



St. Mary's Newsletter

18th September 2026

Croeso! Welcome!



The Red Vineyard (Van Gogh)



Our Faith...

In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells us a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour.

God is generous and created a world with enough for everyone. Unfortunately, some people are less fortunate than we are and do not have access to the things they need.

At St Mary's, we regularly raise money for CAFOD.

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) works with communities in 40 countries around the world, helping people to overcome poverty and injustice.

Together, we can make a difference and help to build a brighter, fairer world for all.

Our Faith in Action...

Today, we have raised money for the [Jeans for Genes](#) campaign.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

Thank you for your support. Children will bring home their pin badges. Diolch for supporting this worthy cause.

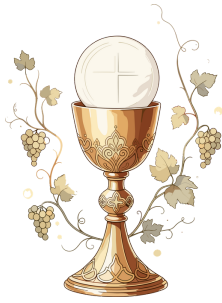


Children in Y4/5 led a beautiful Prayer & Liturgy on the Creation Story, linking beautifully to our RE Branch of learning.

Y5's Prayer & Liturgy theme was thanksgiving. They listened carefully to the story of the Ten Lepers.



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.

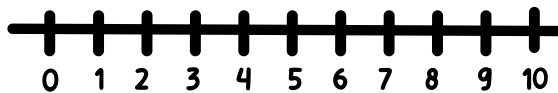
Look at Our Learning!



Y4/5 have been learning about the Water Cycle in their Domain and created their very own water cycles to observe the process.



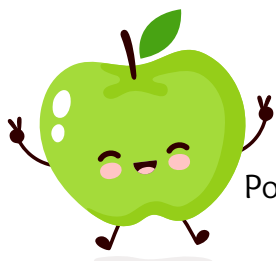
Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity



Y3/4 took their maths learning outside where they created number lines. They ordered numbers and partitioned them using whole-part models.



Year 2/3 are learning about our Local Area. They have been learning about map symbols.



Pod Heulog and Pod Enfys have been busy picking apples and blackberries from our Orchard. They then made delicious pies!

NOTICES



This week's certificates were awarded for children who have been **faith-filled** in their words and actions. It was wonderful to hear lots of different examples of children who are following Jesus' footsteps. Da iawn!

Choir Starts on a High Note...



It was wonderful to see so many children joining our school choir at its first rehearsal yesterday. The children made a super start to learning the songs for the events and celebrations that lie ahead this year.

Considering it was their first rehearsal, they sounded wonderful. We are looking forward to seeing their confidence and talents continue to grow throughout the year. Da iawn pawb!

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

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



ADMIRAL IN ACTION: IMPACT HOURS



A big thank you to the group of volunteers from Admiral who spent time helping to tidy our school grounds last week. It was wonderful to welcome them to St Mary's, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and care they gave to our school community. The volunteers made a real difference, and we greatly appreciate their support. Diolch!

Safety Outside Our Gates - Reminder



Please ensure that you are **parking** safely and with courtesy for our neighbours. Please also ensure that, when **driving** outside the school, you do so in a safe and considerate manner. Earlier this week, I received a report of motorcyclists travelling at speed near the school. The safety of our children, families and local residents is of paramount importance, and I would be grateful for your support in helping to keep our community safe.



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

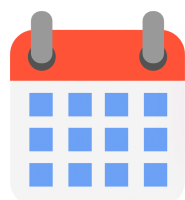
Please find more information at the end of the newsletter regarding our Savings Club – **Credit Union**. ALL children are invited to save their money, any amount; big or small, here at school, on a Wednesday.



There is a family information day being held at Heronsbridge school where over 20 local organisations will be present to share advice and support for families.

Please see details in attached poster.

Organisations such as: Lads & Dads, Y Bont, PCSOs, Valleys to Coast, Careers Wales, Design to Smile, sensory workshops will be present.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Tuesday 29th Sept	Learning Cafe	Year 3/4- 6 3.20pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 8th Oct	Photo Day	Tempest Photography will be in school for portait shots. Details on ordering to follow.
Sunday 11th Oct	School Mass	St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am – School Uniform to be worn.
Monday 19th Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Y6)	Details to follow - a reminder that paper consent forms will not be sent home and that it will be an online consent form like last year.
Thursday 22nd Oct	United Nations Celebration Day	Children are invited to wear National dress/colours to school. See poster 'attached'.



*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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FAMILY INFORMATION DAY HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL

When: Thursday 19th March
10 - 1pm

Where: Heron Hall (Main School Hall)

Some fantastic organisations will be joining us including SNAP Cymru, Special Families, Friends of Heronsbridge, Cwm Taff Therapists (OT, Physio and SaLT's), Bridgend Carers, Ty Hafan, Design to Smile, The Bridge, Employability, Bridgend Resource Centre, Be Calm Relax, SHINE, Lads N Dads, First Choice Housing, Llais, BCBC Local Community Co-ordinators, Baobab Bach, Redkite Solicitors, Big Stepping Stones, Rotary Club Bridgend, Prospero Agency, Bridgend Citizens Advice, STEER, Heronsbridge Dog Mentoring Scheme, Heronsbridge Health and Well-Being Team, and our Family Engagement Team will be there with our lending library and resources and strategies to support at home!
Look forward to seeing you there!

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