

## The Builders of Bethlehem shine in new school hall.



The children in the Years 1,2 and 3 have treated us all to four fantastic performances of 'The Builders of Bethlehem. The play told the story of the birth of Jesus in a modern way with plenty of humour. The children performed with energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment on each occasion and showed what a talented bunch they are. The performance was a big team effort that was led by Ms Morgan who worked tirelessly with the children to ensure the performances you saw were of the highest quality. It was fantastic to see our new school hall so full of parents, grandparents, carers and siblings. The older children have a lot to live up to, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.



### Whole School Carol Service

Parents / Guardians are welcome to join us in our Carol Service at 2pm in St Brigid's Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Advance warning - the church will be very busy and there is not likely to be any seating available for parents as the children take up all the seats. If you arrive before the children please stand at the back.

# *"Carols Round the Tree"*

*Friday 20th December*

*Outside Southerndown Church , 5.30pm*

Please join us for carols and festive merriment around the Christmas tree, outside Southerndown Church on Friday 20th December at 5.30pm.

There will be free refreshments for all, including mulled wine, hot chocolate and plenty of sweet treats!

*It should be a lovely festive community event for everyone to enjoy!*

We'd suggest you wrap up warm, bring a torch and any spare change, as we will be trying to raise funds for much needed repairs to the Southerndown Church roof. Everyone is welcome! Any help or cash donations will be so gratefully received!



*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

# Admissions for Reception Class 2025

This year the local authority will again be handling our admissions for the Reception Class intake September 2025. Parents need to apply for a place via the Vale of Glamorgan Council Website (linked below) between 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Local Authority will then work with the school's Governing Body to allocate places according to the school's admission criteria. Offers of places will be made on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. It is really important that you complete the online application form within the given time period. Paper copies are available from the school office.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

## Snow

If the school needs to be closed due to heavy snowfall then parents will be notified as early as possible. The school will use

Parent Pay - School Website  
- Twitter - Local Authority Website - Local Media to spread the news.



## Music n' Mincee Pies

Parents and Guardians are invited to our Music n' Mincee Pies event at 9am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.

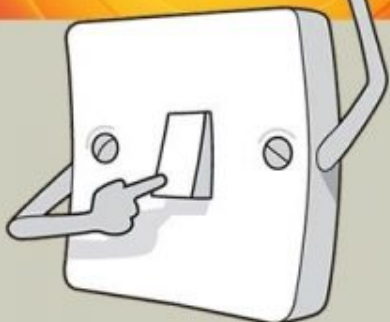
## Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Dress code = own clothes with a Christmas jumper. This is not a fundraiser, it's just for fun.



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## Eco Switch Off

In the past few weeks, the Eco Committee have been doing a survey to make sure all lights, speakers, screens and projectors have been turned off in classrooms. Understandably, the older years tended to have more electricity off, though every class was still doing really well! In the Eco committee, we understand the importance of turning electricity off, so we encourage turning your devices off whether you are at home or work/school. Diolch! The top two classes- (ks1 and ks2) are Year 5 and Nursery! Dda iawn! By Neirin and Jess (Eco Committee)

*Mr Mottram*