



Newsletter

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

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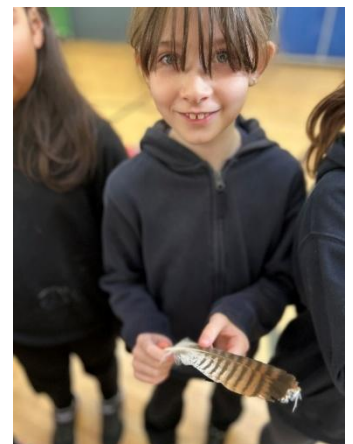
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, it's hard to believe we are now heading into the final term for our wonderful Year 6 children. Across the school, we have been fortunate to enjoy a wide range of experiences, making this a truly memorable time for the children and staff alike.

It has been a wonderful half term at Alderman Davies CIW Primary School. There is so much to celebrate, and it has been a joy to see the incredible learning, creativity, and hard work taking place in every classroom from our new 'food and farming' garden taking shape, seeds have been planted and nurtured by our children, we are all hoping they have green fingers! To our kiln finally ready to be fired up! Exciting times.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our curriculum afternoon. It was a pleasure to share our approach to the curriculum with you and to have the chance to talk together about the exciting direction we are taking. We look forward to arranging another date soon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight some of this half term's key moments, as our children and staff have immersed themselves in stage two of The Leonardo Effect, Development. It has been inspiring to see the enthusiasm and imagination this approach has brought to our learning. This stage allows time to explore children's thoughts, creating a platform for critical thinking and problem solving.





Celebrations

Bishop Mary's Visit

We were thrilled and extremely honoured to welcome bishop Mary and Reverend Emma to our school on the 21st of January 2026. Our day began with a wonderful worship service at St. David's Church, where one of our pupils had the special opportunity to dress as a Bishop. The children listened attentively throughout, we were incredibly proud of them.

Our year 5 pupils created a beautifully hand stitched candles as gifts for Bishop Mary and Reverend Lynda, as a token of thanks for all they do to support our school. These were presented during the church service.

Back at school, our Senedd members met with our special visitors and asked a range of thoughtful questions about Bishop Mary's faith, her role, and even her favourite dessert. We concluded the visit with a tour of the school, sharing the children's amazing achievements, poetry, pottery, sports successes, gardening, and so much more. It was a joyful and memorable day for everyone.

Holocaust Memorial

Neath Port Talbot SAConRVE held its annual Holocaust Memorial Evening on Wednesday 28th January 2026. They invited schools to take part in their yearly competition by completing artwork or original poetry based on the theme, which for the 2025 Holocaust Memorial Day was "Bridging Generations".

The work was judged by members of NPT SAConRVE and some of our children were successful in receiving awards. Year 6 artwork: 1st place, Maisie Sandry, 3rd place, Blake Owen Davies. Year 5 artwork: 2nd place Anjolaolawa Anna Babalola. Year 5 and 6 poetry: 1st place Joseph Kent and 3rd place Joseph Owen. The prize winners were announced during the Holocaust Memorial Evening. The artwork and original poetry were put on display in the Great Hall at Swansea Bay University campus.

It was an important event that highlighted issues that our children benefit from learning about. It also links well with the core purpose of developing ethically informed citizens.





Young Artists Award

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from this year's Queen Street Art Gallery Young Artists Competition. Two of our exceptionally talented pupils achieved outstanding success, securing first and second place in this exciting event. The entries were judged by renowned local artist Neale Howells, making their achievements even more remarkable.



We are incredibly proud of their creativity, hard work, and dedication, and we look forward to seeing their artistic journeys continue to flourish.

Show Racism the Red Card Poster Competition



We are thrilled to announce that one of our year 6 pupils has been selected as a prize winner in the Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition 2026! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and creativity in promoting anti-racism.

Our Christian Value

As a golden thread throughout all our work, we always aim to incorporate our Christian value. This term it is Forgiveness.

Thank You

We also received a very generous donation again this year from the community shop in Briton Ferry, which has allowed us to buy some high-quality African Djembe drums. They will allow all our children to our children to enjoy and explore African music and culture. We are so grateful and on behalf of the children, staff and governors, we would like to send her a special 'thank you' from us all.





PTA

Our PTA committee continues to work incredibly hard to raise much needed funds for the school. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for their commitment, dedication, and the tremendous effort they put into everything they do. They truly are amazing.



They have organised such fun activities for the children and every single penny will be used to support the wonderful experiences the children receive in school and purchasing new equipment. Our Senedd and pupil voice groups also have a big say in what the money is spent on. This year they have purchased new outdoor equipment, giant 'Connect 4', basketball nets, new balls etc, they donated money towards our kiln fund, chess sets for our new chess club starting this week, gliders, chocolate Easter eggs for every child... the list goes on and on.

If you are interested in joining the team, we would be absolutely delighted to welcome you. New members are always warmly received. Please email the school with your details, and we will get in touch with information about the next meeting.

Reverend Lynda

We also wish to thank Reverend Lynda for her beautiful weekly worship with the children and the church community for their support and love.

Dates for your Diary

Mawrth/March

30.03.26 Easter Holidays

Ebrill/April

13.04.26 INSET Day

14.04.26 Return to School

21.04.26 Year 4,5,6 Fun run in Gnoll Park

23.04.26 Mr. Phormula is working with year 3/4

Mai/May

25.05.26 Half Term holidays

Mehefin/June

01.06.26 Return to school

05.06.26 Y Senedd will visit Bryncoch CIW Primary School, more information to follow.

Gorfennaf/July

06.07.26 Year 6 performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

08.07.26 Year 6 leaver's service at Llandaff cathedral





13.07.26 Year 6 Leaver's concert
14.07.26 Year 6 Cefn Saeson visit
16.07.26 Year 6 Cefn Saeson visit
17.07.26 End of Summer Term
20.07.26 INSET Day



Outdoor Learning

Please note that all classes will continue to be involved in outdoor learning, and we will also be using a woodland environment when possible. This is to enhance our learning in school. You will be notified by your child's class teacher of any changes to days etc. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear (Wellies or walking boots) and waterproofs for inclement weather. Long trousers and long sleeves are vital to ensure the children are protected from brambles and Lyme disease. Please let a member of staff know if you need to borrow clothing or waterproofs in plenty of time so we can locate items; we are always very happy to help and we don't want any child missing out on these wonderful experiences. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

After School Clubs

Pupils in Years 1–6 will once again have the opportunity to take part in a variety of after-school clubs after half term. These will begin during the week starting Monday 20th of April, running from 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

The full list of clubs available this term is included below. Please note that you will need to sign up for your preferred clubs again, as some already have waiting lists for the Summer Term. There will be a new cohort of children this term, so registration is required even if your child has attended previously. 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 the class teacher. Mad Science Club will continue to take place on Tuesdays after Easter.





Club	Activity	Teacher	Day
Netball Year 3/4/5/6	A fantastic club which helps our learners to develop skills in netball, Mrs Sampson is an excellent role model and can't wait to get started on your skills of throwing and catching, attack and defence. Watch this space!	Mrs Vicky Sampson	Tuesday
Drama Club Year 3/4/5/6	Unleash your creativity and step into the spotlight! Our After School Drama Club invites pupils to explore acting and storytelling in a fun, supportive environment. Whether you're a born performer or just curious to try something new, come along and discover the magic of drama.	Miss Y Yorkshades	Thursday
Sportacular Year 5/6	If you love a game of football or rugby, this is the club for you! An afterschool club where you can not only improve your skills but also develop your communication, teamwork and collaboration skills.	Mr A Morgan Mr. Howard	Monday
ECO Nature Detectives Year 3/4/5/6	The best things in life really are free! Fresh air, fun and thinking skills all rolled into one. This club is all about lifelong learning. Very green and grounding. Mrs O'Reilly focuses on important values that stay with our children for life.	Miss O'Reilly	Thursday
Ukulele Club Year 4/5/6	Discover the joy of music with our new ukulele club. It is a fun, friendly space for children to learn songs, build confidence, coordination, and musical skills through games, teamwork, and performance opportunities.	Miss Simons	Monday
Lego Spike Club Year 3/4/5/6	Mrs Madge will use all sorts of opportunities to encourage you to develop your skills in technology, working together, problem solving and develop independent thinking skills.	Mrs S Madge	Monday
Clwb Llyfrau Year 1/2	Please join our lovely Mrs. Skinner for a session of reading, relaxing and creating. You will share a beautiful story and enjoy a cup of something nice to drink. We will even put our creative skills to the test and make something based on the story.	Mrs. Skinner	Thursday
The Creatives Year 2/3/4/5	Who doesn't like a little bit of innovation and creativity? This club is for our budding creatives who work hard, play hard and are always extremely kind! Essential skills learnt in a meaningful way. Please join Mrs Williams to put your creative skills to the test.	Mrs S Williams	Tuesday



**Proud planet protectors
Year 3,4,5,6**

Join us as we are on a mission to make our school environment the best it can be. We will be helping in the school garden and creating beautiful spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Mrs. Partington

Monday

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

We have noticed an increase in children arriving late to school, which means the office is incredibly busy every morning ensuring the children arrive in their classes promptly. Please make every effort to bring your child/ren to school on time. ***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GATES CLOSE BY 9am.**

Children should **NOT** be left unaccompanied before the staff arrive on the yard at 8:40am. All children should be collected promptly at the end of the school day by 3:20pm please. **Diolch.**

Water bottles and Healthy Snack

Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, carrot/cucumber sticks) and water to school daily and ensure they are in their bags before they arrive at school. We receive a huge number of water 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. **Diolch yn fawr.**

Communications

Our School Website

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

There is also additional information about the 'Curriculum for Wales' available for your perusal.

Website: [Alderman Davies CinW Website](#)

Instagram

Purpose of Use:

- Showcase classroom activities, school events, and pupil achievements
- Promote the school's ethos and community engagement
- Share updates with parents and the wider community

ADS School Instagram Account

aldermandaviesciw

Alderman Davies CIW

0 posts 0 followers 0 following

Follow

Message

We care and listen to our lovely families, and would like to share our wonderful school with you on Instagram. Our X page is still live, however we understand that most of our families have moved away from X and would rather Instagram. Please join our school instagram account by searching @aldermandaviesciw, don't forget to click follow!

Follow our instagram account to see what we get up to in our spectacular school!



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 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.

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 priorities for the year. Our attendance is currently at **92.53%** and we need to work together to increase this percentage.

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.

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.

I would just like to thank you all once again for your continued support. Please have a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Cofion cynnes,
Mrs Sarah Williams
Headteacher

