas Fair	15:45 – 17:30
8.12.23	School Choir – Christmas Market	10am
12.12.23	Nursery & Reception Nativity	10:00
13.12.23	Year 1,2 & 3 Nativity	13:45
18.12.23	Rec, Yr1,2,3,4,5& 6 Pantomime	AM
18.12.23	Bishop Vaughan Cluster carol service- St Joseph's Cathedral Primary	18:00-19:00
20.12.23	PTFA Disco	PM
21.12.23	Year 4,5 & 6 Carol Service St Illtyds Church	13:30
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

1st December 2023

Estyn Inspection 4th- 7th December

As you are aware, school inspectors will be in school the next week. Thank you to those who you who completed the questionnaire. We are proud of our school and the opportunities that we provide our children here at St Illtyd's and I am sure the inspections will see this too. As always, parent voice is very important. Please show your support by taking the opportunity for to meet the lead inspector and put your views forward on **Monday 4th December at 3:40pm in the school hall**. There will be childcare provided for pupils who attend the school.

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.

Blessing of Advent Wreaths



Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The children have been busy this week learning about the significance of the Advent Wreath and they understand the importance of each of the candles. A big thank you to Fr Robert who came to school to bless our class wreaths.

Message from school council- Mr X Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mr X Appeal. All the donations have been collected today. There will be so many happy children in our community because of you. Thank you.





Christmas Fayre

The PTFA will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Monday 11th 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 18th December 6pm at St Joseph's Cathedral-free event.**

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

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

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:

loving
hopeful
attentive
faith-filled
generous
eloquent
intentional
ruthful
learned
curious
wise
prophetic
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active



Christmas Disco- PTFA

The PTFA will be organizing the school Christmas disco on the 20th 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.

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			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 19th February 2024

Monday 8th 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.