



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Attendance - week ending 23.02.24

NUR-J	87.5%
NUR-K-R	81.2%
RK	90%
RP	98.3%
Y1S	89.7%
Y1T	92%
Y2D	87.4%
Y2K	97.7%
Y3GM	91.3%
Y3T	89%
Y4J	97.7%
Y4S	96.3%
Y5A	94.2%
Y5F	92.9%
Y6B	96.5%
Y6S	95.5%

Winning Class this week is RP with 98.3%. Amazing news to Mrs Powell's class

06.03.24	Parenting Workshops	09:00 – 10:00 Learning Pod
07.03.24	World Book Day	All Day
08.03.24	Y1T Class Assembly	09:00 entrance via Convent Street
11.03.24 – 22.03.24	Big walk and wheel to school fortnight	See 2 nd page for details
15.03.24	Y1S Class Assembly	09:00 entrance via Convent Street
21.03.24	Easter Service R – Y6 - Cathedral	14:00 All Welcome
22.03.24	End of Term	3:25pm
08.04.24	Inset Day	-
09.04.24	Start of Summer Term	08:40

Our next inset day will be on Monday 8th April. Our final inset day for the year will be on Friday 24th May.

Spring Term

1st March 2024

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus

Happy St David's Day to you all.

What a lovely week we have had, celebrating all things Welsh. We have spent time using watercolours to paint daffodils, we have eaten cawl and made Welsh biscuits. We enjoyed Mass in the Cathedral and St David's this morning. Our Eisteddfod this afternoon has shown us the range of Welsh talent we have here in school. From singing to poetry recitation, I am so proud of all the children.

St David's Day Competition winners

Well done to everyone who entered the Criw Cymraeg St David's Day competition. You have really excelled yourself this year with a fantastic effort with your entries.

Crowning of the Bard

Congratulations to Joanne in Y6B who was crowned bard this year after her fantastic poem about Wales



Volunteers

Thank you to the parents who have offered to become a school volunteer. We have an informal meeting on Tuesday at 9:15 to discuss next steps. Thank you.

Collection for Zambia – Message from Miss Summerfield

Thank you so, so much to everyone who supported our raffle! We managed to raise a total of £403.00 to help support our link school in Zambia.

From this money we will be able to take over lots of school stationery and new toys for the children. This money will also help to buy tables and chairs for an entire nursery class!

I thank you again for your generosity and kindness supporting this great cause.

We wish Miss Summerfield well as she travels to Zambia next week to make a visit to our link school. Take lots of photographs Miss Summerfield – we can't wait to find out about your visit.

World Book Day - 7th March

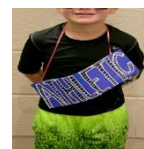
We would like to share ideas for World Book Day for the whole school on Thursday 7th March. As



one of our school priorities this year is to improve and extend pupils' vocabulary, we would like to encourage

children take part in a vocabulary parade. This is where children wear a card displaying a word and its definition alongside a costume which reflects the word/definition. Google 'Vocabulary Parade' for ideas.

Inset Day





Dear Families,

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event, they can let their teacher know how they came to school and there will be a school total each day.

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. We realise some children get the bus to school but maybe you can encourage them to walk to the bus stop or scoot a little way.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

Mrs Powell