Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas festivities in school are fast approaching. We thank you in advance for practising lines and songs at home. We understand that this is an expensive time of year and we will try to minimise the costumes that we ask you to provide for the children.





Our Christian value this half term is:



Father Julian and Mrs Balkwill lead our value assemblies.



Children with a date of birth between 1/9/2020 and 31/8/21 are eligible for a Reception class place for September 2025. The application process for parents to apply opened on 6th November 2024. (Closing Date 9th January 2025 at 5pm) Starting primary school - Monmouthshire

Christmas Clothes

Primary School Places

Children are welcome to wear something Christmassy on their party day and on the day we have Christmas lunch (see calendar). This doesn't have to be a full outfit, it could be some tinsel as a scarf, a hat or a badge if your child does not enjoy dressing up.

Parent Share Event

Following the popular maths sharing this term we will hold a literacy share for each class next term. Have a look at the calendar for dates.



Term Dates

| Autumn Term | 02/09/24 |
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| Spring Term | 06/01/25 |
| Summer Term | 28/04/25 |

| Half | Term | |
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| 28/10/24 | 01/11/24 | 20/12/24 |
| 24/02/25 | 28/02/25 | 11/04/25 |
| 26/05/25 | 30/05/25 | 21/07/25 |

INSET Training Days 2024/2025

School closed to pupils: Monday 2nd September Friday 25th October Monday 4th November Friday 7th March Friday 27th June Monday 21st July

Instagram

Have you seen photos of your child on our new Instagram page?

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| Dates for Your Diary | | | |
| November | Reception Parents— | | |
| Tuesday 26th | See How They Learn | | |
| Thursday 28th 9.30 | Year 3 Music Assembly | | |
| Friday 29th | PTFA Non-Uniform Tombola Day | | |
| December | | | |
| Monday 2nd | Y3 Swimming | | |
| Thursday 5th 3.20pm | Christmas Fayre | | |
| Monday 9th 2pm | Rec-Y2 Christmas Concert | | |
| Monday 9th 5.30pm | Rec-Y2 Christmas Concert | | |
| Wednesday 11th 2pm | Y3-Y4 Christmas Concert | | |
| Wednesday 11th 5.30pm | Y3-Y4 Christmas Concert | | |
| Monday 16th 2pm | Y5-Y6 Christmas Carol Concert | | |
| Monday 16th 5.30pm | Y5-Y6 Christmas Carol Concert | | |
| Tuesday 17th | Y5/6 Christmas Party (Party Clothes) | | |
| Wednesday 18th | Y3/4 Christmas Party (Party Clothes) | | |
| Wednesday 18th | Christmas lunch | | |
| Thursday 19th | Rec-Y2 Christmas Party (Party Clothes) | | |
| Thursday 19th 6pm | , Christingle Service St. Teilo's | | |
| Friday 20th | End of Term (1.30pm close if parents wish) | | |
| January | | | |
| Monday 6th | First day of term | | |
| Monday 27th | Year 1 Class Literacy Share | | |
| Tuesday 28th | Year 2 Class Literacy Share | | |
| Tuesday 28th | Y6 Parent Consultations | | |
| Wednesday 29th | Y6 Parent Consultations | | |
| Wednesday 29th | Reception Class Literacy Share | | |
| Thursday 30th | Year 3 Class Literacy Share | | |
| Friday 31st | Year 4 Class Literacy Share | | |
| February | | | |
| Tuesday 4th | Year 5 Class Literacy Share | | |
| Thursday 6th | Year 6 Class Literacy Share | | |
| Tuesday 11th | Year 4/5/6/ Diversity Workshops | | |

Congratulations

Congratulations to one of our pupil's official Aston Villa signing. This is the official media and academy headshot which will be placed on the wall of the academy at Bodymoor Heath training complex.

Remember us when you're famous!







Knitters

Thank you to Mrs Flynn and the Knitting Club. The blanket the children have knitted has recently been

packed up ready to begin the journey to Zambia.





The Community Cabin

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help us with the community cabin. We thank you for your donations but we find it difficult to keep on top of sorting the clothes. We would be really grateful if some parents

and carers could volunteer to come in once a month or so to give us a hand. Please let the office know and we can try to get a team together. Thank you.

Year 6 Parent Consultations

We are aware that we haven't had Parent Consultations for Year 6. We have put a date in the diary for Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January.



At the moment, we are unsure of this will be with Miss Wright or Mr Langdon. Please look out for further information.

The local authority has supplied the information below regarding devices and online safety.

Christmas 2024 is coming – digital resilience tips and information

As the festive season approaches families begin to think about preparations – gift buying, what films they might watch, what games to play etc.

It is not always easy to know how to safeguard children online, and which games, apps and devices might not be suitable and what we can all do to promote a safer digital experience for children of all ages. Shopping isn't the only aspect of Christmas we need to be careful about. Setting up phones and all those other online devices, using social media and making video calls all need care to keep children safe.

This is a collation of some useful information for parents and carers.

Firstly there are a range of resources on HWB

- <u>UK-July24_Parent_Leaflet.pdf (gov.wales)</u> The links can be posted on school websites, or the poster downloaded and posted.
- Leaflet 'Supporting your child when they are online' <u>Safer Internet Day (gov.wales)</u>
- A useful guide produced by Internet Matters and EE about online safety and setting up smartphones safely 'Your child's first smartphone' <u>View Hwb (gov.wales)</u>
- 'Your festive season online safety checklist' 3 page leaflet <u>-GSO-Xmas_Dec21_Leaflet.indd (gov.wales)</u>
- A parents guide to talking to your child about staying safe online <u>Resource</u>. Parents Guide 3 Talking to your <u>children approved EN.pdf (gov.wales)</u>
- In the Know provides parents and carers with key information about the most popular social media and gaming apps children and young people are using today In the know - Hwb (gov.wales)



The following have also been shared by Gwent Police and cover a range of topics around online safety. There are some similarities to the above, but graphics are good, and you can choose what you prefer :-

combat-online-bullyin g.pdf



This outlines tips to help trusted adults in responding to and supporting children who are experiencing online bullying.

12-smartphone-onlin e-safety-tips.pdf



This outlines tips for children with new devices.

12 social media online safety tips.pdf



Safety tips for children using social media – it's a Christmas

parental-controls-onnew-devices.pdf



Online Safety for Under 5's.pdf ^T

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This is especially helpful as it targets Under 5





Head Bumps

We have a number of first aid trained staff in school. The children's safety is always our number one priority. We will always call home to alert you of a head bump that we know about.

We will also add a head bump sticker to ensure that all staff are aware that a child has had a head bump and to look for

Christmas Concerts

We do not charge for you to come to our Christmas concerts. (We will hold a raffle with sort after prizes though!) Most outfits will be provided by the school. (If you do have any nativity outfits you would like to donate to school, we'd be very grateful. Two chair places per child per concert are allocated for every child (a baby/toddler on a lap does not count towards your 2 places.) You do not need a ticket. Just give your child's name at the door. Doors for the audience will open 15 minutes before the concert. (Please don't arrive really early, especially if it is raining, we need time to clean the hall after lunch and put the chairs out.)

For Health and Safety reasons we would ask you to please leave prams and pushchairs outside, as we have no room to store them safely. You will be able to take children and siblings home after each concert.

For evening concerts, if children could please arrive between 5.00 and 5.10 please.

Christmas Lunch

The children will have a choice of Christmas dinner, vegetarian Christmas dinner or jacket potato. A letter will be coming home at the beginning of next week for you and your child to selct the meal so that the kitchen can prepare.

Other Information

Just a reminder that the name for Llantilio Pertholey Reception-Year 2 is **Parth Gwenyn** (Bee Zone).

Our new name for Llantilio Pertholey Year 3—Year 6 classes is **Parth Bloddau Haul** (Sunflower Zone).

God bless,

Helen King (Headteacher)

Our School Vision:

Llantilio Pertholey Primary School will provide an inclusive, supportive and nurturing learning environment to meet the needs of all of our children in a changing world.