

St David's Catholic Primary School



'Living and learning through Jesus in all that we do'

'Yn byw a dysgu trwy'r Iesu yn bob peth rydym yn gwneud'

HAPPY

HALF

TERM!

28TH OCTOBER 2022

REFLECTION

Tuesday 1st Nov is All Saints Day.

Saints are simply people who pay attention: who pay attention to the presence of God in their hearts and to God's presence in the lives of others at home, at school, at work, in the community, and the poor and vulnerable around the world.

On this day, we think about our faith family tree. We remember all of the people who have gone before us. We think about all of the people who have taught us about faith and who have shown us good examples to follow.



'TASTE OF... FRANCE

This week, pupils across the school have been immersed in all things France!

We've experienced different parts of France's language, culture, art, dance, history and food!



**UNE PHRASE
PAR SEMAINE**

Je'm appelle...
My name is....



HARVEST

Last week, we enjoyed our Harvest Celebration in St David's Church.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and to all who donated to our collection for the Mold Foodbank.

Altogether we collected a fantastic eight large crates which were delivered by pupils from our different school councils on Tuesday.



NOTE FROM THE HEAD/ NODYN GAN Y PENNAETH

During this first half term it has been lovely to see how all our children have settled into the new school year so well. The children as always look very smart in their uniform. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our uniform policy.

We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. We hope you will be very happy as part of our school family.

A reminder that it is half term next week and we return to school on Monday 7th November. Have a lovely half term!

NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mr Hughes is currently on a leave of absence. Many thanks to Miss Edwards who has stepped in as Acting Headteacher at this time. Mrs John will be joining Foundation Phase to cover Miss Edwards until Mr Hughes returns. Thank you to all staff for their hard work during this very busy first half term. I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing half term break.



SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Miss A Edwards (Acting
Headteacher)

Mr KK McCallum (Governor)

SCHOOL VISITS

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Foundation Phase open morning this week. We hope it gave you a good insight into how learning takes place in the FP and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure your child remains happy and continues to make good progress.

KS2 PARENTS

Next, we would like to invite you to come and visit our KS2 learning areas at St David's. During the visit, you will receive information about how your child's learning will progress across the curriculum throughout Key Stage 2.

**KS2 - TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
2022 FROM 3:30PM TO 4PM**

GETTING IN TOUCH

We have various platforms in use to communicate with parents. Please ensure that all enquiries go through the Office email account and not Facebook or SeeSaw.

damail@hwbcymru.net



www.stdavidsprimary.co.uk



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Primary School, Mold



@StDavidsMold

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th October: School closes

7th November: School opens

11th November: Service of Remembrance

18th November: Children in Need

29th November: Switch on of Mold Lights

30th November: Advent Service

7th December: Foundation Phase Nativity

13th December: Key Stage 2 Nativity

14th December: Christmas Dinner

21st December: Carols by Candlelight

22nd December: Christmas Party Day

22nd December: School closes



SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

The deadline for secondary school admissions in Flintshire is 4th

November. We have been asked by Flintshire Local Authority to point parents of children in Year 6 to the Flintshire Schools page on their website.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our school target for attendance is 92%. This week, our whole school attendance figure is...

86.3%

Help us to reach our attendance target!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

We will be leading a Remembrance Service at St David's Church on Friday 11th November 2022 at 2:15pm. We hope to see you there.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and family photographs with Tempest Photography will now take place on Monday 7th November 2022.

DID YOU SEE US?

On Tuesday, Reception featured in the Flintshire Leader!



CLUBS

The first block off clubs have now finished. Clubs will resume after half term. More details to follow.

Croeso i St David's

Criw Cymraeg are holding a competition to design a Croeso poster to welcome visitors to our school.

The poster must be no bigger than A4 in size and be your own work.

Entries are due in Friday 11th November.

Diolch a pob lwc!

*Amser Cystadleuaeth
Competition Time*



SPOTLIGHT ON...

To mark our 150 anniversary, we will be adding a 'Spotlight On' feature to our newsletter where pupils will be chatting with past members of the family of St David's. If you are a past pupil, staff member or friend of St David's, we would love to hear from you!

WOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Teresa Carberry's knitting group are currently knitting jumpers, blankets and hats for those in need. Any balls of wool would be gratefully received at the Daniel Owen Centre.



Are you a family receiving free school meals?



Our friendly advisors are ready when you are to talk in confidence.

With the cost of living still increasing, some of our customers may struggle to afford paying for the essentials.

If your child gets free school meals and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, you may also be able to get up to £230 off your annual water bill.

If you're in receipt of any of the following benefits you could be eligible for financial help:

- Pension Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Reduction/Support

SAVE UP TO
£230



Call us to talk through your options
0800 052 0145

Visit us online for more information
dwrcymru.com/HelpWithBills

IMAGINE

INDEPENDENT GUIDE

Young Writers invites you to imagine yourself as anyone or anything, and write a poem from this new point of view. You are free to use any poetic style or techniques, and the topic is entirely up to you!

Check out the video that introduces the activity at: <https://youtu.be/3IRlbPxTVQM>

WHO OR WHAT WILL THEY CHOOSE? HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

- An animal
- Someone famous
- Someone fictional
- Someone from history
- Someone they know
- Someone who helps others
- An object
- Something from nature

IDEAS TO START THE POEM

Use a metaphor e.g.
"My dream was shattered"

Use a simile e.g.
"The river looked like soapy water"

Use the senses e.g. "I can smell..."

Make a statement e.g. "I am..."

Use an emotion e.g. "I felt..."

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART!

1. Print off the independent entry form / download a Word Doc entry form (so no printer needed) to write your poem on

OR

Write/type your entry and email it to competitions@youngwriters.co.uk

OR

2. Upload your typed entry at www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter (make sure you select 'Young Writer/Parent entering independently')

PRIZES FOR PUPILS

- Our favourite **5 published poets** will each win a **fantastic creative writing goody bag!**



PLUS

Every entrant receives a bookmark
A certificate of merit for all young writers chosen for publication

You can view our most recent winners here:
www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/winners

Goody bag contents may differ slightly from photo.
(Winners will be chosen from entries received in the Autumn Term 2022 and independent entrants are eligible to win.)

EXTENDED CLOSING DATE

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022



TERM DATES

Autumn 2022

1st September Inset

2nd September Inset

5th September School Opens

28th October School closes for Half Term

7th November School Opens

22nd December School Closes

23rd December Inset

Spring 2023

9th January School Opens

10th February School Closes for Half Term

20th February School opens

30th March School Closes

31st March Inset

Summer 2023

17th April School Opens

27th May School Closes

5th June School Opens

16th June Inset

20th July School Closes

