



Nadolig Llawen / Merry Christmas to all our families and partners working together to give the best to all of our children and ensure every moment counts.



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Dear parents and carers,

Wow, where did that term go?! It has certainly been a busy start to the academic year but a successful and exciting one. We close out another year and can only thank you with the utmost sincerity for the support you show us as a school and the work you do with us to make sure every child who attends Milford Haven Community Primary has the best possible start to their education journey in life.

As one we are strong and the strength of the Milford Haven Community this year has been unmatched. We have exciting plans ahead for 2025 and now we are on a steady upward journey in improving our teaching and our curriculum to get the best outcomes for pupils; we will be turning our attention to some exciting developments to strengthen our support for our community and families in the New Year. Please keep an eye out for these updates.

May I wish you all a joy-filled Christmas with your families and loved ones and hope you manage to find the time to rest and spend quality time with each other before we move into another busy year in life.

Please see below some brief updates about events in the New Year:

Inset Days:

There will be an INSET day on Monday 6th January 2025, for staff training to take place.

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Christmas Schedule:

It has been an action-packed half term! We have held singalongs with our Nursery – Year 2 classes, a Nativity in our Reception class, a Year 3-4 Christmas Carol service in the local Community Gardens and our Year 5-6 Christmas Production this last week of term.

As well as a visit to the Torch Theatre to the Pantomime, visits from Santa, Christmas Bingo and Christmas Discos, we certainly hope every child has had fun and is now full of Christmas Spirit and looking forward to the day!

Thank you for your attendance at all of these events, the children love seeing their families there supporting them and we thank you for supporting the raffle draws that were set up at each event.

Staff leaving:

This week we say goodbye to two members of staff. A heartfelt thanks to Miss Johnson for her dedicated work in the school. Mrs Johnson has most recently been working in our Nurture setting in Prioryville and moves to a completely new role in the New Year. We offer her our best wishes and have no doubt she will be successful in her new job.

We also say goodbye to Mr Snowdon, who will be leaving the school at the end of the term for personal reasons. We wish Mr Snowdon all the best for the future and thank him for his contributions to our Year 3 class this term.

Normandy 2025:

As we know, our Year 6 pupils will be heading to Normandy in France in April 2025 for an exciting trip linked to their topic during the half term.

The pupils recently completed a challenge to cycle to Normandy in Tesco, Milford Haven. I was astounded by the generosity of our community, it really was special to witness. Community members approached to find out about the challenge and were very kind in donating to the cause to lower the cost of the trip for every child. The children raised £1044 during this day and half challenge! Wow! Well done Year 6!

Further updates for Year 6 parents will be shared with you in the New Year, we kindly ask for any sponsorship money to be brought into school before the end of this week and we will be able to calculate how much we can reduce off the total cost of the trip at this point.

Friends of the School:

A big thank you to our Friends of the School, who have been working hard recently to put events on at the school such as the Christmas Discos and Christmas Bingo, as well as having supported the cost of providing all children with a selection box. Without you, we wouldn't be able to run these exciting events for the children, so a massive thank you!

Any parents/carers able to support and join our Friends, please contact our Main Reception to express an interest, more hands means we can do more for the children!

Your view matters to us:

We always want to improve what we are doing as a school. I have been able to talk to many families at events and at the start/end of the day to gain your views, but to reach all families, we kindly ask if you would be willing to complete a short survey for us to share your views of our school and what you feel is working well and what you feel needs to improve further.

Your responses really do matter as we will review each one and use this to inform our school improvement planning strategy. The link can be found below and is being shared via Dojo and Parent App.

Select this link to complete our survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/f07F7EjAva>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this.

Have a lovely Christmas all.

Best Wishes,

Mr S Thomas,
Headteacher