

# Newsletter

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

Friday 17th April 2026

## CROESO! Welcome!

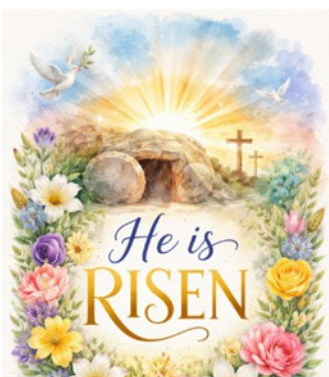
It has been a joy to welcome our children back to school after the Easter holiday. I hope that you had a lovely Easter. Welcome to the summer term! It promises to be a busy, fun filled term.

## Our Faith...



On Sunday, we will hear how two of Jesus' followers went on a journey to a village called Emmaus. Along the way, they met someone really special, although they didn't recognise him at first. Later that day, the person who joined them took bread, blessed it, broke it and shared it during a meal. At this moment, the friends realised that the person who had joined them on their walk was Jesus.

## Our Faith in Action...



We are now in the joyful season of Eastertide, a special time in the Church's year when we celebrate the risen Jesus. This season lasts for 40 days, ending with the Ascension, when Jesus returned to heaven. Ten days later, we celebrate Pentecost, when God sent a special helper, the Holy Spirit, to guide and strengthen the disciples. Eastertide reminds us that Jesus is alive and continues to be with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Y3 held their class Prayer and Liturgy in the chapel this week. They shared the sign of peace with each other, remembering Jesus' words, 'Peace be with You', when he greeted the disciples. They sang 'Peace like a river' beautifully.

## Our Learning!

'Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 28:19)

Our Pupil Profile  
Virtues:



We are called to be  
peacemakers  
~ Promoting Peace

Catholic Social  
Teaching Principle



All children started their new Branch of RE learning – *To the Ends of the Earth*.

In this topic children will study the events that flowed from Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church.



## NOTICES



Thank you to families who continued to *read* to and with their children over the Easter holiday. It really is beneficial and helps your child to make progress across all areas of the curriculum. It is an essential life skill.



Year 6 enjoyed their block of *swimming* before Easter, and Years 5/6 have taken part this week. Swimming blocks for Years 4/5, Year 4, and Year 3 will also take place this term. Please do not worry if your child is unable to swim – please reassure them if they are feeling apprehensive. The instructors assess the children on the first day and ensure they are placed in an appropriate group for their ability. Some lessons take place in the shallow end and confident swimmers are taught in the deeper water. Being confident in a body of water is an important life skill. These blocks of lessons are a great way to remind children of key skills in the water.



An early reminder that during this term, children will complete their *personalised assessments* in literacy and numeracy. These assessments are mandatory in Year 2-9 in Wales. The tests are completed online and are adaptive, meaning that they are tailored for every child. They give a snapshot of your child's skills at a particular time. We have a sample of old past papers (they were previously paper tests) on our website [here](#), if you



We have a small supply of *spare uniform* in school for accidents such as slipping in puddles or mud, or toileting incidents. If your child comes home wearing spare uniform, we kindly ask that it is returned to school as soon as possible so it can be used for another child.

We encourage parents to keep a set of spare clothes in their child's bag in case of accidents. Thank you for your support.



This week's certificates were awarded to children who are great *collaborative learners*. These children are great listeners – they value the opinions of all and they contribute well to group activities. Collaborative learners include others and ensure that no one is left out. They learn from each other and they also support each other. Da iawn pawb!




Congratulations to the group of children who represented our school in the eSports Minecraft tournament. We are so proud that they reached the semi finals and competed in the Principality Stadium on Wednesday. Da iawn pawb!



Please click on the link to read the Greeting of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV in front of the Basilica before the beginning of the Vigil to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square: [Holy Rosary for Peace \(11 April 2026\)](#)

## Diary Dates

<b>Thursdays</b>	Mr Carpenter (Chippy) from Spanish Soccer will be working with Y4, Y4/5, Y5/6 and Y6 this term.	Multisports Club will be for Y2 and Y3 this term. The club is currently full and we are operating a waiting list.
<b>Fridays</b>	Miss Nikki from New You Dance (NYD) will be working with Pod Enfys and Y1.	We will continue to use proceeds from the Nativity Ticket sales to cover the cost of this excellent provision. Thank you for your support.
<b>W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Swimming blocks begin.	Poster attached.
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	INSET Day – school closed to pupils.	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	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.*

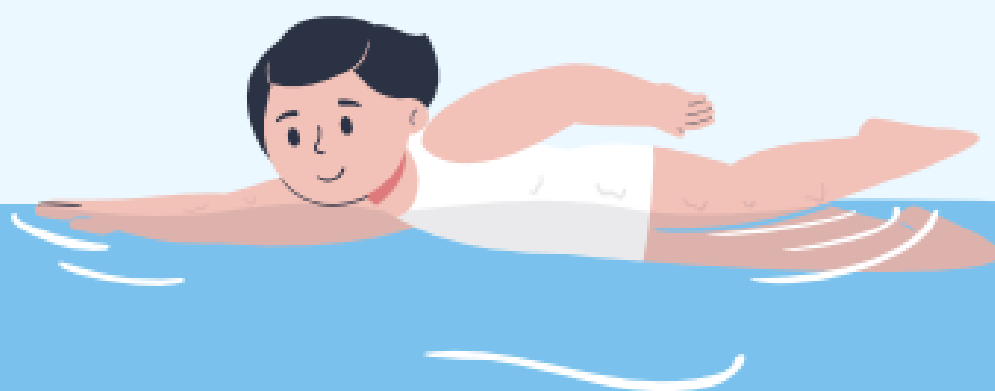
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# SWIMMING LESSONS



## PYLE SWIMMING POOL

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Bus leaves school @ 9.30am

Lessons start @ 10am

Bus leaves pool @ 11am

**YEAR 6 - 23<sup>RD</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**YEAR 5/6 - 13<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**YEAR 4/5 - 20<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**YEAR 4 - 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

**YEAR 3 - 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**