

Newsletter 12th December

Lower School Nativity

Despite the difficult few weeks of being relocated to the Upper School, all pupils performed spectacularly in their performance of 'The Midwife Crisis' this week.

Thank you to all of the Lower School staff for their valiant efforts in bringing this together in such a short space of time.

Lower School Reopening!

We are absolutely delighted to let families know we will be fully opening the Lower School on Thursday next week. All pupils will return to their 'normal' classrooms and drop off and collection will resume. Thank you for all your support in bearing with us and the transitionary arrangements over the last few weeks.

Santa is Coming to Osbaston!

Courtesy of Monmouth Rotary, Santa and his sleigh will tour Osbaston on Friday 19th December. Specific dates, times and Santa's route maps are available on the on the Monmouth Rotary website.

<https://schoop.co.uk/UploadFiles/14106/primary-schools.pdf>

Kids With Bricks

We are pleased to announce the return of our 'Lego Club' in January, running from 3.30-4.30 every Tuesday for 5 weeks from 13th January 2026. This club is open for pupils in Years 1-6 and there are a maximum of 20 places available. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd.

The club costs 4.50 +VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

Parent Pay

Please can we kindly ask ALL families to check your Parent Pay accounts and ensure individual pupil accounts are balanced OR in credit. Mrs Kift will be sending reminder emails next week and we kindly ask for any outstanding debts for trips or Breakfast Club to be paid.

School Timings

Please can we remind all families that Breakfast Club runs from 7.45-8.25am for the paid childcare and from 8.25-8.35am for the free breakfast provision. For all other pupils, the gates do not open until 8.40am when an adult will be outside to supervise

the pupils. Any pupils arriving unsupervised before this time will have to wait at the top of the school drive.

Final Week

All Lower School pupils can wear non-uniform from Tuesday next week.

All Upper School pupils can wear non-uniform from Wednesday next week. For our Carol Service on Friday, please could pupils wear a Christmas jumper, Christmassy clothes or a Christmas accessory.

On Friday, all Upper School families are welcome to come and join us at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm for our annual Christmas Carol Concert.

Have Your Say on Free School Meals

As you know, all primary school children in Wales can access a free school meal through the Welsh Government's Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) policy. Arad Research and ICF have been commissioned to evaluate the impact of this policy on families. Parents and carers are invited to share their views—whether or not your child currently takes up the offer.

Your feedback will be used to understand the impact of the policy and explore ways it might be further improved.

The [survey](#) takes around 10–15 minutes to

complete: <https://horizons.confirmit.eu/wix/p584531639198.aspx>

Trips and Visit Cancellations

This week we have had to make the sad decision to cancel a library visit due to a lack of parental volunteers. This also happened last week, despite a number of volunteers coming forward at the last minute.

Staff have to complete a formal risk assessment prior to any visits, which then has to be approved and processed. Within this, ratios of volunteers and staff are included. This has to be submitted at least one day before a visit. In addition, we do need to let venues and providers know in advance that we are unable to attend.

Teachers do endeavour to put out reminders via Schoop and I know cohort what's app groups are also used.

If you can help, please can you let the class teacher know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

School Lunch Menu

Dydd Llun- Fish fingers OR salmon fingers OR vegetable country bake OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth- Tomato pasta OR macaroni cheese OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher- Christmas Lunch- Roast turkey and stuffing OR vegetarian roast OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau- Christmas Party meal- Hot dog and chips OR veggie hot dog ONLY. NO OTHER MENU OPTIONS.

Dydd Gwener- Cheese and tomato pizza OR cheese and vegetable fritata OR filled jacket potato