



ST ILLTYD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



18th October 2024

Attendance week ending 18.10.24

REC	88.3
CL1	82.7
CL2	96.3
CL3	92.6
CL4	96.9
CL5	95.2
CL6	91.5

Well done Class 4 super effort!
Attendance is quite low in some classes- I am sure we can do better.

Dates

6.9.24-25.10.24	Y5 Swimming (Fri) National Pool	PM
7.10.24	Applications for secondary school and Reception places go live	All day
21.10.24	Y6 to Cefn Hengoed- Transition Day	All day
21.10.24 & 22.10.24	Parent's Evening – Rec to Yr 6	15:30-17:30
22.10.24	Harvest School Service	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
25.10.24	End of term – Autumn Holidays	

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



Shwmae Su'mae day

We had a lovely day celebrating and promoting our Welsh Culture. It was so nice hearing the Welsh language being spoken around the school. The children enjoyed all the wonderful 'Welsh' activities planned. Ardderchog!.

Y6 Cefn Hengoed Transition Day

Y6 will be spending the day in Cefn Hengoed School on Monday. You should have received all the information informing you about their day. I am looking forward to hearing all about it.

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.

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.

Thank you Fr Robert – RED curriculum



It was lovely to welcome Fr Robert to school today. Fr visited every classroom to support staff with some of the teaching of our new RE scheme of work. He was very complimentary about the children, although I do think he was a little worn out by 3pm!! Thank you Fr Robert!

After School Clubs

No clubs until after half term Break. We will send out the new after school club offers before we break up.

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!



Harvest food collection

We will be continuing to collect Harvest donations up until Tuesday. Canon Paul will be in school to bless our offerings during the Harvest Service. We will then distribute them to the local food bank. Please do let us know if you would like to receive a food parcel, we can then get that organized for you.

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.**

Have a lovely Weekend
Mrs Maria Davies
Headteacher

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 7 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.

Parents Evening- Booking now open

We look forward to welcoming you all next week for parents evening. If you haven't yet made an appointment then please do so via our booking system.

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<https://sircps.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
PARENT TEACHER MEETING Guidance

The screenshot shows a web form with two sections. The 'Your Details' section has fields for Title (a dropdown menu with 'Mrs' selected), First Name (text input with 'Rachael'), Surname (text input with 'Abbot'), Email (text input with 'rabbot4@gmail.com'), and Confirm Email (text input with 'rabbot4@gmail.com'). The 'Student's Details' section has fields for First Name (text input with 'Ben'), Surname (text input with 'Abbot'), and Date Of Birth (three dropdown menus showing '20', 'July', and '2000').

Step 1: Login = <https://sircps.schoolcloud.co.uk/> **=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.**

The screenshot shows a green header 'September Parents Evening'. Below it, a text block explains the purpose of the event and notes that sessions on the 13th and 14th of September are available both in-person and via video call. To the right, under 'Click a date to continue', there are two options: 'Monday, 13th September' (In-person & video call, Open for bookings) and 'Tuesday, 14th September' (In-person, Open for bookings). At the bottom, there is a link '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*.

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Choose Booking Mode'. It asks the user to select how they'd like to book appointments. There are two options: 'Automatic' (selected with a radio button) and 'Manual' (unselected). The 'Automatic' option is described as 'Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability'. The 'Manual' option is described as 'Choose the time you would like to see each teacher'. A green 'Next' button is at the bottom.

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.

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Choose Teachers'. It asks the user to set the earliest and latest times they can attend. Below the text, there is a horizontal slider with a green bar. The slider has markers at 14:00, 14:36, 15:24, 16:12, and 17:00. The text 'Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00' is displayed below the slider.

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr J Brown SENCO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A
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[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.

01:20 - Please confirm your appointments within 2 minutes

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
17:10	Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	E6
17:25	Mrs D Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45	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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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 Tuesday, 14th September
2 appointments from 16:15 to 16:45

[Print](#) [Amend Bookings](#) [Subscribe to Calendar](#)

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.

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

September Parents Evening Monday, 13th September
2 appointments from 16:00 to 16:45 Video call

September Parents Evening Monday, 13th September
2 appointments from 15:00 to 15:45 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				Mid-term holiday ends		Terms ends	Total days
Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday					
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