

**WALES PRIMARY** FRIDAY 17th January 2025



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Update from Mrs McDonald

We are all settled in now to our new rooms and it has been lovely to get out on the playground and back into the hall for lunchtimes and assemblies. We are just catching up on a few things that we missed out on last half term. Child of the Autumn term has taken place this afternoon and we will sort out the Autumn term attendance assembly shortly.

This half term we have 'Children's mental health week' to look forward to and we have class based parents meetings discussing the upcoming statutory tests for Y1, Y4 and Y6 children.

As a thank you to the Methodist Chapel I am working with Paul Joynes to try to help raise money for their roof. Unfortunately like school they suffered storm damage which has resulted in them needing to raise £5,000 to repair it. When they kindly offered their chapel for us to host our Key Stage 2 concerts we did collect some donations. I am extending this to anyone in school who would be able to donate towards fixing it. Each morning when I am on the school gate I will have a collection bucket for the chapel. This will be for the next couple of weeks to aim to support them as much as possible.

Lastly we have an increasing amount of lost property from gloves and lunchboxes to coats. We will display them before and after school over the next week or so. Please can you check if your child has lost anything this school year.

The children and staff have been extremely resilient adapting to all of the changes and we can now enjoy getting back to our 'normal' school life.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**W/C Monday 3rd Children's Mental Health Week**

**Wednesday 5th Meeting for Y1 and Y2 parents – Supporting your child with the Phonics Screen Test 5pm**

**Wednesday 5th Meeting for Y6 parents – Supporting your child with SAT's 5pm**

**Wednesday 12th Meeting for Y4 parents – Supporting your child with Multiplication Check 5pm**

**Friday 14th Break up for Half Term holiday**

**Monday 24th INSET**

**Tuesday 25th Return to school for Spring 2**



## GRATITUDE, EMPATHY, RESPECT, INTEGRITY

Lola in Y4 is feeling very proud of herself for having a very special job donating money she has raised for children not as fortunate as her this Christmas



*“The school is our children; our children make the school”*



## ATTENDANCE AWARD

### 6th to 10th January

FS2 96.8%

Y1 95.7%

Y2 93.2%

**Y3 100%**

Y4 98.2%

Y5 98.4%

Y6 96.4%

### 13th to 17th January

FS2 96.4%

Y1 96.9%

Y2 97%

Y3 99.2%

Y4 97.6%

Y5 97.5%

**Y6 99.3%**

Well Done to Y3 and Y6!

*'We got a whole lot of history'*

We made two visits to Manor Lodge in Sheffield since starting back at school.



Year 3 visited the Stone Age exhibit and explored the artefacts. Children were asked to use crafts to make the tools used in the Stone Age.



### MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

We are kicking our fund-raising off gently, as you can now raise money for school just by shopping at Asda!

Download the Asda rewards app, go to cash pots and select Wales Primary School as your chosen school - the school postcode is S26 5QG

Each time you scan the rewards app the school's cash pot will grow. You don't lose out on your own cash pot either!

We know some of you have already spotted this and signed up, Superstars

#### Shop with Asda?

Raise £1 plus 0.5% of every shop for the school FREE!

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1 Open your Asda rewards app
- 2 Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- 3 Search for and select 'Wales Primary School'



Year 5 visited for a truly Tudor experience. Love the costumes!



thank you.

Please spread the word to family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support

PTFA Fundraising events diary to follow shortly.

Please look out for the events posted on the school display board located on the playground.

**Well Done** to those children achieving their second reading award last half term.

Many children across school received their Reading **Lieutenant Certificate** for reading at home at least three times a week for five weeks.

Reading is very important for each and every child as a means of accessing the world around them from every point of view. Learning to read is an essential skill but developing the love of reading is equally important.

Encouraging your child to read a variety of texts and genres will support them in language development, sentence structures and subject knowledge.

We hope to celebrate another half term of reading.

**WALES PRIMARY**  
*Parent Carer*  
**MEET-UP**

As part of the Partnership for Inclusion Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project, which aims to help schools build upon inclusion for neurodiverse children within schools. We are hosting three opportunities for parents and carers to come together and share their experiences of what it feels like to be a parent or carer of a neurodivergent child, to look together at what is working well within the school, and to consider what needs to be better.

**Would you like to learn more about neurodiversity (this may include Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, OCD)?**  
**If so, please come along to find out more!**

**Dates for the meet-ups**

- **Thursday 27/11/24**  
**1:30 – 3:00 pm**
- **Monday 27/01/2025,**  
**08:45–10:00 am**
- **Tuesday 04/03/25,**  
**08:45 –10:00 am**

**Free Refreshments Available**

**WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Parents and carers are invited into school on **Monday 27th January** in the school hall for the second PINS project meet up.

Please see above for details.

Special Educational Needs co-ordinator: Mrs Charlotte Lax

(Also the Deputy Head Teacher. Monday- Thursday working days).

# Join the world's largest garden wildlife survey.



## What is Big Garden Birdwatch?

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.



## How to take part

- 1 Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 20% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.
- 2 Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 24 and 26 January, and record the birds that land.
- 3 Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.



Choose an hour between 24 and 26 January



Only record the birds that land in your patch



Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time

## POLITE REMINDERS

- ◆ For **emergency and urgent messages**, plus notification of medical appointments please contact the school office:  
**Tel:** 01909 770236      **email:** school@walesprimary.co.uk
- ◆ To contact your child's teacher regarding their learning and/or behaviour please use their email address. This can be found on your child's class web page:  
www.walesprimary.co.uk
- ◆ Ensure your child(ren) have a **water** bottle everyday.
- ◆ Ensure your child's uniform is **name labelled**, including their coats.
- ◆ Children bring their **reading book and diary** to school everyday.
- ◆ Any **lost property** will be stored in the entrance to the school hall. It can be collected at the end of the school day with a parent/carer.
- ◆ **P.E kits** are to be worn on the day of your child's P.E lesson. No football kits or gymnastics outfits are allowed.
- ◆ Break time snacks must be **fruit or vegetables only**.
- ◆ If your child is entering school by themselves please be aware that the school **gates are locked until 8:30am**.

