



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

MARCH 2026

Love, Grow, Believe, Achieve

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Thurs 5th - World Book Day - bring a bedtime story & wear pjs to school

Thurs 5th - 3.15pm Y3 Book share, school hall

Fri 6th - CAFOD Family Fast Day - wear own clothes and make a donation

Sat 7th - First Reconciliation, 10am @ St Mary's Church

Mon 9th - Come and read with your child - Dosbarth Melyn, 2.30pm Cwtch Room

Tues 10th - Y5 & Y6 Forest School Day

Tues 10th - 3.15pm Y6 Book share for parents/ carers, school hall

Wed 11th - Y3 visit to Canton Library

Wed 11th - Come and read with your child - Dosbarth Coch, 2.30pm Cwtch Room

Thurs 12th - 3.15pm Dosbarth Melyn Book Share for parents/ carers, school hall

Thurs 12th - Y3-6 HCPT Fundraiser Movie Night (until 4.30pm)

Fri 13th - Dosbarth Coch Forst School Day

Fri 13th - Mother's Day Gifts Fundraiser

Tues 17th - 3.15pm Y5 Book share for parents/ carers, school hall

Thurs 19th - Year 3 Forest School Day

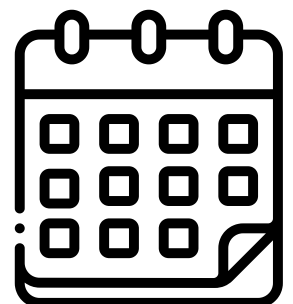
Tues 24th - Year 4 Forest School Day

Fri 27th - Easter Egg Raffle

Fri 27th Mar - End of spring term

APRIL

Mon 13th - Return to school - Start of summer term



HOLY WEEK ASSEMBLIES

Our school Holy Week will take place during the last week before the Easter holidays. All classes will lead a prayerful assembly about the events of Holy week each morning.

Families are invited to come and join us at 9.15am each day in the school hall.

Coch & Melyn: Palm Sunday-23rd Mar

Year 3: The Last Supper-24th Mar

Year 4: Garden of Gethsemane-25th Mar

Year 6: Good Friday-26th Mar

Year 5: Easter Sunday-27th Mar



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This term we are learning about:

Showing we care



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We are coming to that time of year again when holiday requests are often made for the summer term. Please note the following:

- Please submit requests at least 2 weeks before departing to we can arrange for you to discuss the absence with Miss Russell.
- We do not authorise holidays. This is an agreed action with our Mary Immaculate cluster of schools.
- We may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice if your child has poor attendance before the holiday is taken.

We understand the reasons why parents take holidays during term time. We just ask that you consider the impact that time out of school will have on their progress.



Consider the following:

- Is the start of a new school year the best time to go or would the end of a term be better?
- How much school has my child already missed this year?
- What time is the best time to go? Will they miss important events such as school trips, visits to the high school etc?
- Can we include the school holidays? Go towards the end of one term and return just after the start of the next term?

JEWELLERY POLICY

We are asking everyone to remember our school uniform policy for the wearing of jewellery and watches.

- Watches are not allowed but NO smart watches
- Only stud earrings should be worn
- No false or painted nails



BOOK SHARES

Parents/ carers have the opportunity to look at their children's recorded work with their children in the school hall between 3.15-4pm on the following days:

Melyn - Thurs 12th Mar

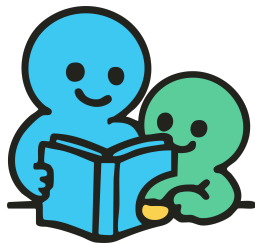
Year 3 - Thurs 5th Mar

Year 4 - Tues 3rd Mar

Year 5 - Tues 17th Mar

Year 6 - Tues 10th Mar

Coch - Wed 25^h Mar (3-3.30pm)



FUNDRAISING FOR HCPT



Each year the charity HCPT take children on a holy pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our local group, Group 105, took 2 of our Y5 children last year and are taking another 2 children from our Y6 class this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience time with God and make new friends.

It costs about £1000 to send a child to Lourdes and so our school Mini Vinnie Groups have decided to fundraise to support the 2 children going from our school this year. The Mini Vinnies asked children to vote for what they would like to do for this and they chose a disco and movie night.

Y3-6 Movie Night - Thurs 12th Mar until 4.30pm

Coch & Melyn Disco - Thurs 19th Mar until 4pm

The cost is £5 per child which can be paid via ParentPay or in cash in the school office.

Enter our **Super Draw**

WIN A HOME ROBOT BUNDLE

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Support our fundraising this spring



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LOTTERY**



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www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Search for: St Mary's Cardiff



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See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 28/03/26.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the events this term with donations for the school. It has helped us to fund music lessons for the children, subsidise trips and buy a wooden Book Nook.

The Book Nook will be in the school playground and will give children and their parents the opportunity to bring in books from home and swap them for a book or borrow a book. More information will follow and keep an eye out in the school yard for when it opens.

thank
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SUPERVISING CHILDREN

A small number of children are being left unsupervised at the end of the day when parents are collecting from the school yard. This had led to children playing and climbing on our equipment, which has led to some breakages. Also, we are concerned that this could lead to accidents. For example, some children are using the bikes in a very busy yard with too many people and not enough space.

All children **MUST** be supervised closely by parents when on the school yard at collection time. We ask politely that you keep your children close to you and do not let them run off and play with equipment unsupervised.



FUNDRAISING

We have 2 events left this term to help raise money for the school - Mother's Day Gifts and our annual Easter Egg Raffle. Letters will be sent out this week about Mother's Day and we would be very grateful if you could donate Easter eggs/ sweets/ gifts for the raffle later this term.

Thank you/ Diolch!

