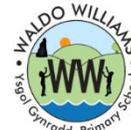




Weekly Newsletter

Monday 17th November



Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you are all well.

The first few weeks of this half-term have already proved to be busy. Pupils continue to make progress which is most pleasing. Across the school, pupils are working well to ensure they are producing pleasing work at a consistent level. Of particular interest is the improvements that the school continues to make in writing. We have some excellent examples of writing across the school – well done everyone!

In recent news, many of our pupils have represented the school well at a variety of sporting events including the Boccia tournament for Dosbarth Newgale in Fishguard, contact rugby at the Urdd tournament at Neyland and netball at the Urdd tournament at Haverfordwest High. We are so proud of the effort and sportsmanship on display. As we move rapidly towards Christmas, please do keep an eye on the school's online calendar. There are numerous events planned with some date changes already. Please see below for instructions about saving the online calendar to the home screen of your mobile phone so that it works like an app.

As always, if you require support with any matter, please do get in touch. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr A Davies
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

17 th November	Anti-bullying week
17-19 th November	Parents' Evening Appointments
20 th November	Road Safety assembly (all pupils) and traffic speed camera workshops (Years 5 and 6)
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
15 th December	Dosbarth Dale and Abermawr – St. Fagan's Trip
16 th December	School Christmas movie visit to the cinema (Years 1-6)
17 th December	Class parties during the morning, then Christmas movie visit to the cinema (Years R-6)
19 th December	Last day for pupils before Christmas – pupils are welcome to take a toy to school!
5 th January	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
6 th January	Pupils return to school

Please remember to check the school 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

Update: we are pleased to share that overall, attendance is improving across the school. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We hope for continued improvement.

Children In Need



Thank you so much for your support and kind donations. We are pleased to share that as a school, we raised **£132.96**! Da iawn everyone!

ParentMail and School Calendar



We are pleased to see that over 90% of pupils are now connected to our new school app – **ParentMail**. Already, the app is working much more reliably, and we are hearing improved feedback from parents. If you are not yet connected, please speak to the school office who will be able to get you connected.

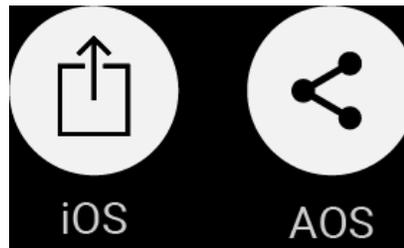
One element that you will miss is the calendar on the app. One solution is the calendar that is linked to our school website: www.waldowilliamsschool.co.uk

If you visit the website on your phone, navigate to the calendar page or use the following link:

[Waldo Williams Primary School - Calendar](#)

Once you view the calendar on your phone web browser, use the share button at the bottom of the page and add this webpage to the **home screen** of your phone. This link on your phone home screen will take you directly to our school calendar that is constantly live and updated with events.

The share buttons on both an iPhone (iOS) and Android phone (AOS) looks like:



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WINTRY Wonders

Come and enjoy some wintry themed creative science activities indoors and outdoors with you child at Waldo Williams.

Tuesday's
Nursery & Reception
11th to 18th November
@ 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm
Year 1 & 2
25th November to 2nd December
@ 1.30 pm TO 3.30 PM



Click on the link or scan the QR code to request a space.
For more information please text Carol on 07833 295608



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Christmas Bites!

WALDO WILLIAMS

Tuesday 11th Nov to 2nd Dec

YRS 3 & 4

(4 Weeks)
Morning Session
9:00AM - 11:15AM



Accredited course

Come along and make some festive treats with your child with guidance of our wonderful tutor.

Places are limited. Booking is essential.
To request a space, click the Springboard+ the link
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