



Newsletter

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love | Telling a joyful story'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of another busy half term, it is hard to believe that we are now approaching the final term for our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Throughout the school, we have been fortunate to take part in a wide variety of experiences, making this a memorable time for both children and staff.

It has been a fantastic half term at Alderman Davies CIW Primary School, with so much to celebrate. It has been a pleasure to witness the incredible learning, creativity and dedication in every classroom, from our exciting new creative project 'Experiment', to achieving the incredible Siarter Iaith award, and welcoming Burgermeister Hans-Georg Sigel and the Esslingen representatives to our school. It has certainly been a half term to remember.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the key moments from this half term. It has been inspiring to see both enthusiasm, creativity, kindness and joy again this term.





Celebrations

Welcoming our visitors from Esslingen, in Germany.

We were delighted and deeply honoured to welcome the Esslingen representatives: Mr Hans-Georg Sigel (Mayor), Miss Nuru Debora Thie (Head of the Twin Cities Department), and Miss Eida Halle (Chairwoman of the Youth Council in Esslingen).

Neath Town Mayor, Cllr. Sara Price, alongside Cllr. Robert Price were actively working to re-establish the town twinning partnership with Esslingen am Neckar. This important collaboration aims to strengthen cultural links, share ideas, and build lasting connections between our communities.

The day began with a warm welcome from our Senedd members, who presented our guests with flowers and engaged them in thoughtful discussions about their roles, as well as their favourite Welsh foods!



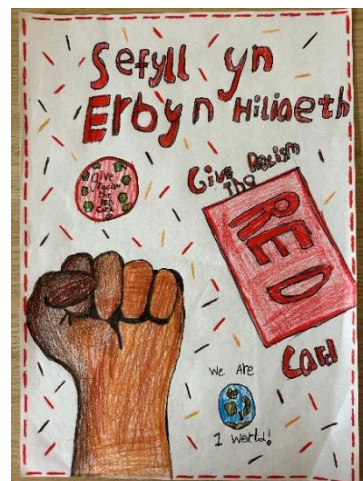
We concluded the visit with a tour of the school, proudly showcasing the children's outstanding achievements in writing, poetry, pottery, sports, gardening, and much more. It was a joyful and memorable day for all involved.

'Show Racism the Red Card' Poster Competition

We were delighted to announce that one of our incredibly talented pupils won this year's Show Racism the Red Card Creative Poster Competition 2026 in the Best Primary Bilingual category.

This annual competition attracts thousands of entries from schools across Wales, with over 270 schools taking part this year. We were incredibly proud to hear that his work stood out among so many submissions, highlighting his strong commitment to promoting anti-racism in education.

The judges shared that they were truly inspired by his poster and commended his efforts in advocating for equality, inclusion, and positive change. We are extremely proud of his passion and dedication in representing how inclusive we are as a school.





Cymraeg Campus – Y Wobr Arian

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have achieved the Cymraeg Campus Silver Award! This is recognition of the fantastic efforts of both children and staff. A special thank you goes to Mrs Smith for her leadership and commitment in guiding this success.

This programme is an important initiative supported by the Welsh Government, which recognises the Starter Iaith as a key resource in increasing children's use of Welsh. It contributes to the Cymraeg 2050 vision by inspiring children to use and enjoy Welsh in all aspects of their lives. Llongarfarchiadau!!



Eisteddfod

We were very proud to submit such incredible artwork once again to the National Eisteddfod competition. We are delighted to share the wonderful news that one of our exceptionally talented pupils achieved outstanding success, securing second place in this prestigious event. Achieving this award is truly exceptional, especially with schools from across Wales taking part, what a fantastic accomplishment! Bendigedig.



Our Christian Value

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

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 half term, they have purchased even more outdoor equipment from the money raised from our 'Coin Challenge' initiative. They asked for wooden skittles, diablos, giant, wooden dominoes, balance boards and trundle wheels. They will be accessible for the children during playtimes after half term. They have also purchased some beautiful trees and planters for our new garden, for everyone to enjoy.

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 and eucharist with the children and the church community for their support and love.

Dates for your Diary

Mai/May

25.05.26 Half Term holidays

Mehefin/June

01.06.26 Return to school

03.06.26 Year 3 PASS tennis festival

03.06.26 Y Senedd (year 4-6) will visit Bryncoch CIW Primary School 1:15pm-2:45pm (please let us know if you can support us with lifts, thank you!)

03.06.26 5 a-side football tournament for boys at Gnoll Primary

04.06.26 5 a-side football tournament for girls at Gnoll Primary

15.06.26 Year 1 swimming session at Neath Swimming Pool at 1:45pm

17.06.26 Rhian Ashton our Welsh support teacher will be joining our Baby and Toddler group for a fun Welsh session

22.06.26 Year 2 swimming session at Neath Swimming Pool at 1:45pm

23.06.26 Year 3/4 'Joio yn y Jambori' at Neath Sports Hall

25.06.26 Nursery and Reception Sports Day at ADS, 9:30am start

25.06.26 Year 6 Crucial Crew at Margam Park

26.06.26 Year 1-6 Sports Day at Neath Rugby Club, 9:30 start

Gorfennaf/July

01.07.26 **SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**

06.07.26 Year 6 dress rehearsals for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Neath Little Theatre.

07.07.26 Year 6 performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Matinee performance at 1:30pm and evening performance 5:30pm at Neath Little Theatre. *All proceeds will support the costings for the year 6 visit to London.

08.07.26 Year 6 leaver's service at Llandaff cathedral

08.07.26 Nursery to reception transition meeting for parents/carers at 11am



09.07.26 Dwr- y- Felin Transition day – Year 6

13.07.26 Year 6 Leaver's concert

14.07.26 Year 6 Cefn Saeson visit

15.07.26 Visit to London for year 6

16.07.26 Transition Day in school, children will meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms.

16.07.26 Year 5 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 for three weeks after half term. These will begin during the week starting Monday 1st of June to 19th of June, running from 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

The full list of clubs available this half term is provided below. If your child attended a club during this half term, their place will automatically be reserved when clubs resume after half term.

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.





Club	Activity	Teacher	Day
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
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
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

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.

Toys

Please note that we discourage children from bringing toys into school, as they can often lead to disagreements and additional issues for staff to manage. Toys can easily be lost, or children may share small items, which can sometimes result in upset. Additionally, some of the smaller toys brought into school may pose a choking risk for younger children. While we ensure that all school resources and equipment are sourced from reputable educational suppliers, we are unable to monitor every item brought in from home each day.



*Please note that if your child needs an item for support e.g. sensory toys etc, they must be agreed with the class teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Water bottles and Healthy Snack

Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for playtimes (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

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

The graphic features a dark blue background with yellow stars. At the top, it reads 'ADS School Instagram Account' in yellow and white text, accompanied by the school crest. Below this is a screenshot of the Instagram profile for 'aldermandaviesciw', showing 0 posts, 0 followers, and 0 following. A yellow speech bubble contains the text: 'Follow our instagram account to see what we get up to in our spectacular school!'. At the bottom, there is a photo of two children in school uniform.



- 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 **92.46%** 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 half term break with your children.

Cofion cynnes,
Mrs Sarah Williams
Headteacher

