

ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



25th October 2024

Attendance week ending 25.10.24

REC	91.7%
CL1	86%
CL2	82.6%
CL3	90.5%
CL4	91.5%
CL5	98.1%
CL6	90.8%

Well done Class 5 amazing effort!

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
5.11.25	Y5- Sign Language and First Aid workshops	All day
6.11.24	Feast of St Illtyd's Mass	9:30
7.11.24	Nursery to Y2- Fluoride Varnish	All day
15.11.24	Children in Need- Fancy Dress	All day
5.12.24 & 6.12.24	PS1- Nursery and Reception Wriggly Nativity	10am
10.12.24	PS2 – Y1, Y2 & Y3 Nativity	10am & 2pm
12.10.24	PS3- Christmas Carol Service at St Illtyd's church	1:30pm
18.12.24	Panto – Reception, Y1,2,3,4,5 & 6	AM
20.12.24	End of term – Autumn Holidays	

St Illtyd's/St David's Parish- First Holy Communion

Classes will begin after the half term break. Please collect an application form from the Parish priest during weekend Masses.

Harvest Service



A huge thank you to Canon Paul for coming to celebrate our Harvest Service this week. The service reminded us of how important it is to think of others. He talked about sharing what we have; we certainly did do that

by the amount of food that we donated to the local food bank this week. Thank you.



Mini Vinnies- Thank you message

Please take a look at the thank you message that the Mini Vinnies have prepared. Please scan the QR code.

Y6 Cefn Hengoed Transition Day

Y6 had a lovely day in Cefn Hengoed School on Monday. They cooked Pizza, enjoyed taking part in P.E in the school gym and learnt new skills during an ICT lesson. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The staff at Cefn Hengoed were impressed by the children's manners, responses and attitudes. Well done Y6.

Big Emotions- Parent Workshops



Unfortunately we had no parents attend the workshop. It was such a shame as the team were looking forward to meeting with you. I will continue to organise workshops as I feel it is important that we offer this service to our school community. If a different time is more preferable then please do let me know via

Dojo.

Numeracy workshops- Nursery to Y6

I have been offered an opportunity by staff at Swansea University to hold some numeracy workshops in school, for parents who would like to support their child at home with Maths. I have sent the posters with more information to the class dojo pages. Please could you comment in the class page if you are interested, as I am reluctant to book any sessions until I know that parents will attend. Thanks.



Mr X Appeal – A message from the School Council

The School Council have decided that they would like to take part in the 'Mr X Christmas Appeal'. 'Mr X' delivers Christmas presents to less fortunate children in our local community and the Swansea area. **This year we will be collecting donations of presents for two children – Tristan aged 10 and Bethany aged 7. New toys, sweets, games, stationary, books or anything age appropriate need to be brought to school unwrapped by Friday 23rd November.** Please ensure that gifts are brand new or the charity will be unable to accept them. Thank you!

School Uniform- School ties

School ties are part of our school uniform. There are so many children not wearing their ties. Please can you ensure that the children do wear ties with their school shirts every day. Thank you for your support with this.

Children in Need- 15th November 24

For Children in Need this year, the children have decided that they would like to have a 'Fancy Dress' theme. Children can come to school in any fancy dress costume. All donations will be collected and sent to the charity.

Have a lovely half term
Mrs Maria Davies
Headteacher

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 – Penalty Notices

I am still very concerned with how low attendance is in some of our classes so far this term. We are now 8 weeks into the term and unfortunately, our attendance is still a major concern. I have monitoring attendance over the last few weeks and have called official meetings with the educational welfare officer for parents of pupils who are persistently off school. I am also in the process of preparing penalty notice letters to families who have been highlighted by our Educational Welfare Officer. Attendance is so important and can really affect your child's learning and progress if school is regularly missed.

Playtime- Healthy snacks

Please do remember to send in a healthy snack into school with the children for their morning break time. We do sometimes have spare bananas that we can distribute but not enough for the many children asking for snacks on a daily basis.

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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