

Newsletter

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

Friday 13th Feb '26

CROESO! Welcome!

Our Faith...



The Gospel on Sunday reminds us that we are all God's children and are all part of one big global family. We will hear about how we must not argue with our brothers and sisters and how, if we do, we need to make **peace** with them.



Next Wednesday (18th February) is *Ash Wednesday*.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of *Lent*.

Fr Tim will join us on Wednesday 25th February for an Ash Wednesday Para-Liturgy. All are welcome to join. 9am.

Lent is a time of Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving.

Our Mini Vinnies will share our *Lenten Almsgiving Appeal* after Half Term.

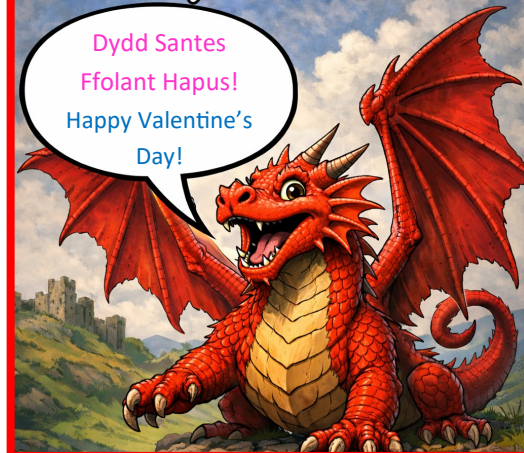
Our Faith in Action...



Thank you to Y4/5 for leading our whole school *Prayer and Liturgy* today. Mrs Frampton's class based their Prayer and Liturgy on our *Galilee to Jerusalem* RE Branch of learning. They shared beautiful examples of their learning with us, led the singing of perfectly linked hymns and acted out and shared the Word. Diolch Y4/5. Thank you to friends and family who were able to join us this afternoon.

St. Mary's Welsh Phrase

Dydd Santes
Ffolant Hapus!
Happy Valentine's
Day!



Look at our Learning!

Our Pupil Profile
Virtues:



Catholic Social
Teaching Principle

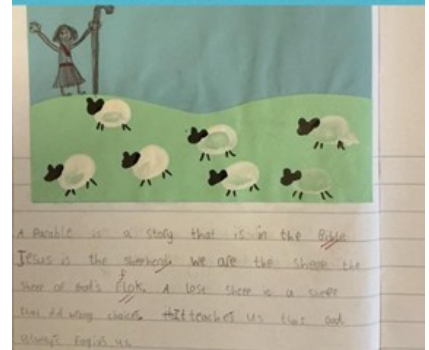
We are called to care
for God's Gifts.
~ Stewardship



'God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known' (John 1:18).

Year 5/6 have produced beautiful **artwork** using a range of media.

Our classes have paired up to enjoy shared **reading**. Da iawn to all our children, who collaborated enthusiastically and explored a range of wonderful stories together.



Year 2 have been learning about **Parables**. They have reflected on Jesus, our Shepherd, thinking about the ways He guides, protects, and loves His flock.

Year 1 have been using **compasses** in our Conservation Area to locate tasty treats!



Look at this super Igloo! Children in the Atelier planned their design and then made their igloo linked to their Winter Domain.





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Open Afternoon

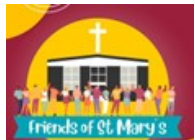


You are invited to share your child's learning with them on Wednesday 18th March from 2:30pm. Your child's books will be available for you to explore their learning together. Books can be viewed until 5:00pm. Thank you for joining us in celebrating their achievements!



This week's certificates were awarded to children who are *active* in their actions and strive to 'find God in all things' (*Saint Ignatius*). As active learners, they engage well in lessons, show curiosity about the world around them, and use their gifts in service of others. They demonstrate a willingness to grow. Da iawn!

A big thank you to the **Friends** who organised a super event for our children, whilst also raising funds for our school. We are really grateful. The children had a wonderful time – it was a great evening of music, dancing and lots of sparkly outfits! Thank you to all who supported the event.



The latest bulletin from the **Friends** will be posted on Dojo.



Please make every effort to help nurture your child's love for reading. When you listen to your child read, you're not just helping them with words – you're building their confidence, strengthening their comprehension, and fostering a lifelong love for books. Please make every effort to listen to your child read at home over half term and make a comment in their **reading record book**. *Thank you. It really does make a BIG difference!*



Are you having a spring clean?

We are appealing for donations of **costume jewellery** to support the HCPT Group 55. HCPT Group 55 take groups of vulnerable children on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes every Easter.



We are hoping to help our Friends from St Mary's Church, HCPT Group 55 raise money towards their next pilgrimage at Easter. Friends from our Church will be selling costume jewellery at our next School Mass (15th March). Children will be able to purchase a treat for themselves or for a loved one; maybe a Mother's Day gift.

Please send in any unwanted costume jewellery – necklaces, bracelets, brooches (no earrings please) – for us to pass on to Mrs Devine in Church.



Thank you for your support.



Life-Changing Pilgrimage Holidays

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Diary Dates

Thursdays	Mr Carpenter (Chippy) from Spanish Soccer is working with Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6.	Multisports Club is for Y4 and Y4/5 this term. The club is currently full and we are operating a waiting list.
Fridays	Miss Nikki from New You Dance (NYD) is back with us this term (Y4 and Y4/5).	We will continue to use proceeds from the Nativity Ticket sales to cover the cost of this excellent provision. Thank you for your support.
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February	Half Term Break	School closed.
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day	School closed for pupils.
Wednesday 25th February	Ash Wednesday Para-Liturgy	All welcome – 9am Fr Tim will go join us to distribute ashes.
Monday 2nd March	St. David's Day Celebrations Gwyliau Dydd Dewi Sant Eisteddfod	Children are invited to wear traditional dress or red tops/ rugby tops etc. to school (with uniform). We will hold our Eisteddfod on this day too.
Sunday 15th March	School Mass	St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, 11am.
Wednesday 11th March	Welcome Meeting Nursery September 2026	We will hold a Welcome Meeting for our new Nursery pupils who will be joining us in September. 6pm - School Hall.
Wednesday 18th March	Reconciliation	Fr Tim will join us for Lenten Reconciliation.
Wednesday 18th March	Open Afternoon	Books available for children to share with family, 2.30 – 5pm.
Friday 20th March	Bake Off 	More details to follow.
W/C 23rd March	Holy Week Reflections All begin at 2.30pm	Mon 23 rd Atelier Palm Sunday Tues 24 th Y1 and 2 Maundy Thursday Wed 25 th Y3 and 4 Garden of Gethsemane Thurs 26 th Y4/5, Y5/6, Y6 Good Friday
W/C 23rd March	Swimming blocks begin.	Poster attached - letters will be sent out closer to the time.
Thursday 30th April	Film Night 	More details to follow.

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

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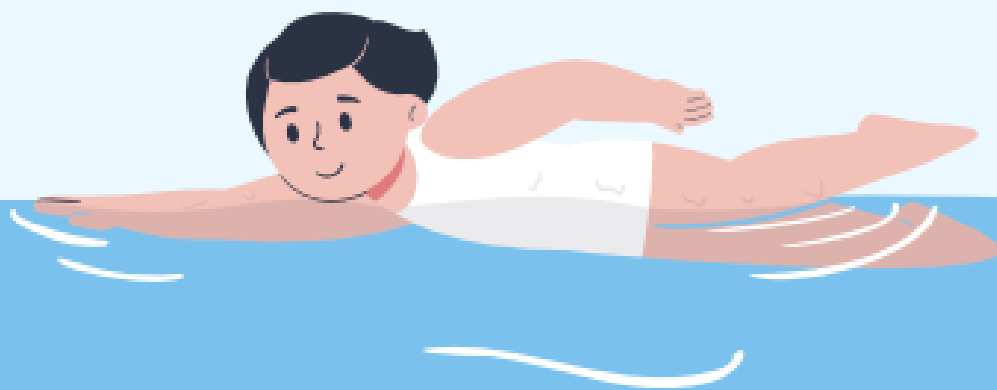
Headteacher: Mrs. Rachel Azzopardi, BA (Hons), MA, NPQH.

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kathleen Williams, BEd (Hons).



ST. MARY'S

SWIMMING LESSONS



PYLE SWIMMING POOL

Bus leaves school @ 9.30am

Lessons start @ 10am

Bus leaves pool @ 11am

YEAR 6 - 23RD - 27TH MARCH

YEAR 5/6 - 13TH - 17TH APRIL

YEAR 4/5 - 20TH - 24TH APRIL

YEAR 4 - 27TH APRIL - 1ST MAY

YEAR 3 - 5TH MAY - 8TH MAY



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