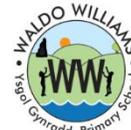




Weekly Newsletter

Monday 6th October



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and managed to stay safe during the very windy weather over the weekend! I know many sporting fixtures across Pembrokeshire were cancelled, but I hope some of you were still able to enjoy your games.

It was a pleasure to meet with the newly formed PTA last week. They already have exciting plans in place to raise vital funds for all pupils. Please see the posters below — we would be extremely grateful for your continued support. Of course, we are always looking for new members, please let the school office know if you would like to join!

Tuesday 7th October – PTA members will be selling tickets at the end of the school day for pupils to attend the **Pumpkin Party** – see poster below.

Mr Wilkes and Miss Smith were very proud of our Year 3 and 4 pupils who took part in the Urdd Tag Rugby tournament last week — they represented the school brilliantly! To make the most of the time we have before winter sets in, pupils from Years 3–6 will represent Waldo Williams this week in football and netball matches against Mary Immaculate School. Before half-term, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils will also take part in a contact rugby tournament. We have such talented pupils at Waldo Williams — we are incredibly proud of them all!

Finally, this week we will begin the process of moving over to a new school app. As many of you have highlighted, the current app (My School App) is a little clunky and often does not work reliably for many parents. To make things easier, we will move to *ParentMail* over the next week or so. Miss Chapman and Mrs Low will share information over the coming days about what you will need to do. We hope the new app will be more stable and user-friendly. It will also be used to take payments for trips, residentials and other activities

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you require any further support, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Mr A Davies
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

8 th October	Football and netball V Mary Immaculate School
9 th October	Barafundle & Saundersfoot – trip to Scolton Manor
10 th October	World Mental Health Day – pupils and staff to wear something yellow!
15 th October	Shwmae Day – wear something red, white or green (or all three!)
	Little Trooper Forces fun day at the Army Office (Hwest) - with Miss Chapman
	PTA Pumpkin Party – see poster below
16 th October	Parent wellbeing drop-in with Miss Chapman – 2.30 pm in the community room
24 th October	Last day for pupils before half-term
3 rd November	Pupils to return to school
6 th November	Dale and Abermawr classes – start swimming for this half-term
10 th November	Whole School Photographs

14 th November	Children in Need Day – wear pyjamas to school for the day!
17 th November	Anti-bullying week
17-19 th November	Parents' Evening Appointments
8 th December	Dosbarth Tenby (Nursery) Christmas Sing-along
	Barafundle and Saundersfoot classes – Christmas performance – 4.30 pm
9 th December	Nolton and Broad Haven classes – Christmas performance – 4.30 pm
10 th December	Dale and Abermawr classes – Christmas performance – 4.30 pm
	Christmas Dinner
17 th December	Class Christmas parties
19 th December	Last day for pupils before Christmas – pupils welcome to take a toy to school
5 th January	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
6 th January	Pupils to return to school

Please remember to check the school app calendar – often, dates can change and new events are added.

School Attendance



As you are aware, we have been tasked to improve our attendance. Therefore, we will be working closely with Pembrokeshire County Council to work with families to improve attendance.

As always, we are here to help. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or need any advice or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. In the first instance, please speak with Miss Chapman, our Family Engagement Officer (FEO), who is based in the school office.

Just a reminder: one of the tools available to support improved attendance is the use of **Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)**. It is a common misconception that FPNs are issued only for term-time holidays. In fact, FPNs can be issued when a pupil's attendance is a serious concern and there has been no sustained improvement over time, despite support and intervention. Find out more information by using the following link:

[Penalty Notices - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)

Did you know...

A percentage attendance of **98%** is equivalent to **4** days off each year

A percentage attendance of **95%** is equivalent to **9** days off each year

A percentage attendance of **94%** is equivalent to **11** days (2 weeks and 1 day) off each year

A percentage attendance of **90%** is equivalent to **20** days (4 weeks) off each year

A percentage attendance of **85%** is equivalent to **30** days (6 weeks) off each year

PTA Events

