



St. Mary's Newsletter

2nd October 2026

Croeso! Welcome!



Our Faith...

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants who refuse to care for the landowner's vineyard and reject his servants and son. Through this story, Jesus reminds us to listen to God, respect His gifts, and live as faithful followers whose actions reflect His love and guidance.

Our Faith in Action...



Thank you for your support today in our fundraising event for Fairtrade Foundation.

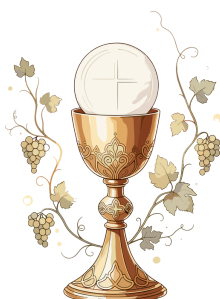
Children enjoyed their treats, and learned about the importance of Fairtrade. They learned how it helps farmers and workers around the world receive a fair price for their products, supporting better living and working conditions for their families and communities. All profit from today will be sent to the Fairtrade Foundation. Diolch yn fawr. ❤️



Year 5 planned and delivered a beautiful Prayer and Liturgy based on the story of when Abraham trusted God. God told him **"You will have as many children as there are stars."** The children responded by making a clay image linked to the story.



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.



Year 2 have been reflecting on how sin can lead us away from God. They thought carefully about the choices they make and explored ways they can turn back to God through prayer, forgiveness, and making good choices.

Look at Our Learning!



Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity



Year 1 have been investigating which materials are **waterproof**.



Pod Enfys have been drawing their families.



Children in the Atelier went on an exciting **Nature Walk** in our wonderful school grounds. They admired God's wonderful world.



Dead Reckoning



Drawing our families



Year 3/4 have used maps and Google Earth to find different places. They enjoyed measuring how far they could travel using **Dead Reckoning** just as Explorers did.

Year 5 and 6 children took part in the **Race Against Hate** event organised by South Wales Police, bringing together thousands of children from across South Wales in a positive celebration of inclusion, respect, equality and community. Well done all for taking part. Children thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the Emergency Services between their running!





This week's certificates were awarded for children who have **persevered** in their learning. It was wonderful to hear lovely examples of children who haven't given up on their learning – even when it is tricky! Their efforts are superb. Da iawn pawb!



Advance Notice

Nativity tickets will go on sale in November. Children will take part in their Nativity with their YEAR GROUP, not CLASS.

Please note that this year, the Year 5 and 6 Nativity will take place in **St Mary's Church**. We are delighted to have the opportunity for the children to share their Nativity in such a special setting. You will notice that there is only one date for Year 5/6 – the larger venue capacity means we are able to accommodate all families at a single performance. The Church provides the perfect atmosphere during **Advent**, a season when we prepare our hearts in joyful anticipation of the birth of Jesus 🕯️

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.

The booking system is now live.

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

READY, STEADY, LEARN!



We are continuing to see a number of children arriving late to school. **Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to come into school at 8:50am.** A prompt start helps children settle quickly and make the most of their learning from the beginning of the day. Thank you for your support.

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

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	Booking link: https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/StMarysParentalConsultations2026@hwbwave15.onmicrosoft.com/?



*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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ST. MARY'S PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November

Click [here](#) to book.



Please ensure that you select the correct '**service**' for your child.
You must then **select the correct teacher** for your child to see their availability. Do not leave as 'Anyone' as you will not successfully book a slot with your child's teacher.

Join us for important discussions about your
child's progress.



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



Nativity Dates



Thursday 10th December (School Hall)
Atelier - 10AM | Years 1 + 2 - 1.30PM

Friday 11th December (School Hall)
Years 1 + 2 - 10AM | Atelier - 1.30PM

Tuesday 15th December (School Hall)
Years 3 + 4 - 10AM

Wednesday 16th December (School Hall)
Years 3 + 4 - 1.30PM

Thursday 17th December
Years 5 + 6 - 6PM- 7PM

• St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road

• Please note that this year's Nativities will be in Year Groups, not classes. Tickets will go on sale towards the middle of November.



INSET DAYS

26/27

Our remaining INSET Days for this year are as noted below. Please note that the school will be closed to pupils for Staff Training.



Monday 4th January
Monday 15th February
Friday 30th April
Monday 19th July
Tuesday 20th July