

Newsletter

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

Friday 13th March 2026

CROESO! Welcome!

Our Faith...

In the Gospel on Sunday, we will hear how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. The man who was physically blind comes to truly “see” who Jesus is, while the Pharisees – who think they understand God – remain spiritually blind because they refuse to believe.

Loving God,
Thank you for the gift of our mothers and for the women in our lives who care for us, guide us, and support us each day. We are grateful for their love, patience, and kindness. Please bless them with strength, joy, and peace, and help us always show them our gratitude and respect.
Amen.



Our Faith in Action...



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 next three Stations of the Cross and remembered Jesus' journey to the Cross.

Many thanks to those who have sent their sponsorship money into school already. It was a joy to see our Mini Vinnies presenting so many children with their very special pin badges to mark their Lenten efforts. Diolch yn fawr.

Our Lent Appeal!

CAF+D hcpt Bridgend to Fatima

DIABETES UK KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

1120Km





On Sunday (15th March), we will join together as Parish, School and Families for the wonderful celebration of Mass. Please make every effort to bring your child to *School Mass*; St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. A wonderful opportunity to thank God for all mothers. Thank you for your support.



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).



Ga i de os gwelwch yn dda?



As part of their *Wales* domain, children in the Atelier had a Welsh tea party. They were so adventurous, trying food such as cockles, laverbread, Welsh cheese and bara brith. Da iawn pawb!

Year 2 made fantastic *Motte and Bailey* castle models using a range of resources.



PIC-COLLAGE





I love Year 3's 3D pictures of the *Last Supper*, inspired by Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper painting.



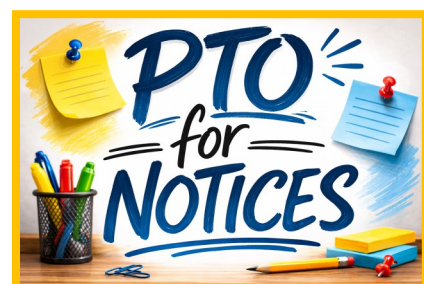
Year 3 have been learning about the *Celts*, how they wove their own clothes, and how they often used fruits and vegetables to dye them. They even had a go at weaving!

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. The last session will be Thursday 26th March.
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.
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  World Down Syndrome Day (21st March)	Friends will provide further details. Arrival from 2.15pm for a Coffee afternoon. Easter bonnet parade will begin at 2.30pm. Celebrate/create awareness by wearing your boldest and brightest most eye-catching socks!
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.
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



Costume Jewellery

Thank you to all who sent in donations of costume jewellery.

After School Mass on Sunday, Mrs Devine will have a small stall selling costume jewellery. All monies raised will be donated to HCPT Group 55 towards their next pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. Thank you for your support.



Breakfast Club

Please note that **Breakfast Club** is open to children from 8:10am to 8:30am. However, children must arrive by 8:25am to have breakfast before it is cleared away. Thank you.



Certificates

This week's certificates were awarded to children who are **intentional and prophetic**. These children make thoughtful choices and show courage to stand up for what is right. They are great role models in our school community. Da iawn pawb!

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!

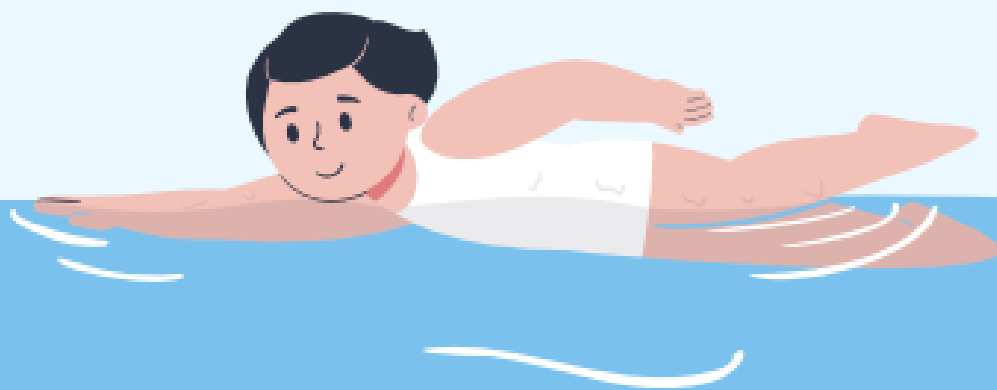


ESTYN Interim Inspection

On Thursday, we will be joined by two inspectors from **Estyn** for an **Interim Visit** following our last inspection. They will be visiting the school to observe and review the developments that have taken place since our previous inspection. We are proud to share the positive developments in our school. We thank all parents for their continued support in helping our school grow and thrive, and normal school routines will continue as usual during the visit.

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