

# Autumn Term Newsletter

## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Families,

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, we reflect on a busy and successful few months. Our pupils have continued to impress with their curiosity, creativity, and resilience. Here is a round-up of highlights and important updates.

### Learning and Achievements

Our pupils have made progress across the curriculum and engaged in new initiatives to support teaching and learning, which include literacy carousels to support reading and spelling, and the Winning With Numbers Programme is developing greater fluency with number skills.

Special congratulations to our pupils, Daarshik and Samuel. Daarshik has excelled in chess and achieved 2nd Place in the Welsh National Junior Chess Championships 2025 (under 8 age group), and Samuel has been selected as the youngest member of the Wales U21s Bowls' Team.

### Attendance

All pupils will receive their current attendance today as a paper copy (please contact class teachers if you do not receive a copy). Attendance this term has been slightly better compared to Autumn Term 2024/25, with many pupils achieving over 95%, which is the target by Welsh Government. We thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring children attend school regularly, and on time. Strong attendance ensures children don't miss out on learning and helps build routines and confidence.

### Staff News

This term, we welcomed Miss Harding and Mrs Newman to Year 3 and Mr Snowdon to Year 5. We also wish Mrs Davies many congratulations on the birth of her daughter and will look forward to welcoming her back to Prendergast next year. Mrs Gwilt and Mrs Edwards will teach Dosbarth Sandy Haven for the remainder of this academic year, and Mrs Lucy John will join Ms Worgan in Dosbarth Marloes. The dedication and hard work of all staff continue to make our school a nurturing and inspiring place to learn.

### Reporting Concerns

We take all concerns seriously and encourage open communication. This term, we have addressed a few behaviour and safety concerns with the families involved. We continue to



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prioritise the wellbeing of all pupils and work closely with parents and carers to resolve issues promptly. A reminder that 'Safeguarding is everyone's business' and the Childcare Assessment Team, CCAT can be contacted on 01437 776444 and 0300 1235519.

### Self-evaluation School Improvement

To support self-evaluation practices and to further develop improvements at Prendergast School, please complete the attached questionnaire for parents/carers by Monday 5th January 2026.

### [Stakeholder Questionnaire Prendergast CP School – Fill in form](#)

### Christmas Activities

The festive season has brought lots of joy to our school! Highlights include:

- The Christmas Fayre – thank you to Friends of Prendergast PTA.
- Year 1 and Year 4 Christmas Performances and Carol Concerts at St. David's Church- well done to all pupils involved!
- Cinema visit to the Palace Theatre for our Year 1 – 6 pupils, and a visit from Father Christmas to our youngest pupils.
- Christmas Disco – thank you to parent, Toby Ellis, who played non-stop songs for 3 ½ hours!

### Looking Ahead

- School closes for the Christmas holiday tomorrow, Friday 19th December and reopens on Tuesday 6th January.
- Please ensure that personal details/contact numbers are updated with the school office.
- We look forward to another term of exciting learning, sports, and creative opportunities in the New Year.

Wishing all our families a peaceful, joyful, and safe festive season. Thank you for your continued support in making Prendergast School such a vibrant and caring community.

Warm regards, Louise John Headteacher



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