



Newsletter

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Medi 2025

*'Empowering
all through Christ's
love | Telling a joyful story'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a restful and well-deserved summer break. We've truly missed your wonderful children and feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with them again this year.

We are thrilled to share our fantastic ESTYN report with you:

[Alderman Davies C.I.W. School - Estyn](#)

The feedback we received has been truly outstanding, and we couldn't be happier for our amazing children, dedicated staff, supportive governors and diocese. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you, our families for your continued support.

We will be sending out a summary of the report shortly, but we strongly encourage you to read the full version (link above), as we are incredibly proud of what we've achieved together.

We are especially pleased to have received recognition in the **Spotlight section, which highlights our commitment to being an inclusive and equitable school for all.**

Spotlight: The benefit of expressive arts for **all** pupils



The school's rich, varied and meaningful provision of experiences in the expressive arts gives all pupils imaginative opportunities to develop a broad range of skills and values. Authentic contexts and stimulus from the local community in art and music enable pupils of all backgrounds to develop core values of collaboration, mutual respect, compassion and resilience. The whole-school approach reflects the values and caring ethos of the school.

Please take a moment to read some of the additional wonderful comments from the report below:

Alderman Davies CIW School promotes a kind, supportive and nurturing environment successfully.



There is a strong culture of care and respect, ensuring that pupils feel safe, secure and happy at school.

This nurturing atmosphere contributes significantly to pupils' overall well-being, helping them feel safe, secure, and happy to attend school each day. Staff members are approachable and attentive, creating strong, trusting relationships with pupils.

It also acknowledges the schools' deeply embedded Christian ethos and the positive impact of its mission on pupils' development.

Through the school's mission statement - Empowering all through Christ's love - pupils display values of courtesy, compassion and understanding across all areas of the curriculum and daily school life.

These attributes enable most pupils to develop as ambitious and ethical learners.

Topic for the Autumn Term at ADS

The topic for the whole school during Autumn Term is '**Glass**' and our Christian value is '**Compassion**'

Some Useful Dates for your Diary

Medi /September 2025

01.09.25 INSET Day

02.9.25: Return to school

12.09.25 Peri Roadshow for year 5/6 at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School

19.09.25 10am FADs meeting in school, please come along for a chat and cuppa to discuss plans for the Christmas season

26.09.25: Macmillan Coffee morning 9:10am

29.09.25 After school clubs commence

Hydref/October

01.10.25 Ukulele workshop for year 5/6

10.10.25 Year 5, Mrs Partington's class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church

10.10.25 Mental Health Day – feel free to wear yellow in support

15.10.25 Concert at St. David's Church, more information to follow

16.10.25 Year 5/6 -Theatr Na'Nog performance of 'The Eye of the Storm'

17.10.25 Show Racism the Red Card – please wear red in support!

20.10.25 Week of parent/carers consultations

24.10.25 INSET Day

Tachwedd/November

03.11.25 – 07.11.25 Year 3 swimming week at Neath Leisure Centre

10.11.25 – 14.11.25 Year 4 swimming week at Neath Leisure Centre

10.11.25 Anti-Bullying week – please wear odd socks in support!

14.11.25 Children in Need (more information to follow)

14.11.25 Year 5/6, Miss Yorkshades' class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church



17.11.25 – 21.11.25 Year 5 swimming week at Neath Leisure Centre
21.11.25 Year 6, Mr. Morgan's class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church
24.11.25 After school clubs will finish until January 2026
24.11.25 – 28.11.25 Year 6 swimming week at Neath Leisure Centre

Rhagfyr/December

15.12.25 Year 5/6 Christmas Concert in St. David's Church
16.12.25 Year 3/4 Christmas concert in St. David's Church
17.12.25 Nursery, Reception, Year1/2 Christmas concert in St. David's Church
22.12.25 Christmas holidays

Ionawr/January 2026

05.01.25 INSET day
06.01.25 Return to school
16.01.25 Year 3/4, Mrs Madge's class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church
21.01.25 Bishop Mary will be visiting us at ADS
23.01.25 Year 3/4, Mrs Smith's class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church
30.01.25 Year 1/2, Miss Simon's class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church

Chwefror/February

06.02.25 Reception/Year 1, Miss O'Reilly's class worship at 9:15am at St. David's Church
06.02.25 Number Day
09.02.25 Year 6 residential to Margam
13.02.25 End of term
23.02.25 Return to school

Mawrth/March

05.03.25 World Book Day (more information to follow)
25.03.25 Easter bonnet parade (ECO friendly bonnets will be designed and made in school. All craft donations will be gratefully received, thank you. Please no shop bought bonnets this year as we are an ECO school. Diolch yn fawr)
30.03.25 Easter Holidays

Ebrill/April

13.04.25 Return to School

Mai/May

25.05.25 Half Term holidays

Mehefin/June

01.06.25 Return to school



Gorfennaf/July

08.07.25 Year 6 leaver's service at Llandaff cathedral

17.07.25 End of Summer Term

20.07.25 INSET Day

Safeguarding

At Alderman Davies CIW Primary School, we have rigorous child protection procedures based on a clear policy, designed to make sure children and young people are safe and feel safe. All staff are inducted into our safeguarding procedures and receive child protection awareness training according to Local Authority guidelines. We are aware that safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It includes pupil's health and safety, all aspects of behaviour such as bullying, racist and homophobic abuse, harassment and discrimination, both in school and travelling to and from school. Use of physical intervention, meeting the needs of pupils with medical conditions, providing first aid, drugs and substance misuse, educational visits, attendance, internet safety, site security and professional allegations.

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Sarah Williams- Headteacher

Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mr Adam Morgan- Deputy Headteacher

Governor Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Karleigh Davies – Chair of Governors

LA Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer: Anneliese Donovan

A Reminder of our New Staffing Structure

YEAR GROUP	TEACHER
Early Years Unit	Mrs. Natalie Brown Miss. Caitlin O'Reilly
Year 1/2	Miss Rebecca Simons
Year 3/4	Mrs. Sally Madge
Year 3/4	Mrs. Emma Smith
Year 5	Mrs. Andrea Partington
Year 5/6	Miss. Yvonne Yorkshades
Year 6	Mr. Adam Morgan (3 days) Mrs. Lucy Green (2 days)
PPA	Rachel Skinner



Mr. Morgan will be taking on the role of our Additional Learning needs Coordinator (ALNCO) for this academic year.

*Please note that the entry and exit points into school for nursery and reception will now be at the back of the school. Please note that the gates close by 9am. Nursery children will be collected at the front of the school at 11:20am.

FADS/PTA

We are thrilled to be continuing our wonderful work this year, ensuring that all our children enjoy exciting new resources and experiences made possible through our fundraising events. If you'd like to be part of the committee, we'd love to hear from you, new members are always warmly welcomed!

Our next meeting will take place in school on **September 19th at 10am**. We hope to see you there.

★ We are absolutely delighted to share that we have reached our goal to purchase our very own school kiln! We will be placing the order soon, along with tools, clay, and glazes, ready to spark creativity across the school. ★

Keep an eye out for some amazing ceramic creations from our talented children this year. ★

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic initiative, we're truly grateful and so excited to get started! ★

Choir

There will be an opportunity for children in year 4,5 or 6 to show an expression of interest for our school choir in September. We will be working closely with a local musician to learn a selection of classic and original songs to be performed in St. David's Church on the 22nd of October as part of the arts and literature festival in Neath. We will also be collaborating with YGG, Castell-Nedd to perform. It is an exciting opportunity, but we will need your child to commit to three after school sessions:

9th of September 3:30-4:20pm – Pick up after school from YGG, Castell-Nedd

23rd of September 3:30-4:20pm – Pick up after school from ADS

7th of October 3:20-4:20pm – Pick up after school from St. David's Church

15th of October 6:30pm - Concert at St. David's Church at 6:30pm



After School Clubs

The pupils from Years 1 - 6 will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of 'after school' clubs this year, beginning on Monday 29th of September at 3: 20p.m to 4:20p.m. These clubs will run until the end of November, and we will inform you of any changes for the Spring term. The selection of clubs which will all take place will be shared with you next week.

If your child would like to take part, please ensure you book a place via the request form as spaces are limited. If a club is very popular, membership will be on a 'first come' basis.

Please be mindful that staff volunteer to run these clubs and I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment.

A register will be taken each week. If your child cannot attend for any reason, please inform teacher.

Water bottles

Please encourage your child to bring water to school daily and ensure they are in their bags before they arrive at school. We receive a huge number of bottles at reception, and it takes staff valuable time to deliver them to classes each morning. Please ensure your child has only water in their bottles for the classroom as we promote a healthy school.

***Please ensure your child does not bring a metal bottle to school for health and safety reasons. Thank you**

Communications

Our School Website

Updated images and information explaining what the children have been learning in school are available via our website.

Website: [Alderman Davies CinW Website](#)

See-saw

We would like to inform you that we will no longer be using SeeSaw as a platform for sharing school information. We've listened to your feedback and understand that the app has been temperamental and unreliable at times. As a result, we will be transitioning to [Just2easyparentportal](#), which we hope will provide a smoother and more consistent experience. We will inform you when this is ready.

We will continue to use our text messaging service to keep you updated with any important news or changes.

As always, our staff are available on the yard each day should you wish to speak to someone in person. You are also welcome to make an appointment or contact us via the school email for any queries or concerns.

We will continue to use X (formerly Twitter) during the autumn term to celebrate the exciting experiences and wonderful work our children wish to share with you.



However, we are currently exploring alternative platforms that may be more accessible and user-friendly for a wider range of parents and carers. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

If you haven't already signed up and you are interested in following us, please request access via **@ADCIW** and please sign the authorisation request form below. I have included it again on this newsletter for easy access. Thank you.

'X' AUTHORISATION REQUEST FORM

Child's Name:Year

Parent/Carer Name:

Follower Request Name.....

Relationship to Child:

X account name/id

Signature:Date:

School Uniform

We would like to remind you about the importance of wearing the appropriate school uniform and we discourage children from wearing any makeup to school. They should only wear a watch or stud earrings as per uniform policy. Please no other jewellery.

School uniform can:

- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- support positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- assist identification of strangers on school premises
- support and promote the ethos of the school

Our School Uniform

- A navy jumper, hoodie or cardigan with or without a school badge
- A white, navy, pale blue or yellow polo shirt with or without a badge
- Black, grey or navy trousers, skirt, dress or shorts
- Blue and white summer dress

Our School PE Uniform

- A plain white, navy or yellow t-shirt (no football shirts are allowed)
- Their normal school jumper
- Dark shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers



Medical information

If there are any changes to your child's medical needs, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as you as possible. Also, if your child has a Health Care plan in place and changes are required before the annual review, please inform your child's class teacher so this can be recorded.

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, a signed form will need to be completed in the office for staff to be able to administer this.

***Please ensure that any medication is handed directly to a member of staff at school and not sent into school with your child.**

Any asthma inhalers that are to be kept at school must be handed to a member of staff with the original box with your child's prescription, label attached. Your child will also require a Health Care plan to be completed.

Data

If there are any changes to personal information such as address or contact details, please update these with our administrative officer at reception as soon as possible.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

At Alderman Davies Church in Wales Primary School, we have very high expectations with behaviour in school. Our children are always encouraged to reflect on how their behaviour and actions affect those around them. This allows us to build and maintain a positive and safe learning environment for all, both in the classroom and within the school grounds. We also use a 'Restorative Practice' approach to help deal with any issues that arise within the school. We would really appreciate it you reinforced these expectations at home, particularly with swearing and the use of social media. If you require any support or advice or if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Attendance

We continue to work with all pupils to maximise their attendance at school and this is one of our school targets for the year.

We appreciate that children are unwell at times and that they may have medical appointments; however, we aim for all pupils to have their best attendance possible. We are striving to give them the best opportunities in school and their attendance at the school maximises their progress and achievement.

***Our attendance leaflet is now available to view via the school website or there are hard copies in the office if you wish to receive one.**



Please also ensure you complete a 'Holiday Request' form if you intend on taking a holiday during term time. These can be found on the school website, or you can request one from the school office.

Neath Port Talbot council have launched a campaign to raise the awareness of how important school attendance is. Please click on the link for further information.

Please click on the link for further information - '[Miss School, Miss Out](#)'
[Campaign](#)

I would just like to thank you all once again for your continued support. Please feel free to speak to me regarding any questions or concerns you may have.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sarah Williams
Headteacher

