



# St. Winefride's news

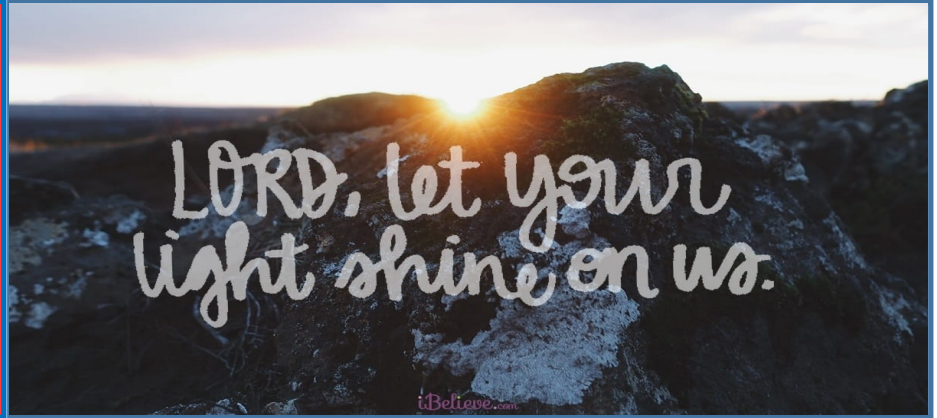
*Newyddion Santes Gwenffrewi*

**Autumn 2025 - Half term 2 / Hydref 2025 - Hanner tymor 2**

**Learning and growing together**



***in the love of Christ***



## Key Dates

**Monday 3rd November** - All pupils return to school

**10th-14th November** - Anti-bullying week

**Monday 10th November** - wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique

**Friday 14th November** - Children in Need - Theme TBC from School Council

**Thursday 20th November** - Cafod World Children's Day

**Friday 21st November** - Jubilee Celebration Day!

**Monday 24th November at 4.30pm** - Phonics and Reading session - supporting your child with phonics

**Wednesday 26th November** - Nasal Flu Spray Reception to Year 6

**Friday 28th November** - Christmas Fair in school hall at 2.00pm

**Monday 8th December** - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert

**Tuesday 9th December** - Afternoon Christmas Concert performance at 2.00pm

**Wednesday 10th December** - Evening Christmas Concert at 6.00pm (children return to school by 5.30pm)

**Thursday 11th December** - Christmas Panto (Sleeping Beauty) in Rhyl for Reception to Year 6 pupils.

**Friday 12th December** - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 16th December at 2.00pm** - Christmas Mass in school

**Wednesday 17th December** - Christmas dinner day - date TBC

**Thursday 18th December** - Christmas party day

**Friday 19th December** - FINISH school for Christmas





## **This half term!!**

Please ensure children bring suitable kit if

necessary and are collected at 4:15pm.

You must book a space via the website for Football lab.

MONDAY	<b>LEGO</b>	DOSBARTH DYFI
TUESDAY	<b>SEWING</b>	DOSBARTH MENAI
WEDNESDAY	<b>FOOTBALL LAB</b>	MELYN TO MENAI
THURSDAY	<b>YOUNG VOICES</b> <b>CRAFT</b>	PUPILS IN YV CHOIR YEAR 1—MELYN

All clubs start week commencing 3rd November. No clubs last 2 weeks of the half term due to Christmas events.



## **What has been happening at school**

The children have been settling well since we returned in September. They have been busy completing their testing and results will now be analysed by staff to ensure they are given the best support, most suited to them for the rest of the school year.

We have started the year by hosting the year 3 and 4 Football festival for the Holywell schools, well done to everyone who enjoyed taking part.

Dosbarth Clywedog and Menai have been progressing well with their swimming. We can see that many children have improved in their ability and confidence in the water.

Dosbarth Melyn children have been taking part in forest school sessions. Lots of outdoor fun.

During October we have been celebrating Black History month. A great opportunity to teach about different cultures and history, and to celebrate us all being equal. On Friday 17th October we wore red to 'show racism the red card'

We have raised funds for the charity Breast cancer now by wearing it pink for the day. Well done to everyone for raising £137.61.

On Friday 10th October we all wore yellow to raise awareness of the importance of young peoples mental health. We want to see a world where no young person feels alone.

Dosbarth Dyfi helped in the local community by taking part in a litter pick organised by Holywell Town Council. Thankyou to all of you for helping keep our local area beautiful.

Dosbarth Coch enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo, the weather was great and there were lots of happy tired faces on their return to school.

Our Fairtrade coffee afternoon was a success with parents and parishioners attending. Well done to the children for all the baking .....the cakes were delicious!

Year 3 are currently taking part in weekly recorder lessons, provided by Theatre Clwyd. The teacher has given a positive report and said they are all working very hard to understand rhythms and how to read music.

All classes have been raising funds to buy World gifts from CAFOD. Items purchased include worms, goats and chicks to help those who are less fortunate.

Finally a great big thankyou for all your harvest donations which were donated to the food bank. This year the response was fantastic and I am sure it will help many local families who are currently in need.





Thankyou to everyone who joined us for our 50th celebrations. It was amazing to see so many families who have been a part of the St. Winefride's School family over the last 50 years. It was such a special day, enjoyed by everyone.



**Congratulations to our  
past pupil!**

**Tara-Leigh O'Boyle.**

Tara was invited to attend the garden party at Buckingham palace in recognition of all her hard work.

After leaving St. Winefride's Tara attended St Richard Gwyn to complete GCSE's and A Levels. She then gained an apprenticeship with Flintshire Housing Association, and was runner up apprentice of the year. Tara now works in the legal department at FCC and is studying to become a paralegal. In addition to all this Tara somehow also managed to find the time to train and work as firefighter.

## Parish News

If any parents would like to help with Children's liturgy during Sunday mass please contact Mrs Keogh for further information.

Tickets are on sale for the Winter Concert in Church on 30.11.2025. Anyone who wishes to purchase tickets can do so on Saturday and Sunday after mass or from Tower Crafts in Holywell. Performers include the school choir, the Entourage ladies and Holywell Band. Mulled wine and mince pies are available during the interval to get everyone in the festive spirit.



## Home School Association news (H.S.A)

### H.S.A. events

Our Movie and games night is on Thursday 13th November.

Foundation phase Smeds & Smoos movie and games  
3:15—4:45pm

KS2 KPop demon hunters 5:15—7:30pm

Funds raised will go towards resources for the children.

### Committee members

Chairperson: Mrs Louise Williams

Vice Chair: Miss Maria Keogh

Treasurer: Mrs Leanne Cormack

Secretary: Miss Juliann Thomas



### WIN £30 EVERY TERM!!!

Join our Club 60 to win up to £30 every term. Simply choose an available number and pay just £1 per month to be put into the draw.

By being a part of the club 60, you are helping school raise much needed funds for resources and activities.

If you would like a number please contact Leanne Cormack via the school Facebook page for further information.



You could be helping school raise vital funds whilst shopping online with Amazon, Argos, Sports direct and many more. It doesn't cost you anything, just download the easy fundraising app and shop via that each time you shop. It really could not be easier.

We have already raise over £1,100 through easy fundraising so with your help we could easily raise much more!!

### Future events

The next H.S.A Meeting date is to be confirmed.

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND OFFER  
YOUR SUPPORT AT THE UPCOMING  
MOVIE NIGHT. ALL HELP IS GREATLY  
APPRECIATED.**





## Important reminders and Info

### Healthy snacks

Please remember that children are only allowed to bring in a piece of fruit or veg for snack at breaktime.



While we understand that many children will want to bring other options it is important that we teach them how essential it is to eat healthily for their future.

Please can you also ensure that no fizzy drink are provided in school, We always encourage the children to have a bottle of water with them throughout the day.

### Carpark

- **THE CARPARK IS FOR STAFF ONLY**
- **PEDESTRIANS MUST NOT WALK ACROSS THE CARPARK**
- **DO NOT PARK IN THE LAYBY OUTSIDE SCHOOL, DROP OFF ONLY**



- **DO NOT BLOCK THE ENTRANCES TO THE HOUSES ACROSS THE STREET**
- **REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!!!**

### Safeguarding Officers and Governors

**Safeguarding Officer:** Miss Sian Jones Evans

**Deputy Safeguarding officer:** Mrs Lauren Owen/Miss Danielle Rainford

**Chair of Governors:** Mrs Mary Auty

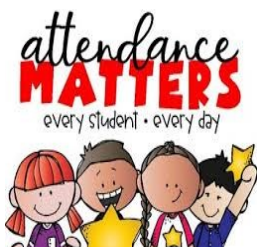
**Vice Chair of Governors:** Mrs Sarah St. John

**Safeguarding Governor :** Mrs Suzi Allsopp

### School Dinners

£2.80 per day for nursery children

**Free dinners for all those from Reception to Year 6.**



### Attendance and Punctuality

#### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target this year is **93.0%**

Our attendance this year so far is: **90.99%**

Please may we remind parents/carers that if you bring your children into school after 9.00am they need to be signed in by an adult as **LATE** in the Pupil Book, which is in the waiting area in reception.

### Complaints Procedures

As in every organisation, misunderstandings can from time to time arise which can lead to a parent wishing to express a concern. A concern is not a complaint and should not be treated as such by the parent or the school. If a parent is concerned about anything to do with the education that we are providing at our school, they should, in the first instance, discuss the matter with their child's class teacher. Where a parent feels that a situation has not been resolved through contact with the class teacher, or that their concern is of a sufficiently serious nature, they should make an appointment to discuss it with the Headteacher. Should a parent have a complaint about the Headteacher or issue that they feel has not been resolved, she/he should put their concerns in writing to the Chair of Governors. If the Chair of Governors cannot resolve the matter, the complaint will be considered by a panel of governors. If the complaint is not resolved, a parent may make representation to the Diocese to carry out an investigation. The Diocesan director will appoint someone to deal with your complaint. The complaint will normally be investigated within 20 school days.

**Creche cancellations.** Bookings and cancellations must be made by 11pm the night before the session. These can be made via the school gateway. Any sessions booked but not attended will still be charged. Payment must be made prior to the session taking place.



Well done to the Children who won the Headteacher's award last half term! Miss Evans and the staff are very proud of you!

Glas - Caitlin M

Melyn - Phoebe G

Coch - Elsie FA

Dyfi - Ella H

Clywedog - Alfie G

Menai - Ruby G



Welsh Award Winners! Congratulations to you all on using the Welsh language around school.



Dyfi - Rupert B

Melyn - Shea C

Clywedog - Bobby Wayne F

Coch - Ioana C

Menai - Luna L

### Welsh phrases to learn

Dewch yma

Come here

Gai i?

Can I?

Beth sy'n bod?

What's the matter?

Croeso

Welcome

Nadolig Llawn

Merry Christmas

Beth wyt ti eisiau?

What would you like?

Mae hi'n oer

It is cold



### Well done to all of our weekly award winners who

won

Seren Y  
Wythnos



**OF THE  
WEEK**

Gospel Values

Best class attendance

Most Tocyn Iaiths

Detectif Cymraeg



### MY CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Thank You for that quiet night.  
Thank You, God, for the twinkling lights.  
Thank You for freshly fallen snow.  
Thank You for a warm fire's glow.  
Thank You, God, for family fun.  
Thank You for Jesus, Your son.  
Amen!

