



Monday 3rd November

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we step into December, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an exciting and enriching month at Williamstown Primary School. November was packed with memorable experiences for our pupils. From preparing for our much-anticipated Christmas Concerts to welcoming *Image Theatre* for an inspiring performance, the energy and creativity across the school have been incredible.

We were thrilled to host a visit from the *Birds of Prey*, giving children a unique opportunity to learn about these magnificent creatures up close. Our *Anti-Bullying workshops* sparked thoughtful discussions and reinforced our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for every child. Another highlight was the launch of our brand-new *Pupil Voice Groups*, empowering learners to share ideas and help shape school life.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr. Stagg. Having taught at Williamstown for many years and served as Acting Deputy Head, Mr. Stagg brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his new role. Please join us in congratulating him on a position that is very much deserved! This is an exciting time for us at Williamstown primary school as we further strengthen our school leadership to move the school forward for every one of our pupils.

Looking ahead, December promises to be just as exciting. We have a range of festive activities planned, including visits to Santa, school trips, and our *Community Christmas Event* on Tuesday 16th December—a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate. Our Year 6 pupils are especially looking forward to their cluster trip to the *Wales Millennium Centre* to see *Mary Poppins*, which is sure to be a magical experience. Thank you to Ysgol Nantgwyn for arranging this!

Attendance Reminder: We kindly ask parents to continue supporting excellent attendance throughout this busy period. Every day counts, and being in school ensures your child doesn't miss out on valuable learning and festive activities.

Term Dates: The last day of term will be Friday 19th December (normal finishing time). School will reopen on Tuesday 6th January.

Thank you for your continued support in making these opportunities possible. We can't wait to share the joy and festivities of the season with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Mr D. Anstee
Headteacher

WPS NEWS

December 2025

Pupil Voice Groups

Pupil Voice groups are an important part of our school's improvement journey. We currently have four main committees: Criw Cymraeg, Digital Leaders, Wellbeing Crew and our School Senedd (Council).

These groups are made up of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 and will help the senior leadership and governing body to make our school the very best it can be for every child.

Congratulations to all of those children who have been elected to the groups this year.

Year 6 also had the opportunity to apply for the positions of head and deputy head boy and girl.

The applications were all excellent and I am pleased to say that Niamh and Cooper are our new Head girl and boy and Aria and Theo are their deputies

Congratulations to Owen and Leo who played for Rhondda Schools Football on the weekend, winning all four games against Newport Schools



Attendance

There are lots of bugs flying around at the moment. A reminder that if children are sick or have a stomach bug, then they should remain off for 48 hours. However, if they have a cold, cough or generally unwell then please send them into school and we promise to take good care of them.

Staffing changes

Mr Stagg has been appointed as Permanent Deputy Headteacher
Miss Hodgkins will now be the full time teacher for Year 2/3
Miss Densley is now the school's ALNCo and will have responsibility for ALN across the whole school.



Dates for the remaining few weeks

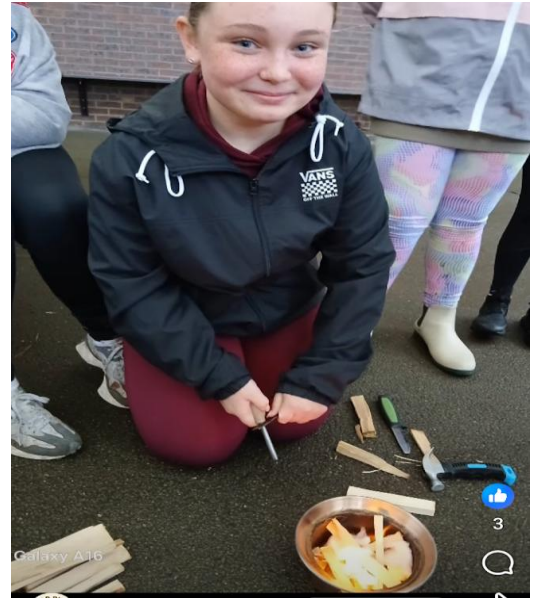
w.c.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 st Dec		N/R School Trip	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day		ASC2 Class – Santa trip i-Rock Concert
8 th Dec		Y1/2 Christmas Concert Y6 cluster trip to Mary Poppins	N/R Christmas Concert	Y3-6 Christmas Concert	Y3-6 Christmas Concert Sunday 10 th (Christingle service – St. Illtyd's Church)
15 th Dec	Y1/2 Santa Trip Y3-6 Christmas Party	Community Christmas event 3:30-5:00	N – Y2 Christmas Party	Y3 Panto Trip	Last day of term (School finishes at 3:15)
5 th Jan	INSET Day – Staff safeguarding training				



November Experiences



Williamstown's Got Talent!



Forest School Fun



Head and Deputy Boy and Girl



Teaching and Learning



L.O. To work collaboratively and create a 'marble run' to investigate how mass effects gravity.



We tried a large sponge ball, a medium golf ball and a tiny metal ball.



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Teaching and Learning



Say it in Cymraeg this Christmas....



Merry Christmas	Nadolig Llawen	Na-doh-lig lla-when
Happy New Year	Blwyddyn Newydd Dda	Bl-oi-ddin New-ydd Dd-ah
Present	Anrheg	Ann-rhh-eg
Star	Seren	Se-ren
Christmas Tree	Coeden Nadolig	Coy-den Na-doh-lig
Father Christmas	Siôn Corn	Shaun Corr-n
Snow Man	Dyn Eira	Dean Eye-rah
Reindeer	Carw	Ca-roo
Snow	Eira	Eye-rah
Christmas Dinner	Cinio Nadolig	Kin-yoh Na-doh-lig
Christmas Pudding	Pwddin Nadolig	Pww-din Na-doh-lig
Christmas Carols	Carolau Nadolig	Car-ol-ai Na-doh-lig
Stocking	Hosan	Hos-ann
Mince Pie	Mins Pei	Mince Pay
Decorations	Addurniadau	Add-irn-iad-ai
Angel	Angel	Ann-ghel
Holly	Celyn	Ceh-lynn
Lights	Goleuadau	Go-ley-add-ai

