



Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 25.10.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

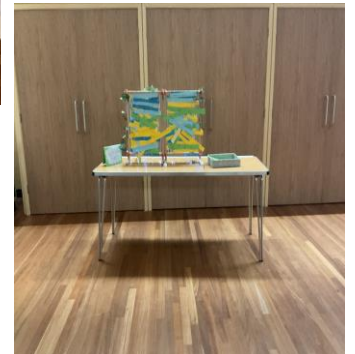
We have had a very busy half term and the school has been a hive of activity with pupils settling into their new classes and beginning their new units of work. Thank you for your support in logging into Seesaw, we hope you are enjoying seeing your child's work. We cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone!

A reminder to download the school website and our app. The school calendar is regularly updated with dates for the year so please keep eye on it. Class teachers now update Seesaw weekly with everything that the children have been up to and what is coming up in the following week, so please check in regularly. As we are cutting down on paper and photocopying costs please ensure your email address is up-to-date as we will continue to send emails as a main form of communication. We also have our text messaging service for short reminders so ensure your mobile numbers are up-to-date.

Diolch, Mrs Booth

Prayer Week

Children have really enjoyed participating in Prayer Week this week. Our Criw Addoli have done an amazing job, organising and planning lots of different stations for the children to visit and reflect. I want to say a huge "thankyou" to our Criw Addoli for giving up their own time and making this such a success.



Remembrance Day

We have a selection of poppy items in school and will be selling these after half term. We will update the website with pictures of the items and suggested donations. We will also be holding a two minute silence in school on Monday 11th November at 11am.



EARLY EDUCATION

FOR 2025

Applications Now Open!

The admissions window for Funded Early Education is opening on Monday 28th October for children who turn 3 during the Spring term and closes on 20th December.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evenings this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and to hear your lovely comments. We will gather your ideas and share them with our Governors. We are so proud of our school.



Moving Forward

You will be aware that education budgets have been subject to cuts this year and, whilst in St Mary's we have been able to avoid redundancies and redeployment, we have not replaced staff who have retired or who were on short term contracts. All of this results in extra pressures on our current staff, which you might not necessarily see, but please bear this in mind and be patient when communicating with school. It would also help us greatly if children can come to school on time with everything that they need for the day. As a result of these cuts, our Governors, when planning the budget have had to make some changes going forward:

Swimming - moving forward swimming will be for one term only for Year 4 pupils in the summer term. Any parents who have over-paid for previous lessons will receive a refund after half term.

Trips - in previous years the school has heavily subsidised school trips. Whilst school trips remain a voluntary contribution if we receive insufficient funds we will need to cancel trips for all those involved. Obviously, this is not something we want to do, but understand we are in a climate where everyone is watching their pennies. We will try to give you as much notice as possible if teachers intend to book a trip.

Residential - from this year, there will be no residential trip for Year 5. Pupils will have the opportunity to go to Glan Llyn in Year 6 from next academic year.

I am sure you will agree, in times of austerity, keeping our staff in school is paramount to help the children's learning journey.

Complaints Procedure

Just a reminder that, if you do have a complaint, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. If you feel this is not resolved, please speak to Mrs Hodgkinson, our Deputy Headteacher, or Mrs Booth. After this, if you feel the issue remains, please follow our complaints procedure on our website.

Secondary School Applications

The schools on-line admissions service for Secondary school places for entry in 2025 is now open. The closing date for **Secondary applications is 4 November 2024**. You can find information about how to apply and 'frequently asked questions' on the website - [WCBC School Admissions](https://www.wcbschooladmissions.co.uk/)



The Great Spotacular

On Friday 15th November the children can come to school dressed in yellow or spots to show their support to Pudsey. The children can bring in a £1 donation to school or you can donate online using the Parent Pay and the link below.

[Children In Need 2024](#)



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance has been very positive during the first half term, however, there have been a few holidays which have impacted our overall attendance. We do understand children get poorly, but please can we remind you to leave an absence message before 9.30am. Please do support us in ensuring pupils arrive on time every day.

Class	Attendance
Nursery – Mrs Golby	91.2%
Reception – Mrs Phoenix	92.1%
Year 1 – Mr Hall	94.4%
Year 2 – Mrs Thomas	96.6%
Year 3 – Mr Steele	89.6%
Year 4 – Mrs Williams and Mrs Keddie	92.8%
Year 5 – Mrs Hodgkinson	95.7%
Year 6 – Mrs Burgess and Mrs Keddie	94.5%
Whole School	93.7%



Links With North Wales Police

PCSO Sarah will be working with the children in Year 6 after half term to have a go with the speed camera outside school and she will be talking about road safety.

PC Hulley will be holding an assembly for parents and carers on Friday 29th November at 9.15am. This will be a talk about internet safety and keeping your child safe on line. This a very important issue for parents and carers to understand so we are inviting you to attend. The assembly will take place in the hall and doors will open at 9.05am. Please email the school mailbox if you are intending to come to the assembly so we have an idea of numbers.

Healthy Schools

Just a reminder to those who bring snack to school to please ensure it is a healthy snack.





CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES:

- YEARS 5 AND 6 TUESDAY 10TH DEC 1.30 AND 6PM
- YEARS 3 AND 4 WEDNESDAY 11TH DEC 1.30PM AND 6PM
- YEAR 1 AND 2 THURSDAY 12TH DEC 1.30PM AND 6PM
- NURSERY AND RECEPTION FRIDAY 13TH DEC 9.30AM

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM
18TH NOVEMBER - PLEASE LOOK
OUT FOR A LETTER COMING HOME





Christmas **Carol Service**



Parents and family are invited to join
Reception – Year 6 pupils
for our annual Christmas Carol Service.

**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER,
9.30AM**

St Mary's Church, Ruabon

