



St Chad's Church in Wales VA Primary School

'Always looking to the future'

Established 1676

Welcome Back!

5th January 2026

Dear Parents/ carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and were able to enjoy some precious time together with family and friends. As we step into a brand new year, we'd like to wish you all a **very Happy New Year** filled with hope, joy, and happiness.

We are really looking forward to welcoming both the children and our new 'mini-meithrin' back for what promises to be a very special Spring term. Our whole-school theme, "**Penblwydd Hapus St Chad's!**", will guide our learning as we proudly celebrate an incredible milestone—**350 years of St Chad's**. Throughout the term, we'll be taking a journey through our school's rich history, learning about the important people who help and support us, and looking at the bright future ahead for our school community.

Later in the year, we will also come together for a special celebration service in the Summer term, where we hope to honour this remarkable anniversary as a school family. More details will be shared closer to the time.

A few reminders as we start the new term:

- **Forest School** will continue this term, but there is *no need* to send kits.
- **Class 3** will be working on a wonderful project—creating duck nests for Hanmer Mere!
- As the weather is colder, **please label all hats and gloves**. We currently have a lot of unnamed items in lost property.
- Please help us continue to be **proud St Chadians** by ensuring children wear the correct uniform, including **no nail varnish** and **stud earrings only** for safety.
- Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in late arrivals after 9am. If your child arrives after this time, we kindly ask that an adult accompanies them to the school office to sign the Late Book and note the reason for the delay. We completely understand that current conditions may occasionally cause unavoidable delays, and we appreciate your cooperation. Arriving late can disrupt learning and impact attendance. It is essential that all children arrive on time so they can start their day calmly and positively. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring regular and punctual attendance. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday** and beginning a fantastic new term together.

Kind regards

Nicola Locker and the St Chad's Team



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