



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

APRIL 2026

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>** - Number Ninja Maths Parent/ Child Workshop begins (Reception-Y3)

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>** - Y5 trip to Llanover Hall for clay workshop

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>** - Y3 trip to Cardiff Literacy Festival @ Cardiff Museum

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Y3 Chess lessons begin for 10 weeks

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 'Come read with your child' for Dosbarth Coch, 2.45pm

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 'Come and read with your child' for Dosbarth Melyn, 2.45pm

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup>** - Eisteddfod Celebration Day

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** - Reception hearing screen by School Nurse

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>** - Art Gallery for Parents/ Carers - Dosbarth Coch & Melyn, 3.20pm

### MAY

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** - Art Gallery for Parents/ Carers - Y3 to Y6, 3.30pm school hall

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

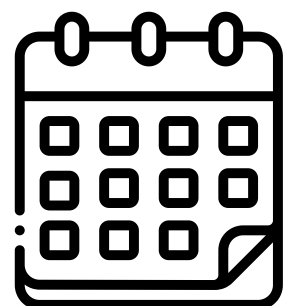
**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** - Mary Celebration Day

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** - Screen checks for Reception children by School Nurse

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** - Plant Sale @ Llanover Hall

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>-Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** - Scholastic Book Fair

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** - Half term holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED





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### JUNE

**Mon 1st** - Return to school

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Parent/ Carer Drop-in session with ALNCo

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>** - Dosbarth Coch & Melyn Sports Day, 1.30pm @ Llandaff Fields

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** - First Holy Communion Mass @ St Mary of the Angels Church, 11am

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** - 'Come read with your child' for Dosbarth Coch, 2.45pm

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>** - 'Come read with your child' for Dosbarth Melyn, 2.45pm

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** - Y3-Y6 Sports Day, 1pm @ Victoria Park

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>** - Dosbarth Coch & Melyn Bubble Party Fundraiser, 3.30-4pm

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** - Y6 Transition Day for children moving to Mary Immaculate HS

### JULY

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Y3 & Y4 Bubble Party Fundraiser, 3.30-4pm

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Y5 & 6 Glamorgan Cricket Game, Sophia Gardens

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** - Parent/ Carer Drop-in session with ALNCo

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** - Y5 & Y6 Bubble Party Fundraiser, 3.30-4pm

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>** - End of Year Reports

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** - End of term Mass, 9.30am school hall

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** - Y6 Leavers' Party, 2-4pm school hall

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** - Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15am

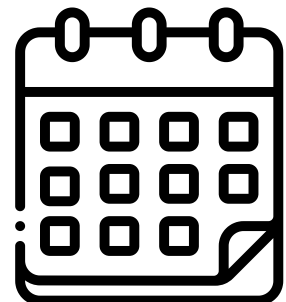
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** - End of school year

### SEPTEMBER

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup>** - SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher training

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** - SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher training

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Return to school



## FUNDRAISING - THANK YOU!

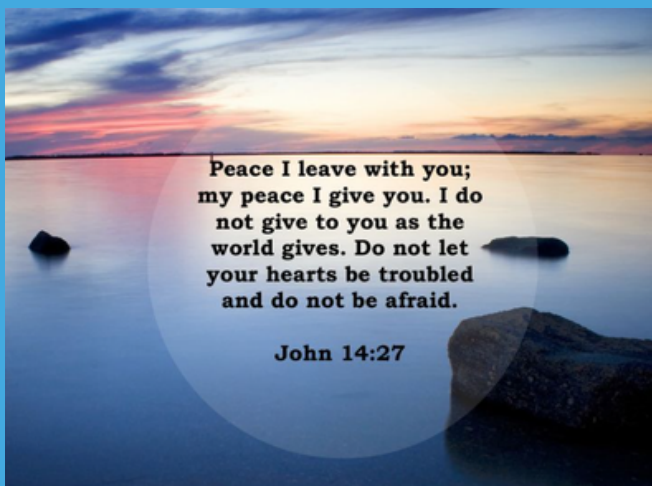
Thank you very much for your support in fundraising for others last term. It is part of our Catholic Social Teaching to help others, particularly those less fortunate than ourselves.

Last term together we raised £370 for CAFOD through the Family Fast Day. This money goes to help families overseas in third world countries.

We also raised an amazing £747.66 for HCPT. This charity takes children on pilgrimage to Lourdes in France and for the last 2 years they have taken 4 of our children on this fantastic experience at no cost to the families.

A big thank you for helping us to raise money for our school private fund through the Easter Egg raffle. This year we raised £525. This money is used to subsidise school trips and experiences for the children as well as buying resources for the classrooms.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Diolch!



## TRIP HELPERS

We are struggling this year to take children on school trips due to the low numbers of adults volunteering to help. We have to keep to legal adult to child ratios when taking children out of school. These vary depending on the age of the children - the younger the children the more adults we need.

We desperately need your help!



We are asking for adults to come forward and volunteer to go on a list of helpers we can call on for school trips. Adults need to be 18 or over and are able to attend without bringing younger siblings. Volunteers do not need to be parents - grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings are all welcome to help. Not all trips are all day, some are just for a couple of hours in the local area.

If you have some time to spare, please contact the school office with:

- your name
- the child you know in school and your relationship to them
- what days/ times you would be available on
- if you would volunteer for your own child's class or consider helping other classes as well

We will send out a form via GroupEd that you can complete and return as well. Thank you/ Diolch!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We have arranged for the Scholastic Book Fair to come to school again on 18th-20<sup>th</sup> May.

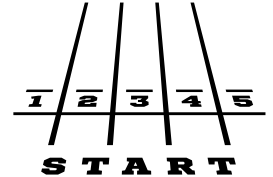


They have some lovely books available to buy and school does get commission on what we sell, which we use to buy new books for classroom libraries.

## KEEP THE DATES!

### Class Photos

The annual class photos will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. On this day all children should wear school uniform - no PE kits that day. This is for class photos only and Colorfoto are unable to take individual or sibling photos on this day.



### Sports Days

**Y3-Y6** - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June @ Victoria Park, 1pm

**Coch & Melyn** - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June @ Llandaff Fields, 1.30pm

We have also booked in another day in case we need to cancel due to bad weather on the original days. They are:  
Y3-Y6 - 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Coch & Melyn - 18<sup>th</sup> June

## Families Learning Together



Course name : Number Ninjas

School: St Marys Primary

Starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9am

For parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Come along to find out more!

### COURSE DETAILS

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR NUMBER NINJAS COURSE. ON THIS COURSE YOU GET TO WORK WITH YOUR CHILD TO DEVELOP THEIR NUMBER SKILLS. HAVE LOTS OF FUN TOGETHER! YOU BECOME A STUDENT AND GAIN A CERTIFICATE!

Contact us  
families@cavc.ac.uk



## BUBBLE PARTIES

This term's Bubble Party fundraising events for the school are:

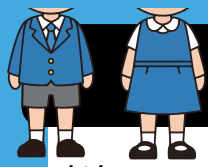
**Coch & Melyn** - Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Y3 & Y4** - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Y5 & Y6** - Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July



Each event is after school 3.30-4pm. Details on how to book a place and play will be sent out later this half term



## SPARE UNIFORM

We need more spare uniform for our free uniform rail, please.

If your child/ren have grown out of their uniform and it is in good condition, please consider donating it to school. We welcome uniform with or without logos.

We are particularly short of uniform for 3-4 and 4-5 year olds and summer uniform for all ages, i.e. summer dresses, shorts.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This term we are learning about:



Thinking of everyone  
**The Common Good**

## SCREEN TIME ADVICE FOR CHILDREN

There has been a lot of research recently into screen time for children and the UK government have released new advice, particularly around the screen time for under 5s:

- children under 5 should be limited to 1 hour of screen time a day
- under 2's should not be watching screen alone
- avoid fast-paced videos
- use screen together with adults
- swap screen to read books and play games together

Doing these things at home for older children as well would really make a big difference to children's social and academic progress in school.

Research is showing that too much screen time is negatively affecting our children with an increase in speech difficulties, lower levels of concentration and difficulties controlling their emotions. Too much screen time does have a detrimental impact on brain development, particularly in young children. In our school we now limit screen time in our younger classes, especially in Nursery and Reception.

Please read the recent advice by clicking on the links below:

[BBC News Article](#)

[GOV.UK Advice for screen time](#)

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