

Newsletter



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

Friday 28th Nov '25

CROESO! Welcome!

Our Faith...

Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. It is a time of *preparation* for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent lasts for 4 weeks. We prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It is a time of prayer, reflection and almsgiving.

In the gospel on Sunday, we will hear that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, not just as a baby born at Christmas, but at the end of time. We cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time.

*School Mass
Sunday 30th November*



Please make every effort to join us for *School Mass* on Sunday at 11am.
It will be a beautiful celebration to mark the start of Advent.

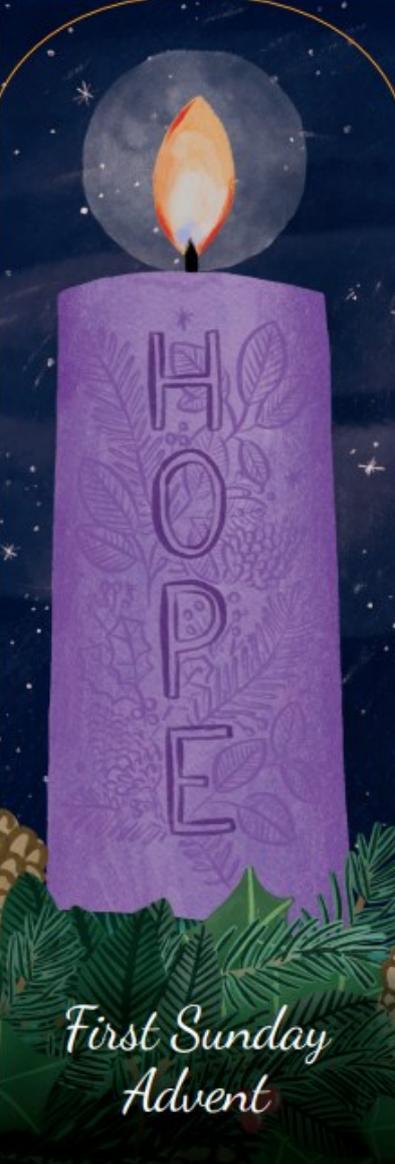
Christ, our Redeemer, we wait in hope for your coming.

May we be found ready at all times, alert to the needs of others and eager to answer your call. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Help us to see your light reflected throughout creation, and shining in all our brothers and sisters wonderfully made in your image. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Fill us with the warmth of your love and guide us in the way of peace so that together we may strive for a future free from war. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Lead us to work together to share the warmth of your mercy and build a better world lit by your compassion for all. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen



*First Sunday
Advent*



Our Faith in Action...

Buy a gift to give a gift

For our **Advent Almsgiving** this year, we will be raising much needed funds for **CAFOD**.

- ❄️ Our Mini Vinnies will have a Christmas gift shop over the next few weeks where there will be a variety of items for sale e.g. Christmas themed stationery, badges, rulers, bookmarks, fidgets etc.
- ❄️ Items will be priced at £1.
- ❄️ There will also be collection boxes in all classrooms on prayer tables.
- ❄️ All donations and profit from the gift shop will be donated to CAFOD. The Mini Vinnies will choose gifts from the World Gifts to support our brothers and sisters overseas.

Thank you for your continued support

Look at our Learning!



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

Catholic Social Teaching

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



Year 3 have been learning about the Prophet Isaiah's prophecy. He foretold the birth of Jesus. Y3 created fabulous stars where they thought of many different titles for Jesus.

Year 4/5 were Pilgrims of Hope and created a beautiful class prayer chain. They then designed postcards to spread the message of hope to others. Y4/5 have been researching the Jubilee icon too.



NOTICES



We are very proud of our **Debating team** who represented our school so well at the annual Rotary Debating competition. They spoke with clarity and confidence. Congratulations!



This week's certificates were awarded for children who take time to **plan** their learning carefully. It was lovely to hear examples of children who take time to plan out their learning before getting started, showing great independence and thoughtfulness in their work. Well done all.

A big thank you to Mrs Large for her hard work in moving our Christmas Nativity ticket sales online, as well as setting up numerous digital booking forms such as; Christmas lunch, cinema visit, and parental consultations. We've received lots of positive feedback, and it's clear that these changes have made the booking process smoother and easier for both parents and staff. Diolch Mrs Large!



Diary Dates

Sunday 30th November	School Mass 11am	First Sunday of Advent - School Mass to be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Ewenny Road.
Monday 1st December	Tree of Light – Remembrance service at St. Mary's Catholic Church.	Letter with information has been sent home to Choir.
Thursday 4th December	Christmas Lunch	Form now closed for requesting a Christmas lunch for your child. If you haven't booked your child a Christmas Lunch - please send your child into school with a packed lunch on the day. Thank you.
Friday 5th December	Teepee Theatre Show - Roaming Gnome - Nursery to Year 2	Letter with further information has been sent home. Please send in your £2 contribution.
Tuesday 9th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Wednesday 10th December	Advent Reconciliation	Fr. Tim will join us in school.
Thursday 11th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Monday 15th December	Festival of Carols 6.30pm	Letter with information has been sent home to Choir.
Tuesday 16th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Wednesday 17th December	Nativities (see poster at end)	
Thursday 18th December	Years 3 to 6 Cinema Trip Odeon Bridgend Zootropolis 2	Information posted on Dojo on 24.11.25 linking you to further details and an online consent form. Monies to then be sent into school to your child's class teacher. Please complete form and send money in by Thursday 11th December.
Friday 19th December	End of the autumn term	



The Friends of St. Mary's (PTA) have been hard at work preparing festive Christmas items for you to purchase before the upcoming Nativity concerts. Take a look at the poster at the end of the Newsletter for further information. Refreshments will also be available for you to purchase. Thank you.

Advance notice that it will be cash only on the day, please bring change if possible!

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

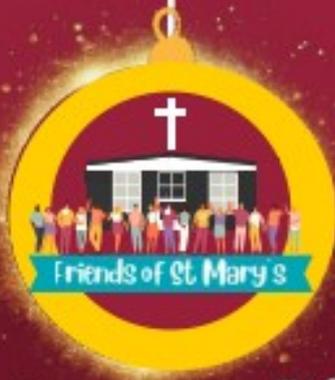
**NOW ON
SALE**

**Nativity Tickets
are now on sale!**

Password: SMCPS

Click the 'BOOK NOW' button to purchase
your tickets.





SWEET TREATS

...available at all Nativity performances

- ❄️ Marshmallow Snowmen - £2.50
- ❄️ Sweetie Santas - £2.50
- ❄️ Hot Chocolate Reindeer - £2

Usual hot refreshments will also be available.

Cash only please.