



St. Mary's Newsletter

11th September 2026

Croeso! Welcome!

Merciful God,
We are truly sorry for
the things that we have
done wrong.

Forgive us and help us
to try to forgive others
as your son Jesus
teaches us.

Amen.

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Our Faith...

In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus talks about forgiveness – about how God is always ready to forgive us if we say sorry. And about how we should try to forgive others if they say sorry to us.

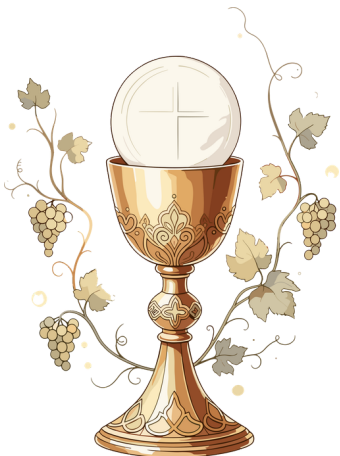
Our Faith in Action...

Year 1 children visited our beautiful Chapel this week and prayed together the Lord's Prayer. They remembered Jesus' words from last week's Gospel, **'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'**



School Mass

Our first **School Mass** of the academic year will take place on **Sunday 11th October** in St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. Please make every effort to join us to celebrate together in faith, give thanks and seek blessings for the year ahead.



Look at Our Learning!



All classes have started their **Creation and Covenant** Branch in Religious Education.

This half term, we are focusing on the virtues of **Faith-filled** and **Hopeful**. We are also focusing on the Catholic Social Principle of **Subsidiarity**.

Children have written short prayers linked to our virtues of Faith-filled and Hopeful.



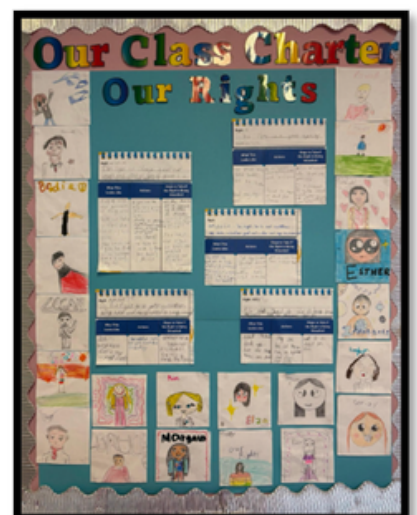
All children in the school have been learning about the Rights of the Child. Year 2/3 talked about how they can respect their rights in the classroom and then they created wonderful **self portraits**.

Year 3 / 4 Engaged in their learning...

They looked at some of the Rights of the Child and then they used a Diamond 9 to rank them.



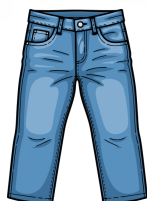
Y4/5 have worked hard to create their **Class Charter**.



NOTICES

JEANS FOR GENES

Friday 18th September



Children are invited to wear jeans to school and to bring a £1 donation. Children will then receive a special pin badge to support the worthwhile charity.

With 1 in 10 families in the UK affected by a genetic condition, this special day is a chance for us all to come together, raise awareness, and show our support for families affected. Thank you, in advance, for your support.



This week's certificates were awarded for children who have **managed their distractions** well in their learning. It was wonderful to hear lots of different examples of children being engrossed in their learning. Da iawn!



Open Evening

There is an **Open Evening** at **Archbishop McGrath High School** on **Tuesday 22nd September** at 4.30pm for Year 6 pupils. Please see letter and further information on Dojo.

Nursery
2027

Nursery spaces for **September 2027** are OPEN!

Age 3 pupils welcome to apply. Please contact Mrs. Large in the School Office for further information.

Uniform...

Thank you for donations for our Pre Loved Uniform stock – and a big thank you to the Friends for organising sales.

Please click this [link](#) to place orders for uniform.

Safety Outside Our Gates - Reminder

Please ensure that you are parking safely and with courtesy for our neighbours. There are often lots of pedestrians around outside the school – please drive carefully and slowly in the vicinity of the school. Thank you for your support with this.



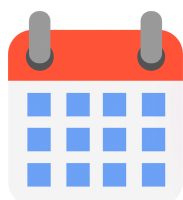
Please find more information at the end of the newsletter regarding **music lessons** via Cardiff and the Vale Music Service (CAVMS).

Please find more information at the end of the newsletter regarding our Savings Club – **Credit Union**. ALL children are invited to save their money, any amount; big or small, here at school, on a Wednesday.



I trust that you found the Welcome Meetings useful to meet your child's teacher, find out about the year and ask any questions you had.

Thank you to those who attended the sessions, it was a pleasure to welcome you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes	Children are invited to wear jeans to school and to bring a donation to support the charity.
Tuesday 29th September	Learning Cafe	Year 3/4- 6 3.20pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 11th October	School Mass	St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am – School Uniform to be worn.
Thursday 22nd October	United Nations Celebration Day	Children are invited to wear National dress/colours to school. See poster 'attached'.



WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Mwynhau'r penwythnos!
Enjoy your weekend!

IMPORTANT

Going Home Arrangements

Please inform us as soon as possible in the day if there are any changes to your child's usual end of day/going home arrangements. Be that being collected by someone else who wouldn't usually collect, child on the bus/not on the bus etc.

We cannot take your child's word for actioning the change to how they are going home. **If we do not hear from you, your child will be sent home on the bus etc. as usual.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

*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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LEARNING CAFE

Come along to our Learning Cafe.

An opportunity to meet teachers and
discuss and share ways to support your
child's education at home.



**And yes, there will be tea and cake for
sale!**

Available for Year 3/4 - Y6 parents and caregivers

**29 SEPT, 3.20 - 4.30PM
THE SCHOOL HALL**

Drop ins welcome



Scan for all of our news and
updates



Join our

UNITED NATIONS

Celebration!



- 👗 National costumes welcomed
- 🍲 Bring your favourite international dish
- 🎭 Cultural showcase performances

We'd love to see you there!

22 OCT
2026

1.30PM- 3.30PM
The School Hall

Able to make or bring a dish? Email
Friendsofstmarys950@gmail.com



SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB

Is Back!

EVERY WEDNESDAY



- Save as much or as little as you like
- Your own savings book and piggy bank
- Take your money out any time

Not joined yet?

Sign up online or send a form back to school — saving starts straight away.

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SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB

Is back! Save a little, every week

Our savings day is every...

WEDNESDAY

How it works

- Save as much or as little as you like — it all adds up.
- Every saver gets their own savings book, wallet and piggy bank.
- Collections happen in school, every week, with the children helping to run the club.
- Withdraw online or by handing a Withdrawal Form to the Savings Club.

What is a Credit Union?

A not-for-profit financial co-operative, owned and controlled by its members. Credit Unions are regulated like banks, so your money is protected — and savings earn an annual dividend.

Bridgend Lifesavers has served the area since 2004 and now runs 18 school savings schemes across Bridgend County Borough.



How do we join?

New savers: sign up any time. Fill in the online form at www.bridgendschoolsavings.com or return a paper application to school. Your child gets a wallet, paying-in book and piggy bank, and can start saving straight away.

Already a member? Nothing to do — just keep saving. Lost a paying-in book? We'll issue a new one with the balance up to date.

COST OF LESSONS

- Group lessons (when available) cost £6.50 per week e.g. 2 sharing 20 minutes or 3 sharing 30 minutes.
- Individual lessons start at £9.75 for 15 minutes.

This means that a typical 12 week term will cost:

- Group lessons: £78.00
- Individual 15 minute lessons: £117.00

HOW TO PAY FOR LESSONS

Lessons commence on receipt of the online enrolment form. An invoice will be sent once the number and length of lessons have been confirmed.

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