

Newsletter

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

Friday 6th March 2026

CROESO! Welcome!

Our Faith...



In the Gospel on Sunday, we will hear about the time that Jesus was talking to a Samaritan woman at a well. This story reminds us that God loves all people no matter where they are from. God asks us to be like Jesus and to respect and care for all people no matter who they are.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Our Faith in Action...



Last week, we introduced our prayer bags in all classes. Teachers have enjoyed sharing the children's prayers with the children. Thank you for your continued support. The prayer bags will be sent home twice a week, giving all children the opportunity to join together with their family over the course of the year.



It was wonderful to see so many children join together in our Chapel at lunchtime today to spend time in prayer as we reflected on the first three Stations of the Cross and the beginning of Jesus' journey to the Cross.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home for our Lenten Appeal this year. We are raising money for 3 charities that are close to our hearts: CAFOD, Diabetes UK and HCPT.

Mini Vinnies are looking forward to distributing our special pin badges to mark fundraising efforts. Thank you for your support.

Please send sponsorship money into school between now and Wednesday 25th March. Thank you.

Our Lent Appeal!

CAFOD
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Bridgend
DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.
to
Fatima

1120Km

Our *Crochet Club* have been busy making Easter creations for Group 55 HCPT to take to Lourdes with them on their next pilgrimage.



Look at our Learning

Our Pupil Profile Virtues:



We are called to show that we care.
~ Solidarity

Catholic Social Teaching Principle



'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3).



Children thoroughly enjoyed the Eisteddfod celebrations on Monday. It was wonderful to celebrate our children's talents in music, art, dance, poetry, handwriting and writing.

A big congratulations to our Bardd winner and runners up. Da iawn a llongyfarchiadau i Blwyddyn chewch.



Year 1 enjoyed preparing and making Cawl (Welsh stew) as part of their Welsh domain.





Diolch to Dwr Cymru who delivers whole school assembly about habitats and the delivered workshops in Y1 and Y4/5.



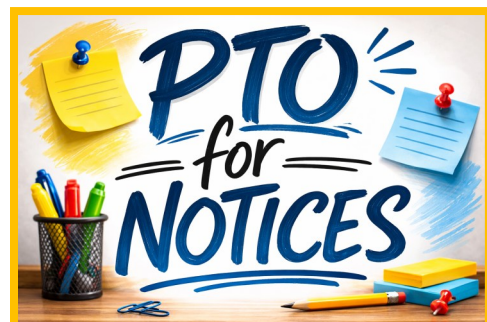
Pod Enfys took their Child Led Collective Worship outside this week. They listened to the parable of the Prodigal Son and they thought about how they could be a good friend this week.

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 (Y5/6 and Y6).	We will continue to use proceeds from the Nativity Ticket sales to cover the cost of this excellent provision. Thank you for your support.
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.
Sunday 15th March	School Mass	St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, 11am.
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	 Easter Eggstravaganza / Bake Off / Coffee Afternoon / Bonnet Parade	Friends will provide further details. Arrival from 2.15pm for a Coffee afternoon. Easter bonnet parade will begin at 2.30pm.
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.

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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NOTICES



Reminders:

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!



Certificates:

This week's certificates were awarded to children who are super at **making links** in their learning. These children find connections in their learning, helping them to deepen their understanding and apply what they know in different subjects and situations. Da iawn pawb!

World Book Day 2026

We celebrated **World Book Day** yesterday across the school. Classes enjoyed pairing up, sharing their favourite stories together, and taking part in quizzes.



We wish **Miss Parle** well as she begins her maternity leave today and we keep her in our prayers, asking every blessing for her and her family at this special time.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Megan Cole, who will be joining our school community on Monday 9th March.

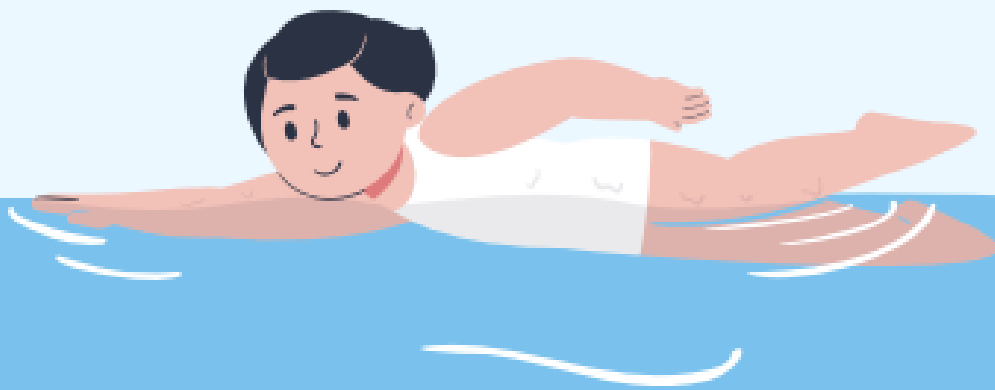
Reading:

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 and make a comment in their reading record book. Thank you. It really does make a BIG difference!

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



Friends of St Mary's



ALL YEAR
GROUPS ARE
INVITED TO
TAKE PART IN
THE BAKE
OFF

BAKES
FOR SALE
& RAFFLE



JOIN OUR
**BAKE OFF &
EASTER BONNET
PARADE**

BONNET
PARADE FOR
ATELIER

FRIDAY 20 MARCH | 2:15PM | SCHOOL HALL