



St. Mary's

Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Our Faith...



We will celebrate **Pentecost** on Sunday.

Pentecost takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday. It is a happy time in the Christian calendar and it is thought as the birthday of the Christian Church.

In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, to help them be brave enough to share God's message with others.

Our Faith in Action...

Last Friday, our annual **May Procession** took place. We honoured Our Lady and laid flowers and plants at Our Lady's feet, transforming our cabin into a beautiful Marian Grotto.

This week, we donated the flowers to St Mary's Church to help decorate our Church this weekend. They were very grateful for our donation. Children have started planting the plants around our school. A HUGE thank you to everyone for your support.



This week, a group of children took it upon themselves to create a variety of loom band items to sell to raise money for **CAFOD**. We are so proud that they have put their faith in action and have raised £22 for **CAFOD**.

Da iawn girls!



In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus asks us to spread His message of love and peace to all people through our actions, by loving our neighbour and caring for one another.

Our Learning!

Our Pupil Profile
Virtues:



'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)



We are called to be peacemakers
~ Promoting Peace

Catholic Social Teaching Principle



Pod Heulog listened to the story of the First Christians and retold the story using picture cards and wooden figures.



Y1 have been learning about positional language and have been using Beebots and JIT coding. Super!



Y2 played music to represent the weather on the glockenspiels.

Y3 created beautiful artwork to portray the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



Y4/5 have researched visible light and created posters/leaflets of their findings. They had lots of fun exploring electricity and creating their own circuits! 💡🌈



Y5/6 worked collaboratively to create a beautiful mural of Our Lady.



NOTICES



We wish **Mrs Watt** 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.

Congratulations to our Y5 and Y6 pupils who represented the school at the Apollo Football tournament this week. They did really well and finished 4th in their Group, demonstrating good teamwork, skill and sportsmanship throughout. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Dawe and Mrs Smith for supporting the team.



This week's certificates were awarded to children who have shown **generosity** through their actions. It was wonderful to hear all of the different examples. From acts of kindness and helpfulness to patience and care for others. Well done all.

Please continue to read with and to your child over the half term holiday. Thank you for your continued support.



Learning Café (Y2-Y4)

Thank you to the families who attended our Learning Café on Monday. We trust that the resources available were useful in ways to support your child's learning at home. We intend on holding another Learning Café in the autumn term. Thank you to the Friends for supporting the event and providing delicious sweet treats!

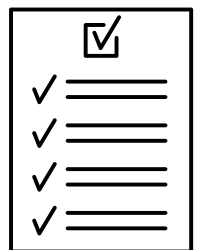
The Welsh Government online **personalised assessments** will take place between 11th May to 19th June.

Please find further information for parents here:

www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Personalised+Assessments&pid=122

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 would like to look over the style of questions that children may be asked. Thank you for your support.



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

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DIARY DATES



Thursdays	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.
Fridays	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.
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term	
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	Half Term Break	School closed.
Monday 1st June	Return to school	
Friday 19th June	INSET Day	Staff training – school closed to children.
Monday 22nd June	INSET Day	Staff training – school closed to children.
Sunday 28th June	School Mass	St Mary's Church, 11am
Wednesday 1st July	Sports Day	9.15am – 11am Atelier – Y2 1.15pm – 3.15pm Y3 – Y6
Friday 3rd July	Reserve Sports Day (if weather is inclement on 1st July)	

**KEEP SCROLLING
FOR FURTHER
NOTICES!**

*Wishing you a lovely half term break.
Mrs. Azzopardi*



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SCHOOL SPORTS DAY!

★ WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY ★

BACK UP DATE:
FRIDAY 3RD JULY

TIMES TO BE

ATELIER – YEAR 2

9.15am – 11am



YEARS 3-6

1.15pm – 3.15pm



TEAMWORK!

COME ALONG, CHEER LOUD
AND ENJOY THE DAY!

HAVE FUN!

INSET DAYS

School will be closed to pupils on
the following INSET days:



19th June



22nd June



20th July



Thank you for your understanding
and support.



PRE LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS WELCOME

Has your child outgrown their uniform?

Drop your pre-loved St Mary's uniform at the school office.

The Friends of St Mary's will sell the items on for £1 each. This helps our school community recycle and keeps costs low for everyone.

Please only donate uniform that is washed and in excellent condition.

Thank you so much for your support!





School Timetable



Monday

4:45pm-5:30pm
Primary CMJ

5:30pm-6:30pm
Grade 1 CMJ

6:30pm-7:30pm
Adult Jazz & Heels

7:30pm-8:30pm
Adult Contemporary



Tuesday

10:30am-11:30am
Seniors Tap

4:30pm-5:30pm
GCSE Dance

5:30pm-6:30pm
Grade 4 Adult Tap

6:30pm-7:30pm
Intermediate Tap

7:30pm-8:30pm
Adult Performance

Wednesday

4:30pm-5:30pm
GCSE Dance

5:30pm-6:30pm
Grade 3 Tap

6:30pm-7:30pm
Intermediate Tap 2

7:30pm-8:30pm
Grade 2 Adult Tap



Thursday

4:30pm-5:30pm
Junior PBT

5:30pm-6:30pm
Grade 3 Ballet

6:30pm-7:30pm
Grade 3 Adult Ballet

7:30pm-8:30pm
Grade 2 Adult Ballet



Friday

4:30pm-5:30pm
Grade 5 Ballet

5:30pm-6:30pm
Senior PBT

6:30pm-7:30pm
Intermediate Ballet



Saturday

9am-9:45am
Grade 1 Tap

9:45am-10:30am
Grade 2 Ballet

10:30am-11:30am
Sub Junior PBT

11:30am-12:00pm
Preparatory Combo

12:00pm - 1:00pm
Primary Combo