



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

OCTOBER 2025

Love, Grow, Believe, Achieve

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Tues 4th - Parent Drop-In session with Mrs Richards, ALNCo

Wed 5th - Year 5 Forest School

Thurs 6th - Scholastic Book Fair begins

Fri 7th - Year 6 Forest School

Fri 7th - Free Toddler Stay and Play (9-10.30am). Bring along your pre-school children

Fri 7th - 2pm Meeting for Parents for children starting Nursery in Jan or April

Tues 11th - Dosbarth Melyn Forest School

Tues 11th - 9.30am Y5 & 6 at morning mass @ church - all welcome

Wed 12th - Teacher-Parent Meetings (online)

Thurs 13th - Year 3 Forest School

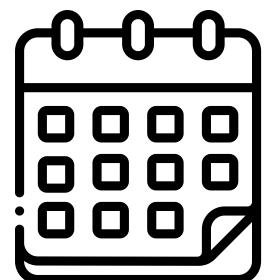
Wed 19th - Teacher-Parent Meetings (in school)

Fri 21st - Dosbarth Coch Forest School

Tues 25th - 9.30am Y3 & 4 at morning mass @ church - all welcome

Fri 28th - Teacher Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Sun 30th - Advent begins



HOME OFFICE LETTERS



For families that require letters from the school to take to the Home Office, please give us at least 5 days notice. We cannot guarantee that we can create these letters in less time.

CATHOLIC PUPIL PROFILE

This term we will be teaching the Gospel values of:

Learned & Wise



FUNDRAISING - THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for your support with the fundraising events this half term. The S'mores and Discos have raised £1000 for the school private fund.



Last year the money you raised paid for 20 new chromebooks as well as subsidising trips and experiences for all classes.

This year we will use the money to subsidise trips, swimming and music lessons.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This term we are teaching the principles of Stewardship and Human Dignity.



Caring for God's gifts
Stewardship



Everyone is special
Human Dignity



PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT

We ask that parents dropping their children to Breakfast Club and to school in the morning **DO NOT:**

- **PARK ON THE PAVEMENT**
- **PARK OR STOP IN FRONT OF ROBERTO, THE CROSSING PATROL OFFICER**
- **STOP IN THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL TO LET THEIR CHILDREN JUMP OUT OF THE CAR**

This type of parking is putting lives at risk and someone will get seriously hurt.

Please park and stop responsibly and away from the front of the school.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

St Mary of the Angels Parish is now taking applications for children in Year 3 or above to prepare for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Please complete a form which can be found at the back of the church after mass. School does not have the forms.

Forms must be returned to Fr Solomon by 30th November.



TRIPS

School trips are an important part of your children's learning. The Welsh Government has renamed subjects as 'Areas of Learning and Experience' (AoLEs) as they want schools to provide experiences for the children as part of their learning in school.

We try to keep costs down as much as we can by booking local trips and subsidising them through the school private fund. However, we cannot afford to fully pay for trips and so we rely on parents/ carers helping us with this. We cannot enforce parents to pay for trips but if we do not have enough payments we may have to cancel them.

We ask that you pay for trips as soon as you can. If we have to cancel trips last minute we can be charged for late cancellations.

If you cannot afford to pay for a trip please let us know and we can see what we can do to help or pay as much as you can afford if not the full amount.

Thank you very much for your support.



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LOTTERY**



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TEACHER-PARENT MEETINGS

Unfortunately, we have had to move one of our Teacher-Parent meetings. The dates now are:

- Wed 12th Nov
- Wed 19th Nov



Also the booking system has not worked and so we will be sending out a new booking system straight after half term. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

LATES

Each half term we analyse the attendance data for children who are late to school in the mornings.

The parents of children who are late more than 10 times each half term are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).

Please ensure your children come to school on time. Lessons start at 8.55am and if your child is late they are missing important learning time.

Being late can also cause children anxiety due to having missed the start of lesson, walking into class with everyone looking at them and missing the time to talk to friends before lessons begin.



CARDIFF HALF MARATHON

Well done to our caretaker, Fausto, who ran the Cardiff Half Marathon this year.

Fausto will also be running the Newport half Marathon in March and will be raising money for our school.

