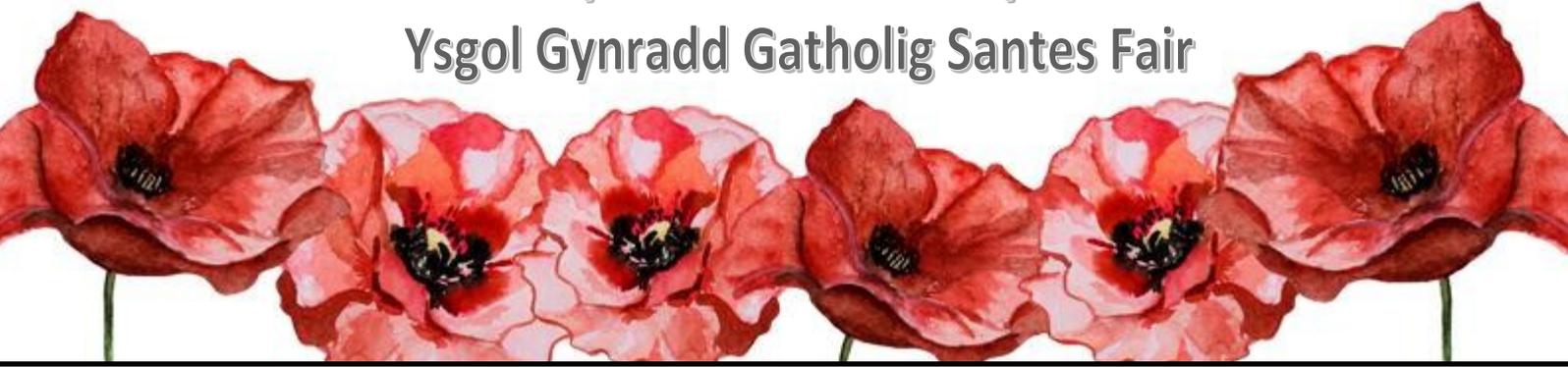


Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Fair



CROESO! Welcome!

Our Faith...

In the Gospel on Sunday, we will hear a story about how important it was to Jesus that the Temple should be a place of prayer and worship. Jesus wanted the Temple to be a special place, where people could draw closer to God and get to know God better.



Our Faith in Action...



Mass of Remembrance



Thank you to Fr. Tim, Deacon Phil and Deacon Rob who joined us to celebrate Mass today. We are very grateful for their time and presence — the Mass was beautiful.

The children sang beautifully, were reverent throughout, and led the Liturgy of the Word with clarity and confidence. A special thank you to the parents who joined us.



Our next **School Mass** will take place on **Sunday 30th November** in St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. This day marks the First Sunday of **Advent**. Please make every effort to join us to celebrate together in faith, give thanks and seek blessings for the year ahead.



This half term, we are focusing on the virtues of **Learned** and **Wise**.

We want our children to grow to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.



Look at our Learning!



It has been wonderful to welcome our children back after half term. They have settled back into their learning well.

Our new Branch of learning in Religious Education this term is *Prophecy and Promise*.

'In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets' (Hebrews 1:1)

In this Branch, children will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the **Advent** season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.



We are called to work for the good of each and all.

This half term, we are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Common Good.

We live out the **Common Good** when we:

- 🌐 Help others
- 🤝 Share what we have
- 🗨️ Include everyone
- ❤️ Care for our world



Year 5/6 have been learning all about the life of Moses. They designed and then created quilt panels based on the work of Harriet Powers. Their beautiful textile learning is hung proudly outside their classroom.



Y1 planned and took part in circuits in PE this week. Da iawn!

** Please can all children bring the correct **PE kit** to school on their PE day. This includes their House colour polo shirt and black shorts, leggings or trousers (maroon in the Atelier). It has been noticeable this week that some children have only brought half a kit to school or no kit to school or alternative sportswear kit to school i.e. football kits. Please ensure only school PE kit is worn for PE. Thank you for your understanding. **



NOTICES

Communications



As we move into this busy time of year, school life is even more lively with lots of events and activities taking place. Please take a few moments to keep up to date by checking our school communications – Class Story, School Story, Messages, and our weekly Newsletter – so you don't miss any important information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Remembrance



Thank you to all who sent in donations to support the *Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal*. Thank you to our Year 6s who have made the items available every day this week. Children will have the final opportunity to donate and purchase a poppy, bracelet or keyring on Monday.



This week's certificates were awarded for children who *distil* well in their learning. These pupils reflect well on their learning and identify the most important parts. For example, they identify and take away the most important message in lessons with confidence and clarity. Da iawn pawb!

Staying Safe Online | Social Media

Five tips to help children stay safe

1. Review safety, wellbeing, and privacy settings +
2. Check age ratings and platform features +
3. Talk openly about social media +
4. Encourage safe and thoughtful sharing +
5. Support positive online experiences +

Lots of further, useful information can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/

Please note that the following apps have an **age restriction of 13 and over**. I encourage all parents to follow this guidance. If your child has access to these apps, I would urge you to regularly monitor their activity and interactions online to help keep them safe. Thank you.



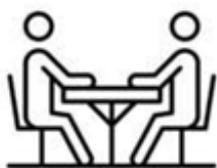
WhatsApp



Snapchat



TikTok



Parental Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended Parental Consultations this week.

I hope you found the meetings helpful in learning how your child has settled into class, the progress they are making, and ways you can continue to support their learning at home



Diary Dates

Wednesday 19th November	Family Engagement event – Reading Café for Nursery – Y1. 9-10.30am	Join us at 9am for a reading café – listen to the Hungry Caterpillar, take part in activities, enjoy a hot drink and sweet treat and explore our early reading resources.
Wednesday 19th November	Wear red to school <i>Aid to the Church in Need</i> www.acnuk.org/redwednesday?srsltid=-AfmBOorH3h8erCDYrP32pvl0vFaadNeen-4ASgl9VKMB3tj0_d6AUJ7za	To stand in solidarity and raise awareness for the suffering of millions who are persecuted for their faith.
Monday 1st December	Tree of Light – Remembrance service	Choir will support. More information nearer the date.
Thursday 4th December	Christmas Lunch	St. Mary's Christmas Lunch Thursday 4th December 2025 – Fill in form
Friday 5th December	TeePee Theatre Show	Nursery – Y2. More information nearer the date.
Tuesday 9th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Wednesday 10th December	Advent Reconciliation	
Thursday 11th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Monday 15th December	Festival of Carols	Choir will support. More information nearer the date.
Tuesday 16th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Wednesday 17th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Friday 19th December	End of the autumn term	

Nativity Tickets will go on sale on Monday 17th November - further information to follow. Thank you.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Azzopardi



As a Catholic Family, we will do our best; to live and learn as Christ taught us.

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St. Mary's Nativity Dates

December 2025

Day/Date	CLASS	TIME
Tuesday 9 th	Atelier	10am
Tuesday 9 th	1 & 2	1.30pm
Thursday 11 th	1 & 2	10am
Thursday 11 th	Atelier	1.30pm
Tuesday 16 th	3, 4 & 4/5	10am
Tuesday 16 th	5/6 & 6	1.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	5/6 & 6	10am
Wednesday 17 th	3, 4 & 4/5	1.30pm

Information to follow closer to the time regarding ticket sales.

Thank you.