



St. Mary's

Newsletter

25th September 2026

Croeso! Welcome!



Our Faith...

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that actions speak louder than words. Through the parable of the two sons, He teaches that what matters most is doing God's will, even if we have made mistakes in the past.

Our Faith in Action...



Thank you to everyone who took part in Jeans for Genes Day, helping to raise awareness and vital funds for people living with genetic conditions.

Together, we raised a fantastic **£236.55**. Thank you for your support. Diolch yn fawr! ❤️

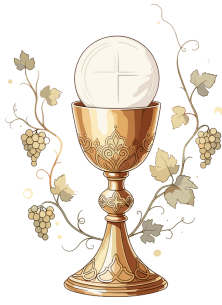
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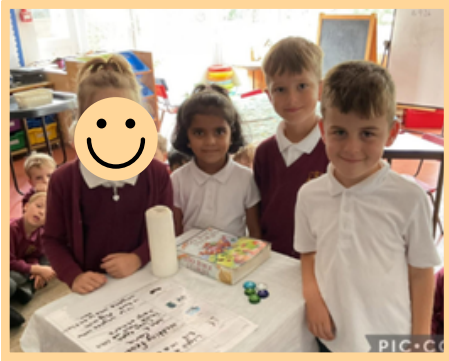
On Friday 2nd October, we will celebrate **Fairtrade Fortnight**. Children are invited to bring £1 to school to enjoy a hot chocolate and small chocolate bar – both Fairtrade. Whilst enjoying their treats, children will learn about the importance of Fairtrade and how it helps farmers and workers around the world receive a fair price for their products, supporting better living and working conditions for their families and communities.

All profit will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation. Thank you for your support.

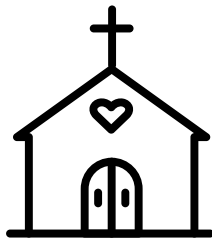
School Mass



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.



Y2 planned and led a lovely **Prayer and Liturgy**. They chose the story of the Wedding at Cana and their Going Forth message was to think about how we can help others.



Children in Y4/5 planned and shared a beautiful **Prayer and Liturgy** in our special Chapel.

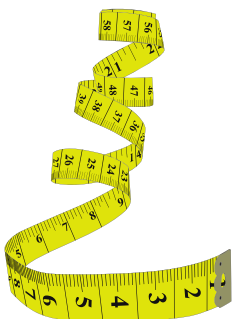
Look at Our Learning!



Children in the Atelier have been drawing around each other and have been labelling body parts. They know that they are all special and unique!



Y3/4 have been measuring the height of trees using a **Clinometer** and the **circumference** of the trees using a tape measure.



Y4/5 have been busy learning about **ivers**. To consolidate their knowledge of key vocabulary, they collaborated to make fantastic river models!



Y5 had a fantastic time at Southerndown on their field trip linked to their **Geology** domain. They enjoyed looking at different rock formations and hunting for fossils.



Year 6 enjoyed their river field trip. They started at the Stepping Stones in **Ogmore** before walking along the floodplain and carrying out various observations. They then studied the pebbles at Ogmore Beach, considering how the energy of the water affects their size and shape, making some smooth and rounded while others remain smaller and more angular.



This week's certificates were awarded for children who have been **absorbed**

in their learning. It was wonderful to hear examples of children who have managed their distractions and have been absorbed in their learning, producing wonderful pieces of learning.

Da iawn pawb!

Parental Consultations

Parental Consultations will take place on **Tuesday 3rd** and **Wednesday 4th November**. As you are aware, last year, we introduced an online booking system to help make the booking process smoother and more convenient for both parents and staff.

Our booking system will go live on Monday 28th September - please look out for further information on Dojo.

Please make every effort to book and attend an appointment to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress during the first half term with their class teacher.

* Wellbeing * Attainment * Effort * Attitude



THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER



We are a vibrant community, proud of the many cultures, languages and traditions that make St Mary's such a special place. United Nations Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate our diversity, learn from one another and recognise that we are all part of God's global family.

On **Thursday 22nd October**, children are invited to come to school wearing their national dress, the colours of their country's flag, or an outfit that represents their heritage as we celebrate our annual **United Nations Day**.

If you would like to contribute a culinary delight for our afternoon celebration, please get in touch with the **Friends of St Mary's**. Further details can be found on the poster attached at the end of the newsletter. Thank you in advance for your continued support. And a big thank you to the **Friends** for their support.



READY, STEADY, LEARN!

Being on time for school helps children settle quickly and start the day ready to learn. A reminder that the school day starts at **8:50am**. Children should be on the yard before **8:50am** so they can come into school promptly and make the most of every learning opportunity. Thank you for your support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



WELSH PHRASE
OF THE WEEK

Dyddiadau ar gyfer eich dyddiadur
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'.
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd Nov	Parental Consultations	Details on how to book will be posted on Dojo on Monday.



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

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*Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Azzopardi*



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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