



ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Inset Day- Save the Date

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

29th November 2024

Attendance week ending 29.11.24

REC	65.6%
CL1	79.0%
CL2	86.4%
CL3	87.4%
CL4	90.4%
CL5	88.4%
CL6	87.3%

Attendance has been quite low over the last few weeks. 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

8.11.24-20.12.24	Y6 Swimming (Fri) National Pool	PM
7.10.24 – 29.11.24	Applications for secondary school and Reception places go live	All day
26.11.24	Y5 STEM online workshop	All day
27.11.24	In Reach social and emotional workshops- Rec, Y1 & Y2	1pm-3pm
2.1.24	NON School Uniform- Item for the Tombola	9:30am
5.12.24 & 6.12.24	PS1- Nursery and Reception Wriggly Nativity	10am
10.12.24	PS2 – Y1, Y2 & Y3 Nativity	10am & 2pm
12.12.24	PS3- Christmas Carol Service at St Illtyd's church	1:30pm
17.12.24	Choir to sing at Christmas Market Swansea	10am
18.12.24	Panto – Reception, Y1,2,3,4,5 & 6	AM
20.12.24	End of term – Christmas Holidays	

Blessing of Advent Wreath

Thank you Father Robert for coming to our school to bless our Advent Wreaths this morning. You reminded us about the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas and what need to do to get ready for the coming of Jesus.



NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY - TOMBOLA

There will be a non-school uniform day **Monday 2nd December**. Instead of a monetary donation, please can you bring in an item for our tombola stall for our school fete. For example a selection box, sweets, toiletries, bottle of wine, stationary. Every ticket will be a winner.

PTFA –Christmas Fayre 3rd December 24



The school fete will be going ahead on Tuesday. All the money made goes towards us purchasing resources for your children or subsidising school trips so I am quite eager to go ahead. If you can help in anyway on the day, then please contact the school office, it would be much appreciated. Please share the poster below on your social media groups, the more variety of stalls we have, the busier the Fayre will be. Many thanks. **We will dismiss your children as normal at the end of the day before opening the doors at**

3:30pm. Please note that children cannot be supervised by staff, as we will all be busy on stalls.

Christmas Vouchers/Hamper

Although Christmas is a lovely time of year, I am very well aware of how difficult it can be financially for some of our families. Local councilors, food banks and community charities regularly contact me to offer vouchers, hampers and gifts for any families that I feel would be in need of them. If you would like to be considered, please do message me privately on Dojo, this will be confidential. I will then be able to put forward your name forward for anything that comes in.

Reverse Advent Calendar - 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.

Tickets for Nativity Concerts – PS1 & PS2

Order forms have been sent to order your tickets for the nativity concerts at school. There will be two performances for each Nativity play. **Please can all forms be returned by Monday the latest.**

Each family will have 2 free tickets, which can be used against any of the performances. Additional tickets will be available to purchase for other family members (subject to seating capacity) These will be sold at £1.00 per ticket and all money raised will be spent on resources for the children.

PS3- Carol Service

Class 4, 5 and 6 carol service will take place on Thursday 12th December at St Illtyd's church at 1:30pm. You will not need tickets for the service but I will be sending a collection basket around to donate to the church

School Photos

All orders have now been received and any queries addressed. All photos will be delivered to school and distributed to the classes before we break up for Christmas.

No Choir or Chess club this Thursday due to the Christmas Fayre.

Mrs Hickson and family

Please continue to remember Mrs Hickson and her family in your prayers.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Maria Davies

Headteacher

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 day –

Monday September 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September 2024,

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