



Friday 15th March 2024

Weekly Bulletin

Worship

During this week's worship, we reflected on how the disciples waited for the Holy Spirit and how God gave them the gifts they needed. The children shared some of the gifts that they have (musical talents, confidence with languages, sporting prowess, caring for others to name but a few!) and thought about how they would use these gifts throughout the week to help others.

Easter Egg Raffle

Our Rose Queen Lucy will be running our annual Easter Egg Raffle for her chosen charities. The draw will take place in this Monday's worship so there will be one last opportunity to buy tickets from class teachers on Monday morning. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated eggs.

Rock Steady Concert!

On Tuesday our junior rock stars put on an amazing concert for parents and pupils! It was so wonderful to see the children perform with such confidence, enthusiasm and skill. I'm sure we will see some of them on stage in a decade or so! Thank you to Jonty at Rock Steady for all of his patience and passion.



Girls Football

Well done to our Y5&6 girls for their excellent efforts in this week's HCCS tournament. We had a few last minute team changes and faced strong opposition but they came away with a silver medal and Mr McAulay was so impressed with their resilience and positivity. Well done girls!



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Attendance

As you may have seen in the press, school attendance continues to be a focus for the Department of Education. At our upcoming consultations, you will be given a copy of your child’s current attendance record. To help you review this, we are aiming for an attendance of 95% or above.

	Over 95% is recognised as good
	Under 90% is cause for concern.
	Under 80% is classed as ‘persistent absenteeism’ and could result in contact from the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer).

We greatly appreciate the support from the vast majority of families in promoting good attendance. We absolutely understand that there have been lots of bugs and sickness this winter and, if children are unwell, they need to rest and recuperate. We are hopeful that the worst is over and attendance will rise over the warmer months and we would be most grateful if parents could support in us in achieving this.

be fined. We understand that for many, the increased costs means making a choice between a term-time holiday or not having a holiday at all, and we appreciate that these events provide memories and support well-being. We therefore ask that parents consider when booking, if they can reduce the number of days to an absolute minimum. We also ask that parents consider their child’s overall attendance and, if they know they are booking a holiday, make every effort to build a strong attendance figure beforehand.

Impact of Attendance

Our curriculum is all carefully planned to be sequential and builds on prior knowledge. If a child misses a week of school, they miss key elements of learning. This might be missing a unit of fractions that won’t be revisited for another year or missing the planning and drafting stage of their writing project. Without additional staff, it is difficult to help the children to catch up. Children also comment that they feel anxious when returning to school and they miss their friends. We will do everything we can to limit the impact but it is tricky with our current budget.

Ofsted

Attendance also forms part of Ofsted’s judgement on Personal Development. We believe we have an incredibly strong programme to support children’s personal development, including trips, residentials, clubs, music lessons, special events and visitors. We would love to achieve ‘outstanding’ in this area during our inspection but we will need to raise attendance to 95%.

If you have any ideas on how we can better support parents, please do get in touch.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

Term Time Holidays

We are unable to authorise term time holidays. We have to refer any holidays equal to or above five days (ten sessions) to the local authority. We do not receive the money raised by fines nor do we decide if a family should



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Dates

Tuesday 19th March—Y5 Singfest concert 12:15-13:30.

Parents can purchase tickets nearer the time.

Tuesday 19th March - Y3 trip

20th-22nd March Y5 at Conway

w/b 25th March - Parents Consultations

25th-28th March Y6 at Pensarn

Change of Date! Tuesday 26th March - Y2-Y5 Easter service at St Oswald's 2pm

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term

Monday 15th April - Return to school

1st-3rd May - Y4 at York

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May - Class photos

WB 13th May - KS2 SATS

WB 27th May - Half Term

Tuesday 4th June - Return to school

WB 3rd June and 10th June - Y4 Multiplication Check

WB 10th June - Y1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July - Y6 transition days at HCCS

4th-5th July - Y2 at Tattenhall

Saturday 6th July - Garden Party

Monday 15th July - Sports Day (AM)

Monday 15th July - Y6 Leaver's Service 2pm

Friday 19th July - Last day of term

Class Services

Each Thursday a class will walk to St Oswald's for a children's service. Parents are welcome to join. We leave school around 10:10am and the service begins at 10:30 and lasts around 30 minutes.

Thursday 21st March—Reception



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