



St. Mary's Newsletter

10th July 2026

Croeso! Welcome!

"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word — and — understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Our Faith...

In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells us a parable about planting seeds. It teaches us how important it is that the seeds land on the right kind of ground to grow, but it also teaches us something about ourselves and how we should behave. Jesus told the Disciples that the seeds that fall on the rich soil is like someone who hears what Jesus is asking, understands it, and lives their life as he asks them to.

Our Faith in Action...

On Thursday 16th July, we will celebrate our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their educational journey and begin secondary school in September. Fr Tim will join us to celebrate Mass and give thanks for the children's time at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Families are warmly invited to join us for Mass at 9.15am on the school field, weather permitting.



**WELSH
PHRASE**
OF THE WEEK

Mae hi'n amser Haf!
It is summer time!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Friends for the end of day treats this week!



Look at Our Learning!



Putting people most
in need first.
~ Preferential Option
for the Poor

Catholic Social
Teaching Principle

"For "In him we live and move and
have our being"" (Acts 17:28).

Our Pupil Profile
Virtues:



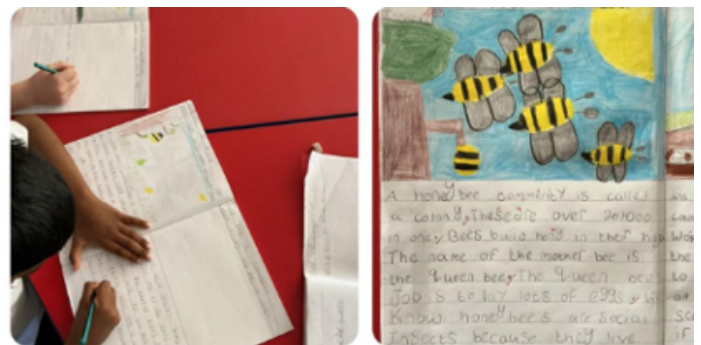
Attentive:
Listening to God and
caring for others.
Noticing our experiences
and learning from them.
Discerning:
Choosing to do what is
right and helpful for
others.



Children in Y5/6 created super Hives on
Minecraft as part of their Honeybee Domain.



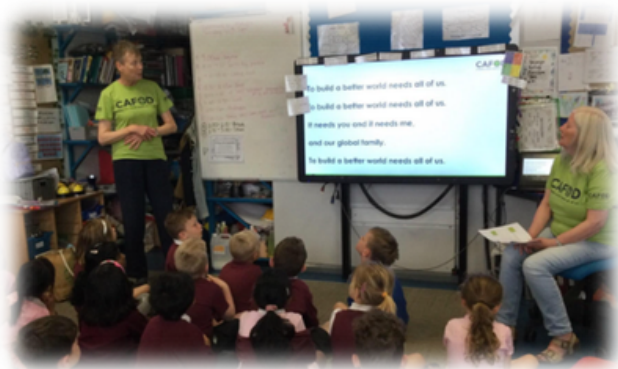
Y4/5 have been
learning about **sea
turtles** and they
created beautiful
models out of clay.



Y2 have been learning about **honeybees**.
It was a joy to see their independent writing.



Faint o'r gloch ydy hi? Year 1
have been learning how to tell
the time on an analogue clock.



We welcomed **CAFOD** school volunteers to our school and they delivered
super workshops with classes all about building a more sustainable world.
Children thought about how they can look after God's wonderful world.



On Tuesday, our Atelier children proudly presented their **Ugly Bug Ball** – and what a show it was! There was dancing, singing, storytelling and an array of wonderful costumes. It was a fantastic celebration of the children's learning this term, showcasing their knowledge of everything from arachnids and bumblebees to metamorphosis.

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to prepare the children for their performance.

A very special thank you goes to **Mrs Ann Morgan**, who has helped prepare hundreds of children for their Ugly Bug Ball performances over the years. This year's concert was particularly significant as it was her final one as a member of staff before her retirement this summer.

Mrs Morgan has dedicated 41 years of service to St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Her commitment, care and unwavering dedication to our school community has touched the lives of countless children and families and she will be greatly missed. Throughout her time at St Mary's, she has nurtured generations of children, watching them grow from little seeds when they begin their journey with us in Nursery into strong, confident young people by the time they leave.

We thank Mrs Morgan for her years of devoted service and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

**HAPPY
Retirement!**



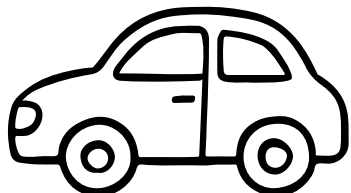
NOTICES



Your child should have brought home their end of year report this afternoon. If you have any queries regarding the report, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting next week to discuss before the end of the academic year. Thank you.

Inside your child's report, you will find the name of their class teacher for September. Children will meet their new teacher and class on Tuesday 14th July for an introduction session.

There will be a meeting on Monday 13th July at 2.45pm for parents who have any queries about the split classes for September. Please come to the front door.



Further to Mrs Large's notice on Dojo regarding considerate parking, I have received further correspondence from a local resident expressing concerns about parking outside the school.

Unfortunately, some parents continue to park across driveways and in front of dropped kerbs, causing difficulties for residents accessing their properties safely.

May I kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children. Please be mindful of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways, dropped kerbs or access points.



Thank you so much for your support at our **SUMMER FETE** on Wednesday. What a fabulous afternoon!

It was great to see so many of you enjoying the event. **A HUGE thank you to the Friends who prepared everything for the day. We are really grateful for your efforts and commitment to raising funds for our school.**

Thank you for all of the additional helpers and bakers today and to the staff for manning the stalls / games / Henna and face painting.

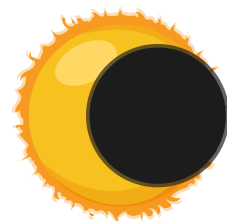
We hope you enjoyed the traders and dancers - a first for our fetes - we will look to arrange these to join us at future events.

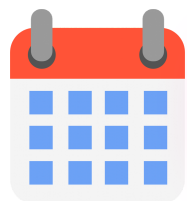
A wonderful afternoon bringing our school community together 

Message from Mr Wooding:

On **Monday 12th August**, there will be **partial solar eclipse** visible in the UK. The eclipse will begin at 6:16pm and end at 8:07pm, with the maximum eclipse occurring at 7:13pm, when around 90% of the Sun will be covered.

We have solar safe glasses available to purchase for £1 to allow children to view the eclipse safely. If you would like to purchase a pair, please send £1 into school. Thank you.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Wednesdays	Mr Carpenter (Chippy) from Spanish Soccer will continue to work with Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 this term.	
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.
Mon 13th July	The Mermaid and the Moondragon show by TeePee Theatre	Pod Heulog (Nursery) – Y2 £2 per child. Please send your monies in on the day.
Wednesday 15th July	Ice Cream Van Visit	The Friends of St. Mary's will kindly pay for ice cream/lolly for each pupil. Thank you to the Friends.
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	On the field - weather dependant. 9.15am start.
Friday 17th July	Last day of the Academic Year Toy Day	Toy Day - Children are welcome to bring a toy/game into school - No electronics/valuable/precious items. Thank you.

School Savings - Message for our Savers

Next week will be our last school savings collection of the year. It has been another successful year, and we continue to expand our school membership and partnerships with new schools. I want to thank all the staff, children, and families who have embraced school savings – it is lovely visiting all the schools and meeting so many children building good habits and learning about money management.

The children do not need to withdraw any savings as we will return in September. However, if your child wishes to withdraw some or all of their savings, a BACs withdrawal (Bank Transfer) can be arranged online at any time by their parent/guardian using the [School Withdrawal Form - Bridgend School Savings](#). BACs transfers are the easiest way to withdraw their savings, and we encourage all our savers to choose this option whenever possible. We aim to process all BACs withdrawals within 48 hours. If required, we will always make efforts to arrange an alternative withdrawal method.

During the summer holidays, we can be contacted through our website at [Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union](#), at the main Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union office at 1/1A Caroline Street, or by calling us on 01656 667089.

A note regarding our Year 6s: If they have a younger sibling in school, they are more than welcome to continue saving for them. Alternatively, they can save directly with the credit union by setting up a standing order or visiting the branch in Bridgend.

If you have any other questions, you can find lots of information at [Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union](#). You can contact us through our website (including during school holidays) or via email at damianf@blscu.co.uk.

Thanks once again for all your support!

*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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