



*'Learning and growing hand in hand together, following the footsteps of Jesus.'*

Welcome to our December Newsletter—our final edition of 2024!

As the year draws to a close, we are thrilled to share the wonderful activities planned for this festive season. Our Advent celebrations began in earnest as we lit the first Advent candle, a symbol of hope, and took a moment to reflect on our shared hopes for the world.

Last Friday, we had the joy of visiting the Torch Theatre to watch a delightful performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Upon returning to school, we were greeted by the incredible efforts of the Friends of St. Oswald's, who had been working tirelessly to transform the school into a magical Christmas Bazaar.

If you were able to join us for this special event, thank you for your support! On behalf of our pupils, staff, and governors, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Friends of St. Oswald's for their unwavering dedication and for making this event so memorable.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Santa scot in school

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Coffee Morning with Lisa Cook

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** -Play Dress Rehearsals.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant afternoon and evening Christmas play performances.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Junior afternoon and evening Christmas play performances.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Little Acorns and Willow visiting Jeffresyton Care home.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Junior additional evening for Christmas play.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Elf Emporium – Details to follow from the Friends.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carol Service 9:30 in Church

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch and children can wear Christmas Jumpers to school.

**Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Party afternoon, visit from Santa.

**Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Break up for Christmas

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Pupils back in school.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of the year for pupils.



## **Penblwydd Hapus i**

Little Acorns

Aria - 5

Dosbarth Willow

Florence – 6

Cai - 6

Dosbarth Sycamore

Flor - 9

Dosbarth Oak

Joel – 11

Gethin - 11

## **Our Attendance for November**

**was:**

92.55%

## **Our Target is:**

96%

### Santa Scoot

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> December pupils are invited to bring their scooters to school to take part in a Santa Scoot, organised by the Health and Wellbeing team. Helmets must be worn to take part with scooters. Alternatively, pupils are welcome to jog the course without a scooter if they wish

## Our Right of the Month

Article 14 – You have the right to follow your own religion.



### School News

#### School Bazaar

Dosbarth Oak had a fantastic time designing and creating their games for the school bazaar. Thank you for your support at home—it made all the difference!



Worship with Bishop Dorrien



## PENBLWYDD HAPUS ST. OSWALD'S



#### Birthday

On the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup>, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Dorrien and several members of the clergy to commemorate the school's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. After a joyful celebration, the Bishop, his team, and the school governors joined the pupils for a delicious lunch in the hall. In the afternoon, parents, former staff members, and governors came together with the pupils to continue the festivities, making it a truly memorable occasion.



Book launch



Parent engagement



#### Creative Schools

Pupils in Dosbarth Sycamore worked extremely hard over the last 2 months with creative practitioner Eleanor to plan, draft and create their own comic book about St. Oswald and his life. Pupils used new software and enhanced their knowledge about film and animation skills throughout the process. Every single part of the comic book was created by the children- from characters and emotions of characters to backgrounds and speech and description texts.



### **Spotlight Awards**

Congratulations to 2 pupils who were finalists at the Spotlight Awards in Haverfordwest - awards which celebrate the achievements of children and young adults. Molly was a finalist as she helped to raise over £2,000 for the Hope MS Therapy centre, and Alice was a finalist and winner for her outstanding musical talents!



### **Crucial crew**

Dosbarth Oak spent a November morning at Crucial Crew, learning about keeping safe in different environments. The pupils received expert advice from a variety of public services, charities and companies. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the morning and learnt a lot!

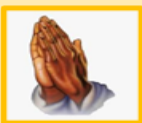
### **Community News**

#### **Reynalton Crib Service**

St James' Church

An, ecumenical, family oriented, service to help us live the Christmas story in our Church.  
24th December 4pm.

Midnight Mass in Jeffreyston Church at 10pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December



### **Prayer of the Month**

In this season of gifts, we give thanks for all we have been given: for life itself, for our families and those who have inspired and encouraged us along the way. We thank you for the beauty of the world around us, for music and poetry and art; for friendship, kindness and tenderness.

We are so grateful for this Christmas time and all that has touched our hearts.

Most of all, O Lord our God, we thank you for coming to share our lives;

for showing us a new way to live and holding us through challenging times.

Walk with us into the new year.

Guide and protect all we love,

and help us to respond to the various invitations that you will offer us in 2025. Amen.