

**St Athan Primary School**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Happy New Year to everyone. It is great to see everyone back and ready to learn. We look forward to the term ahead and working together, to make a difference.

Believe and Achieve  
Credi I Llwyddo

Our school rules are shared with our community on a regular basis and we have spent some time this week after the Christmas break reminding the children.

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

**Advance Notice**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Year 2 Farm Visit
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Attendance Review Meetings with SLT
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Governors in school monitoring
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	-	<b>Final payment of £68.50 due for Llangrannog</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Information meeting for any Year 6 parents of children going to Llangrannog 2.30pm
7th February	-	Year 3 Welsh harpist Caroline Greenwood working with Year 3

Class Assemblies – see details below

January 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Campus Cymraeg Assessment
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	MOD Educational Visit – details to follow
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Internet Safety Day
February 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Year 6 Llangrannog Residential Visit
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Welsh Music Day
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Closed for Cluster Inset Day

**Questionnaires**

Thank you to those who completed the online questionnaires. Your opinion and your views help us improve as a school. There were very limited responses so we will reshare this questionnaire via email this week. Your opinions matter to us so please take some time to complete.

One area that we see from these questionnaires that may need improving is gathering your views on wider school matters. We will aim to improve this over the next few terms. In our Reception area, there is a suggestion box, if at any time you feel something is working well or not so well, please let us know using this method of feedback forms. These forms are available in the main office. We have also sent a copy home.

During the next parental consultations, you will have the opportunity to give your views on the curriculum and any further information you require.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Suggestion Box**  
**Feedback Form**

**What is working well?**

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**What would you like to improve or receive more information on? (please be specific in what area of school life this relates to eg communication learning experiences)**

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**How would you like this to improve?**

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**Any additional comment**

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**Date:.....**

**Name: (if appropriate) (This can be done anonymously if you wish).....**

## **Clubs**

Clubs start back on the week beginning 22/01/2024

Please see club list below as a reminder

<b><u>Reception</u></b>	– with Mrs Berry	-	Busy Bee Club	-	Tuesday - Finish 4pm
<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	– with Mrs Kenefick	-	Creative Club	-	Wednesday - Finish 4pm
<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	- with Miss Goss	-	Sports Club	-	Wednesday - Finish 4pm
<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	– with Mrs Hickey	-	Gardening Club	-	Tuesday - Finish 4pm
<b><u>Year 4</u></b>	with Miss Morris	-	Languages Club	-	Thursday - Finish 4.15pm
<b><u>Year 5</u></b>	with Miss Williams	-	Puzzle & Board Club	-	Thursday - Finish 4.15pm
<b><u>Year 6</u></b>	with Mrs Broomfield	-	Sports Club	-	Thursday - Finish 4.15pm

## **Attendance**

We will continue to work in partnership with parents, carers and the local authority to improve our attendance this term. We continue to support families to make these improvements. Our invites for the attendance Review Meetings have been sent out and these meetings will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. These meetings are aimed to support our families to improve attendance.

## **Sharing Events**

Our Sharing Events were very successful last term and very well attended. These events are a way of keeping parent/carers informed on the curriculum and what the children are learning.

The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their skills, knowledge and experiences with family members and they allowed our families to have an insight into different areas of school life.

We have also decided to reintroduce class assemblies. This is a great opportunity for the children to perform and share their learning, projects and experiences with you.

See dates below.

Nursery	-	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Reception	-	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1	-	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2	-	July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	-	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	-	March 19 <sup>th</sup>
Year 5	-	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	-	July 11 <sup>th</sup>

## **Nursery Section**

Following our Spring Term intake for Nursery pupils, Mrs Lorraine Morris has joined the Nursery team. We welcome her to St Athan and look forward to the term ahead.

## **Website**

Just to keep you informed, all our updated policies are on our website. If you need to access them you can using the following link.

[www.stathanprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stathanprimaryschool.co.uk)

If you are unable to access this please do not hesitate to contact us and we will ensure you can get access.

**CELT and Parenting Support Programme.**

4x sessions to be held Thursdays at 2pm.

Sessions will help to support with

- Child Care support
- Training
- New Opportunities
- Employment/job readiness
- Housing
- Food Bank Vouchers
- Benefits and form completion

Come and meet Emma and see if there is anything she can help you with.

**Woodland Wonders**

Woodland Wonders returns in Monday 15th January.

Rota is as follows

Monday Year 3

Tuesday Year 5

Thursday Year 2

Friday Year 4

As the weather is particularly cold at the moment and looks like it will stay like it for a while, can you please ensure all participants have appropriate footwear, coats, hats and scarfs .

As usual school will provide waterproof trousers but these don't provide warmth.

Many thanks,

Mrs Nicholls

**Event Sheet**  
**Spring Term 2024**

**JANUARY**

8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Term starts back
11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Year 2 Farm Visit
12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Attendance Review Meetings with SLT
15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Deep Dive Day – Governors in school working
23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Campus Cymraeg Assessment

**February**

6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Internet Safety Day
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Year 6 to Llangrannog
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Welsh Music Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Break up for Half Term
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Closed for Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Cluster Inset Day – School Closed
28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Spectrum Working in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

**March**

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	St David's Day School Carousel of Activities
8 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	National Science Week
13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Reception Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Spectrum Working in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Year 4 Class Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Spectrum Working in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Parental Consultations – Children to attend meetings to share learner journals. Times will be sent out in due course.

Nursery	-	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Reception	-	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	-	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2	-	12 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	-	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	-	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	-	15 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6	-	11 <sup>th</sup> March

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Break up for Easter Holidays

Garage band will be working with Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 this term. We are awaiting confirmation of dates.

## **Nursery**

It was fantastic seeing our friends once again and the children wanted to tell us about their presents. Our snack has changed and we now have a menu that is varied and healthy. After snack, as we're big boys and girls in the nursery, we now put our waste into the bin and wash up our own cup and bowl.





## Reception

Reception have had a fantastic first week back. We had lots of fun! This week we made our own New Year resolutions and talked about what we want to achieve this year! We have also become scientists and concluded our own experiment. We left objects in water out overnight to see if we could create ice, we then talked about how we could melt the ice again to get them out! We had a fantastic time doing this. This week we also started out new topic, 'On our doorstep'. During this we will be learning all about our local community and wider Wales.





## Year 1

This week we have begun our new topic of 'Belonging'. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at our local area, introducing basic map skills and identifying places in the community. We had our immersion day on Tuesday where we looked at and discussed our school badge and then made our own class badge which is now displayed on our classroom door.





## Year 2

We all had a great Christmas and we are looking forward to our new term and new topic. Our topic for this term is 'Farming Through the Ages'.

On Thursday we are having our immersion trip to the farm. We are all very excited! This week in Maths we have been adding different amounts of coins and in PE we have been practising balancing skills.

In literacy we had a go at 'Hot Seating'. We chose a subject to talk about ie Christmas, birthday party to talk about and had to answer questions from our friends about our chosen subject. We were really good at it.



### Year 3

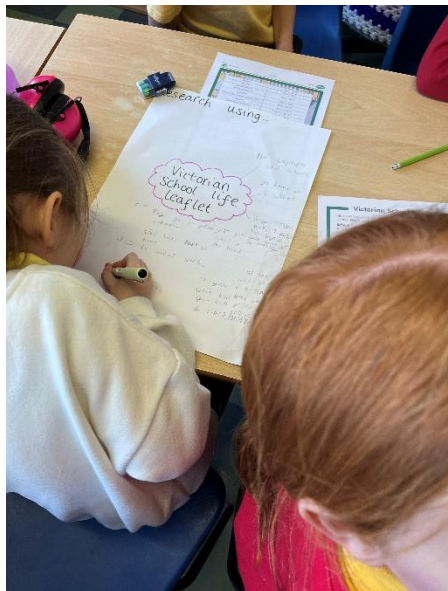
Year 3 have kick started our new topic, Emblems of Wales looking at a wide range of well-known emblems with lots of meaningful conversations. The children have so many exciting ideas for this term. We are looking forward to learning about all the different Welsh emblems and the history of them. We can't wait to welcome local musician Caroline Greenwood to our class on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February to show us some the Welsh harp and the types of music it can play.





## **Year 4**

Year 4 have had a positive first week back after the Christmas break. We thought about what we already know and what we want to know about Victorian schools whilst discussing the types of lessons we can do in the future for our new topic 'School days, School ways'. On Monday, Miss Morris acted like a Victorian teacher for a session and Year 4 found it very different and strict. Following on from this, they have been using a range of information texts to research school in the Victorian times and have completed Venn diagrams with comparisons to Victorian and modern school life. In maths, Year 4 have been focussing on fractions and showing what they already know and understand.



## Year 5

Welcome back!

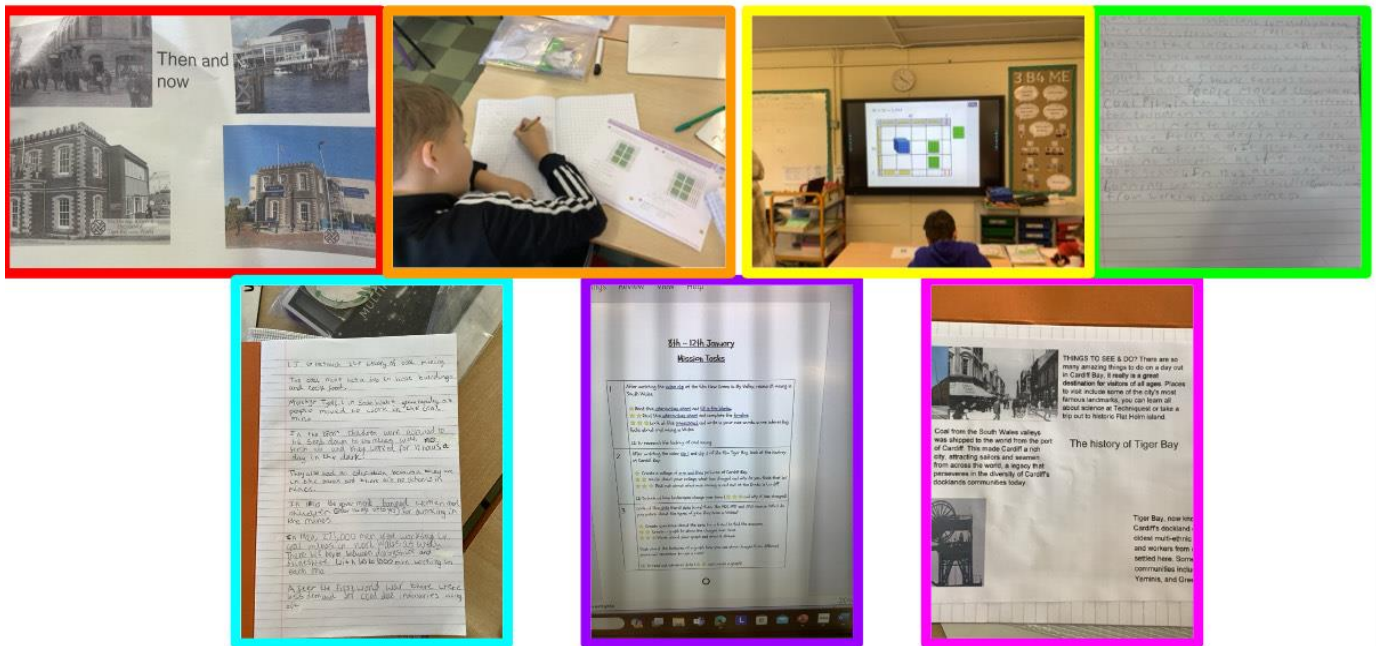
This week we have started our new topic “Working Wales” which was introduced to us on our very first Mission Monday. We are very much looking forward to seeing how Wales has changed over time, especially regarding our local area.

We started looking at our new book “Town is by the Sea” and enjoyed investigating through looking at artefacts trying to find out what the plot could be.

In maths, our focus for the next 3 weeks is Multiplication and Division, looking at different methods to solve 4 digit multiplications to increase our knowledge and understanding.

Our Welsh focus for Spring Term is Teledu Ffilm, looking at our favourite programmes, characters and genres.

This week we are starting MPCT every Thursday afternoon so please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. This will take place across the whole afternoon so we will not be doing PE on a Tuesday until after half term.

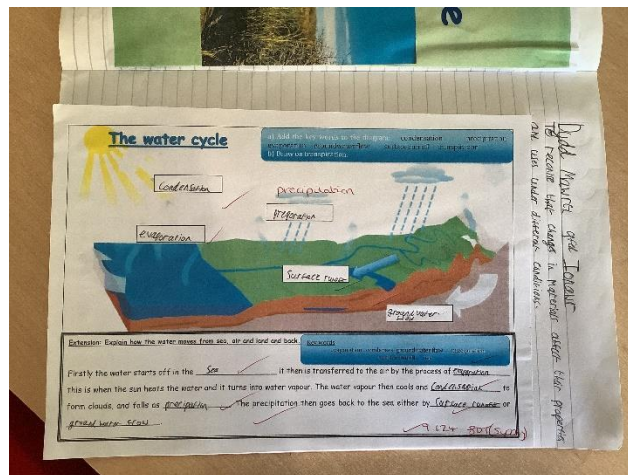
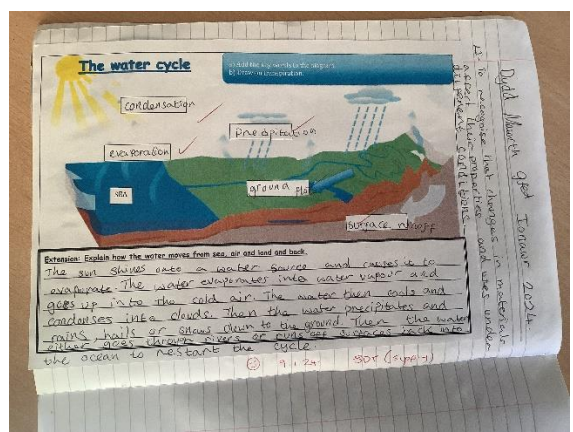
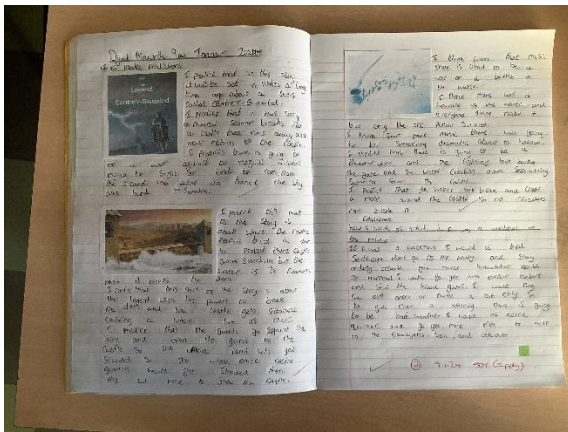




## Year 6

It is great to see everyone back refreshed after the Christmas holidays ready to embark on a New Year of learning and growing.

On Monday we kicked started our new topic 'At the Waters Edge' with our immersion morning of activities which included a fun water relay challenge outside.





The children enjoyed learning about 'The Legend of Cantre'r Gwaelod and made some interesting predictions before we started the story.

Do you believe the legend to be true?



Today we have been doing lots of practical maths by estimating and measuring different lengths, weights and capacities.



### Welsh Phrase

Mae hi'n oer – It is cold

**Twitter** Please can I ask all parents to follow us on twitter. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost. This is a great way to see on a daily basis what your children are learning and how they are learning it.

@StAthanPrimary

You simply ask to follow us and within 24 hours you will be given access. Give it a try!

Web site: [www.stathanprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stathanprimaryschool.co.uk)

# PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT SESSIONS

**Come and join us for our 4 week program  
We want you to use these sessions to learn about  
the support that is out there for you, including;**

**Childcare support/activities  
Search for new opportunities  
Finance and Benefits**

**Training  
Jobs  
Housing**

\*\*\* We are a gateway to provide you with support, guidance and advice\*\*\*



**For more information send us a direct message or contact us via email.  
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Llywodraeth y DU Cymru**





# St David's Day

## Barry

Friday 1 March 2024

King Square, Barry | 2pm - 8pm

Competition





Enter Barry Town Council's St David's Day Competition and tell the world what being Welsh means to you!

You can enter with artwork, poem or photo - whichever you feel works best for you!

Winners will be chosen from infant, juniors and comprehensive age groups. The prize will be a certificate & tickets to GlastonBARRY Juniors and will be presented on stage at our St David's Day Event!



