



# ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Attendance week ending 13.12.24

REC	76.1%
CL1	78.3%
CL2	81.2%
CL3	82.1%
CL4	90.7%
CL5	87.1%
CL6	83.1%

Attendance is still very low. I hope that this will improve as we all start fighting off all the illnesses that we have had in school.

Well done Class 4!

### Dates

20.12.23	Y6 Swimming (Fri) National Pool	10 AM
16.12.24	Year 4 to St Joseph's Cathedral- Carol Concert	7pm
17.12.24	Choir to sing at Christmas Market Swansea	10am
18.12.24	Panto – Reception, Y1,2,3,4,5 & 6	AM
19.12.24	Christmas Dinner Day/Party day	All day
20.12.24	End of term – Christmas Holidays	All day
6.1.24	Start of term	All day

### Coats/Hats and Gloves

It is starting to get very cold outside. Please can you ensure that the children have the correct clothes to help them keep warm. Some children are still coming to school with no coats.

### Inset Day

We will be closed on **Friday 17th January** for a staff training day. All other dates for our Insets are listed below

### PS3 Carol Service

A huge well done to class 4, 5 and 6 for a wonderful carol service at St Illtyd's church yesterday afternoon. You were all so reverent and confident when telling us the Christmas story, you sang beautifully and read so well. A big thank you to all the staff who helped the children prepare. I am very proud of you all. Thank you to all the family members who attended the church. It was so nice to see the church so full.



### Reverse Advent Calendar -Last week to donate an item- Message from the Mini Vinnies



The Mini Vinnies are busy again this year, 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 X to find out what to donate. There will be a box at the back of St Illtyd's church and St David's church so that the church

community can join in. Thank you in advance for your continued and generous support.

### Choir singing – Copper Pot



The choir certainly spread the Christmas cheer today at the Copper Pot to all those who were having their Christmas dinner. It was so lovely to watch the diners clap and sing along to the old favourites. Well done to the choir.

### Bishop Vaughan Cluster Carol Service- Year 4

Class 4 have been rehearsing for weeks with Mr Eynon Davies, the Bishop Vaughan music teacher, and are very much looking forward to taking part in the cluster carol service. The carol service will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St Joseph's Cathedral**. Class 4 parents have been sent a letter informing them of drop off and pick up arrangements. All are welcome.

### Pantomime Aladdin – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

If you have still not given consent or paid for the panto, then please do so before Wednesday. If we don't have consent, then we cannot take the children. We will not be phoning on Wednesday morning. Please log onto I pay to consent. If you are struggling to do so then please ring the office. Children can wear Christmas jumpers and bring a snack and a drink.

### Christmas Dinner/Party day – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

The children will be having Christmas dinner next Thursday. There will be class parties and discos in the afternoon. The dress code is non-school uniform with a Christmas theme.

### Christmas Mass times for St Illtyd's and St David's Parish

Canon Paul and Father Robert would love to see the children at church over the festive period. Here are the Mass times for both churches.

Christmas Mass Times			
Tuesday 24th	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	5:00pm	St David's
		7:00pm	St Illtyd's
	Midnight Mass	12:00midnight (carols from 11:30pm)	St David's
Wednesday 25th	Christmas Day Mass	9:30am	St David's
		10:30am	St Illtyd's
	Ukrainian Mass	11:00am	St David's

Have a lovely weekend- just 1 more week to go!

Mrs Maria Davies  
Headteacher

## SEREN YR WYTHNOS



School Term and holiday dates 2024/2025							
Term	Term begins		Mid-term holiday	Mid-term holiday ends		Terms ends	Total days
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Monday 28 October 2024	Friday 1 November 2024	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 28 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	Monday 2 June 2025	Monday 21 July 2025	55
Total							195

Bank Holidays 18 April 2025 - Good Friday 21 April 2025 - Easter Monday 5 May 2025 - May Day 26 May 2025 - Spring BH

INSET Days– Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024,

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2025