



ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



4th October 2024

Attendance week ending 4.10.24

REC	90%
CL1	90%
CL2	84.5%
CL3	95%
CL4	93.8%
CL5	97.7%
CL6	98.1%

Well done Class 6- super effort!
Lovely to see that attendance has improved.

Dates

6.9.24-25.10.24	Y5 Swimming (Fri) National Pool	PM
7.10.24	Y5 & Y6 Football festival	All day
7.10.24	Applications for secondary school and Reception places go live	All day
10.10.24	Parent meeting- LLangrannog residential- Y4	15:30
15.10.24	Y5 trip- Bury port and Wetlands	All day
15.10.24	Shwmae Day- wear welsh colours to school	All day
17.10.24	Fr Robert to work with classes	All day
21.10.24 & 22.10.24	Parent's Evening –	15:30-17:30
22.10.24	Harvest School Mass	9:30am
22.10.24	PC Kyle- Class 6 – anti social behaviour workshops	13:00
24.10.24	Big Emotions parent workshops – School	14:00-15:00

After School Clubs

If your child is staying, please ensure you are here for pick up at 4:15pm.



Harvest food collection

Please see the message below from the Mini Vinnies. There is a box in the school hall for the children to put their donations. We have also asked parishioners in both St Illtyd's church and St David's church for donations for our Harvest appeal. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Shwmae Su'mae day

On **Tuesday 15th October** we will be celebrating Shwmae Su'mae day. The event aims to show that the Welsh language belongs to us all – fluent speakers, learners or those shy about their Welsh. **Pupils can come to school dressed in colours of the Welsh flag or traditional Welsh clothing.** The children will be taking part in different Welsh activities throughout the day.



Copper Jack – Class 4

A beautiful sunny day for a lovely trip down the River Tawe on the Copper Jack. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience and learnt so many facts about the copper works in Swansea.



Parents Evening- Booking now open

The booking system for parents evening is now open. There are clear instructions on how to book a time slot is below. Please do try and attend as it is important to discuss your child's progress and targets as well as celebrate their achievements with the teacher. Mrs Parry, our additional needs coordinator, will be available on both evenings to speak with parents.

PTFA Meeting- Monday 30th September 24

We only had a small turn out for the meeting, however we have put a few dates in the diary and are determined to have an active PTFA in our school, the main event that we will need help with is the school Christmas Fayre. There will be another meeting before half term to start organizing this event. If you can spare some time, we would really appreciate your support. Keep an eye out for the date of the next meeting.

Application for Reception and Year 6 places.

Applications for secondary schools and our reception class in 2025 open online on 7th October. We will send the link out to our Nursery and Year 6 parents via Dojo once it is live.

Coats/Outdoor learning

Please can you ensure that the children have a coat in school every day. We don't just go outside for play but we also go outside each day as part of our outdoor learning. Thank you.



Big Emotions- Parent Workshops

The Schools in Reach team (Emotional well-being service) will be running Parent workshops throughout this term. The 4 week programme covers the following themes - **Emotional Regulation, Big Emotions (Anger & Worries), Self Esteem & Resilience.**

The workshops will take place in the school staff room at 2pm. The first workshop 'Emotional Regulation' will take place on **Thursday 24 October**. Please Dojo your class teacher or the school office to reserve your place.

Y4 Llangrannog residential trip- Parent meeting

The booking is now live and you are able to pay deposits for the trip. If you are still undecided, or you have any questions, or just want to hear about the activities and accommodation, then there will be a meeting with Eleri, from the Urdd, to tell you more about the wonderful experience that the children will have. The meeting is in the school hall on **Thursday 10th October at 3:30pm in the school hall.**

Drop offs and Pick Ups- Parking

Please can I urge you not to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside school. They are there to ensure that our parents and children can cross the roads and arrive safely to school. When cars are parked on the crossing or the yellow lines, it not only causes mayhem with traffic, but could also cause an accident, as it can be extremely difficult to spot oncoming traffic. Please be mindful of this. **Don't be offended if I move you from the danger Zones.**

Attendance

I am concerned with how low attendance is in some of our classes since returning to school after the summer break. I understand that many of our families have taken holidays at the start of term but we are now 4 weeks into the term and unfortunately, our attendance has been highlighted as a concern by the local authority. I will be monitoring attendance over the next few weeks and I will have to call official meetings with the educational welfare officer for any pupils who are persistently off school. I sent out a letter from the local authority this week stating how they are prioritizing attendance in all Swansea schools. Attendance is so important and can really affect your child's learning and progress if school is regularly missed.

Save the Dates- Christmas

PS1- Nursery and Reception Nativity-
Thursday 5th December – 10am
Friday 6th December – 10am

PS2 – Y1, Y2 & Y3 Nativity- Tuesday 10th
December - 10 am & 2pm

PS3- Y4, Y5 & Y6 - Christmas Carol Service at
St Illtyd's church-
Thursday 12th December 1:30pm



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Have a Lovely Weekend

Mrs Maria Davies
Headteacher

PARENT TEACHER MEETING Guidance

Welcome to the Schools in Reach Parent Meeting Booking System
email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title: First Name: Surname:
Mrs Rachael Abbott

Email: Confirm Email:
rabbok4@gmail.com rabbok4@gmail.com

Student's Details

First Name: Surname: Date Of Birth: 20 July 2000

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.
A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

September Parents Evening

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Click a date to continue

Monday, 13th September
In-person & video call
[Open for bookings](#)

Tuesday, 14th September
In-person
[Open for bookings](#)

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

☒ **Automatic**
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability

☐ **Manual**
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

[Next](#)

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Choose Teachers

Set the earliest and latest times you can attend, select which teachers you'd like to see, and then press the button to continue.

Choose earliest and latest times

14:00 14:35 15:24 16:12 17:00

Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

☒ **Mr J Brown**
SENCO

☒ **Mrs A Wheeler**
Class 11A

[Continue to Book Appointments](#)

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the [Accept](#) button at the bottom.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	E6
Mrs D Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
Dr R McNamara	Andrew	French	L4

[Accept Appointments](#) [Cancel Appointments](#)

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

	Mr J Brown SENCO (A2) Ben	Miss B Patel Class 10E (H3) Andrew	Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1) Ben
16:30		✓	
16:40			
16:50	+		+
17:00			+

Step 7: Book Appointments


Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable. To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time. You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss, or raise anything beforehand. Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.


September Parents Evening


2 appointments from 16:15 to 16:45

Tuesday, 14th September

In person

 Print

 Amend Bookings

 Subscribe to Calendar

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	Teacher	Student	Subject
16:15	Mr Mark Lubbock	Jason Aaron	English
16:30	Miss Bina Patel	Jason Aaron	Religious Education

September Parents Evening

2 appointments from 16:00 to 16:45

Monday, 13th September

Video call

September Parents Evening

2 appointments from 15:00 to 15:45

Monday, 13th September

In person

Step 8: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar. To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

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,
 Monday 3rd March, Monday 2nd June, Monday July 21st 2025