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16th October, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

I am so pleased to see how well all the children have settled into the new school year. Every morning at the gate, it's wonderful to watch our youngest learners coming in with growing confidence and to see how established routines are helping our older pupils thrive.

I'm working hard to learn everyone's names — though I admit our many sets of twins sometimes keep me on my toes! I'm also making every effort to visit each class to teach, as it's such a privilege to see the children learning alongside their peers and to get to know a different side of them in the classroom.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for the warm welcome and patience you've shown as I've settled into the school community. This newsletter highlights some of the fantastic activities from the past few weeks and gives a glimpse of the excitement to come as we reach the end of this half term and look ahead to the Christmas countdown.

Joshua Jones (*Acting Headteacher*)

New Chair of Governors

At our recent governors' meeting, Donna confirmed that she would be stepping down as Chair now that her term of office has come to an end. Donna has given so much to our school over the years, and as her children have now moved on, she felt it was the right time to hand over the role. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and wish her all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to announce that Paul Croston has been appointed as our new Chair of Governors.



Unicorn Travel, Wrexham, have generously provided two buses free of charge to transport all of our pupils. Please return completed forms and any money raised by Thursday 23rd October.



Sponsored Walk

On Monday 20th October, the whole school will be taking part in a Sponsored Walk around Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse.

Staff News

Many of you will already know that since I last wrote, we have sadly said goodbye to our wonderful teaching assistant, Mrs Hughes, from Dosbarth Elwy. Mrs Hughes has taken up an exciting new role outside of education.



She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new venture.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our school community. Donna Walker joins us as a teaching assistant in Dosbarth Alyn, and Vanessa Mytton as a teaching assistant in Dosbarth Elwy.

They will both be starting after the half term and are excited to get going. Please join me in giving them a very warm welcome to Sant Dunawd.

Changes to Breakfast Club – After Half Term

After the half-term break, we will be introducing some changes to our Breakfast Club arrangements.

From Monday 3rd November, Breakfast Club will begin at 7:50am.

Paid Session: 7:50 – 8:20am
at a charge of £3 per child (FSM £1).

Free Session: 8:20 – 8:35am
(for children to have breakfast).

Please note that there will be no admittance after 8:35am, and the school gates to the yard will open as usual at 8:45am.

These new timings will be trialled for the next half term, after which we will review how well they are working for families and staff.



ParentPay



ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance
up to 15th October



97.2%



School Target 96.8%



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Clywedog's Harvest Assembly

A huge thank you to all the parents, families, and members of the church community who joined us for our wonderful Harvest Assembly, led by Dosbarth Clywedog at St Dunawd's Church. The children did a fantastic job, and it was a joy to celebrate this special occasion together in such a beautiful setting.

We are very grateful to St Dunawd's Church for hosting us and for their continued support of our school community.



New Visual School Menu



Following feedback from some parents regarding recent food waste, we have created a visual menu to accompany our school lunches. While **the menu itself has not changed**, you can now show your child what each meal will look like when helping them choose their lunch.

We hope this will make the process of ordering lunches at home easier and reduce food waste at school.

A reminder that you can **order lunches up to three weeks** in advance via **ParentPay**.

Reception Open Day

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a Reception place for next year, don't forget our **Reception Open Day** on **Monday 10th November**. Please contact the school office to book a place.

School Council Elections

We are delighted to announce that our First Minister and Deputy First Minister have been elected! After writing their prospectuses, casting votes, and counting the results, Rhys Davies has been elected as First Minister and Aiden Donaldson as Deputy First Minister.

Teachers are now preparing to meet with their new ministries so that they can work together on school improvement initiatives and continue making our school an even better place for everyone.



Education Ministry 25/26

Fiver Challenge

I am incredibly proud to share that we have been receiving numerous thank-you letters from charitable organisations expressing their gratitude for the money our children raised during last year's Fiver Challenge with Miss Morris.

It is wonderful to see our pupils' generosity and hard work making a real difference, and it fills me with pride to see their kindness being recognised beyond our school community.



Dates for the Diary



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23/10/25

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14/11/25



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