

April's Monthly Newsletter



Welcome back to everyone following the Easter break. We hope you all enjoyed a blessed, peaceful, and restful Easter. It is hard to believe that we are now beginning the final term of the academic year – a fun but very busy one ahead.

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Finola Scale, who will be joining our teaching team as soon as all pre-employment checks are completed. We very much look forward to welcoming her into our wonderful school community.



We are also pleased to welcome two new children to our Nursery, and we hope they settle happily into Dosbarth Little Acorns.

IMPORTANT DATES



This half term, Dosbarth Sycamore and the Reception children from Dosbarth Little Acorns will be swimming. Children will need a swimming costume, towel and swimming hat (goggles are optional).

Wednesday 15th April – Nurse in to do vision and hearing tests with children in Reception.

Thursday 23rd April – Selection of pupils from year 3 - 6 recording a Welsh song at the De Valance 9:30 - 3:30 for the Eisteddfod Garreg Las in August.

Friday 24th April – Parent Workshops starting at 2:30 to support your children at home with Read, Write Inc (our new phonics programme) and Winning with Numbers.

Monday, 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 5th May – Urdd Cricket 50/50 for year 3 and 4.
Year 6 residential to Morfa Bay

Wednesday, 13th May – Oak's Colby Gardens trip (rearranged)

Friday 15th May – TAMARR Day at Greenhill

Tuesday, 19th May – Year 3 and 4 Cricket

Thursday, 21st May – Girls Cricket

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – Return to school following half term

Wednesday, 10th June – Sports Day (FP am and KS2 PM)

Thursday 11th June – Athletics - further details to follow

Friday 12th June – Health and Wellbeing morning at Greenhill for year 6 pupils. Children to wear PE kits and bring a snack and water bottle with them.

Wednesday 17th June – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 26th June – Transition morning at Greenhill for year 6 pupils. Children to wear school uniform and bring a snack and water bottle with them.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July – Dyffryn Taf Transition Days.

Thursday, 9th July – Dosbarth Sycamore's summer musical - tickets available for afternoon and evening performance (more details to follow closer to the date).

Friday 10th July – Year 6 Greenhill transition day.

Move up morning for all classes. new intake morning for new nursery pupils.

Thursday, 16th July – Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th July – Year 6 in Heatherton

Friday 17th July – Last day of summer term.



Dosbarth Little Acorns

Effie - 5 oed
Yarrow - 6 oed

Dosbarth Willow

Esther - 6 oed
Millie - 6 oed

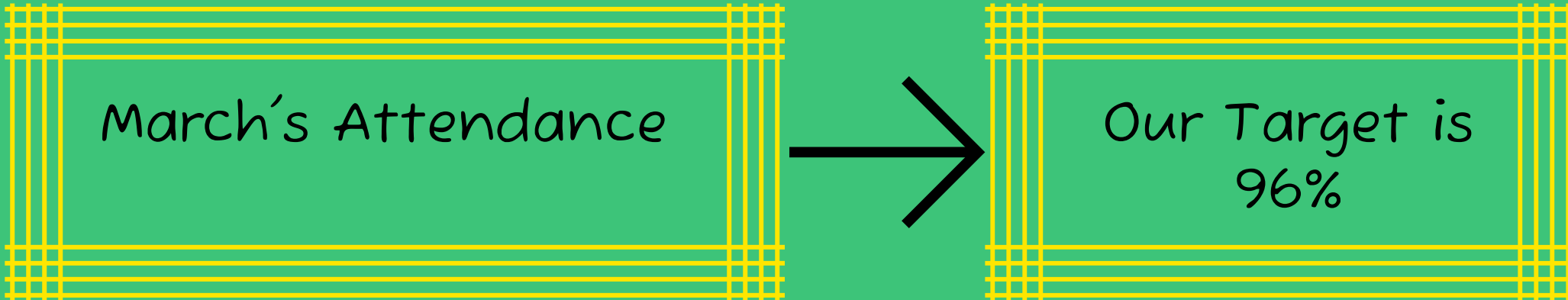


Dosbarth Sycamore

Daisy - 8 oed
Sophia - 8 oed
Chase - 9 oed
Tommy - 9 oed
Arthur - 9 oed

Dosbarth Oak

Evie - 10 oed
Rosie B - 10 oed
David - 11 oed
Phoebe - 11 oed



Reporting Student Absences – Important Reminder

To ensure student absences are recorded accurately and promptly, we kindly ask all parents and carers to follow the school's absence reporting procedures.

Absences should be reported by one of the following methods:

- Ringing the school office
- Sending an email to the school office
- Sending a message via ClassDojo

If your preferred method is to report an absence via ClassDojo, please ensure that you also send the message directly to Mrs Morgan on ClassDojo. This is important as teachers are not always able to check ClassDojo during the day, and not all teachers work every day.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep accurate attendance records.

Stations of the Cross Service



A heartfelt thank you to all the children and their families who joined us at Jeffreyston Church on Good Friday for our Stations of the Cross service. The children read beautifully and represented St. Oswald's with great pride and reverence.

Each pupil who took part was awarded 50 house points in recognition of their contribution. We are also especially proud of Dosbarth Oak, who created stunning artwork to accompany each station. Father Paul was deeply moved by the care, detail, and thoughtfulness shown in every piece.

Da iawn pawb – we are very proud of you all!



Prayer of the Month



Dear God,

As we welcome the fresh signs of spring this April,
help our school community to grow in compassion each day.
Open our eyes to see when others are in need,
and fill our hearts with kindness, patience, and understanding.

Teach us to listen carefully,
to speak gently,
and to act with care toward everyone we meet.
May we show compassion in our classrooms,
on the playground, and at home,
especially to those who may feel left out or worried.

Help us to remember that even small acts of kindness
can make a big difference.
Guide us to be thoughtful friends,
supportive classmates,
and a caring community.

May our value of compassion shine in all that we do,
reflecting love, respect, and empathy in our words and actions.

Amen.

