



St Mary's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you managed to enjoy the glorious weather over the half term break!

It was nice to see lots of you at the recent sports day events. Thank you for your support and thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments on the day too.

This month's newsletter showcases some of the wide variety of activities that took place in school last month. With the weather being pleasant for most of May, it has been excellent seeing the children making the most of the outdoor areas of school.

We're heading into our last half-term of the school year with lots to look forward to. Year 6 are heading out on a residential trip to Nant BH in Eryri and some of our Year 3 children will be making their First Holy Communion this first full weekend of the month. We've also got various transition activities and celebrations taking place during June.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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Attendance Matters



Attendance for May 2026:

Class	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attendance (%)	94.3 ↑	92.7 ↓	79.4 ↓	89.9 ↓	87.4 ↑	91.6 ↓	90.4 ↓	83.7 ↑	91.0 ↓

Colours denote comparison to last month

The overall attendance for April was 89.5% ↓

The overall attendance for the year is 90.3% ↓

Please do not book holidays during term time.

Children are not granted leave of absence unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. Holidays are **not** considered exceptional circumstances.

Any child who has an attendance of less than 90% is considered to be **persistently absent**. Parents of children who are persistently absent will receive reminders and support to improve their child's attendance.

Sports Day

Thank you to all of the supporters who came to watch the recent sports days. The competitions are made much more special for the children with your support. The children competed well and ran in good spirits. **Tegid** won the morning events, **Ogwen** won the afternoon events but the overall winners were **Brenig**, who retained their title. They won by three points from Tegid. Going into the last relay race, the only way Brenig could possibly win the Sports Day trophy was winning the race themselves and hoping the other teams took points off each other. This is exactly what happened so we were able to present Ollie with the trophy. Llongyfarchiadau, Brenig. Da iawn, pawb!



	Brenig	Dinas	Ogwen	Tegid
Morning	121	117	63	125
Afternoon	407	384	410	400
Overall	528	501	473	525

We were fortunate to have a large group of Year 9 young leaders from St Richard Gwyn helping out on the day. We appreciate their assistance too.



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Tom Roberts/Ron Bishop Cup

The Year 5/6 did the school proud in the Tom Roberts/Ron Bishop Cup at Airbus in May. In the group stages, they won five and drew one, conceding only one goal. That run took the team into the quarter-final, where they drew 0-0 and were desperately unlucky to go out on penalties.

It was fantastic to see so many children scoring goals, playing confidently, and simply having so much fun.



Elwyn Owen Cup

The Year 3/4 football team took part in the Elwyn Owen Cup competition against 32 other teams from Flintshire schools at Deeside Leisure Centre at the start of May. Many of the boys were playing their first ever games for St Mary's but it was hard to tell! They played seven, won five, drew one and lost one. Unfortunately, they missed out on qualifying for the quarter finals on goal difference, despite scoring 21 goals themselves in the seven games! Nevertheless, the children had a great day and played with excellent spirit throughout.



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Mini Vinnies and Mission Team visit Rhiwlas

The older members of the Mission Team and a representative group of Mini Vinnies went up to Rhiwlas to develop intergenerational links and play games with the residents there. While they were shy at first, it was lovely to see the children gain

confidence and have fun throughout the afternoon.

Class 3 Assembly

Class 3 performed an excellent assembly in the lead up to Healthy Living Week. The children taught us how to eat healthily and how to keep fit. The children all spoke clearly and confidently and they entertained us all. Arbennig, Dosbarth 3!

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to watch the children too!



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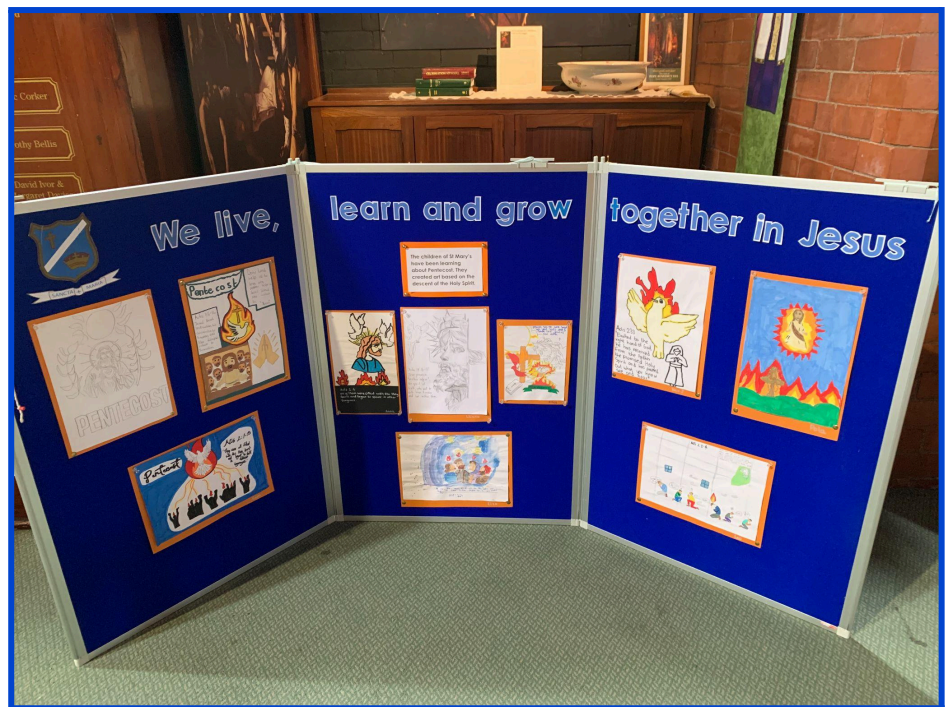
PC Louise in - Online Safety

Recently, PC Louise, our school's police liaison officer, came in to speak to all of the children about online safety. PC Louise was able to speak to different classes at an age-appropriate level to remind them of how to stay safe online.



Pentecost Art

In the lead up to Pentecost, our assemblies and much of the RE work done in class was based on the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples. To recognise this, the children were challenged to produce some Pentecost-themed art work. Some of the best pieces produced are on display at the back of church.



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Year 3 Theatr Clwyd Project

The children of Year 3 have been lucky enough to have Olivia, Phil and Carl from Theatr Clwyd coming in to work with them on a weekly basis to produce a piece of art based on the work of Oliver Jeffers. Inspired by the book, "How to Catch a Star", the children have explored what this would look like for them. By the end of the school year, they'll create an art installation for guests to see. For now, you can see some of the art, music and drama activities they have been doing in preparation for their final piece.



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Giddo's Gift

This year, we will be raising money for the local charity, Giddo's Gift. You can find out more about the charity [here](#). We are holding a "Go Blue for Jord" Day on Friday 26th June when we're inviting children to wear blue. Obviously, our school uniform is blue so if children want to wear their school uniform this is fine. If they want to wear other blue clothes on this day, this is fine. This day coincides with one of the transition days for the Year 6 children moving up to St Richard Gwyn. On this day, all Year 6 children should wear their full school uniform.



Uniform Reminder

If you have not already seen the recent letter about school uniform, please read it [here](#).

Our uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride, and equality amongst our pupils. It helps to create a positive learning environment where all children feel part of our school community.

All children are therefore expected to attend school in the correct uniform at all times, unless otherwise communicated (for example, on designated non-uniform days or for specific events). This includes appropriate footwear and PE kit on the relevant days.



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Year 6 Food and Fun over summer at St Richard Gwyn

Year 6 children are invited to attend the Food and Fun programme at St Richard Gwyn over summer. This is an initiative funded by the Welsh Local Government Association delivered in schools throughout Wales during the summer holidays. In Flintshire there are twelve schools delivering the programme this year which is coordinated by Flintshire County Council. Free breakfast and lunch is provided each day and there are opportunities to learn about healthy eating and cooking activities. There are sport and physical activity sessions each day alongside a range of enrichment activities delivered by partner organisations. All activities will support positive communication and teamwork and promote their health and wellbeing. If any Year 6 parents are interested, please complete the registration form sent out separately as soon as possible.



Live Fear Free

The Live Fear Free helpline, managed by Welsh Women's Aid, provides support for anyone who has experienced, or is experiencing, violence against women, domestic abuse, or sexual violence, or for anyone concerned about a friend or relative. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

A team of highly trained advocates manage the helpline, offering specialised, compassionate, confidential advice. Helpline advocates are there for you, no matter what.



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Good luck to those making their First Holy Communions

Some Year 3 and Year 4 children will be receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at midday on Saturday 6th June. They have been attending weekly lessons with Mrs Hammond and the parish days too. I know they have been working hard on their I Belong books. We wish them all the very best of luck for the big day!

Upcoming Dates

- 1st June - 3rd June - Year 6 go to Nant BH until Wednesday
- 1st June - Class 7 start swimming lessons on Monday afternoons
- 2nd June - Classes 1 - 5 fluoride varnishing
- 4th June - Year 5/6 rail safety assembly
- 6th June - First Holy Communion at St Mary's church, Flint
- 8th June - 10th June Scholastic Book Fair
- 9th June - Crowning of Mary (parents welcome)
- 11th June - Year 6 at Diocesan Leavers' Mass at Wrexham Cathedral
- 12th June - PTA World Cup non-uniform Day (donations for Rainbow Raffle please!)



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15th June - Year 4/5 Space Workshop
17th June - Tempest Photo Day
18th June - PTA Discos
24th June - Year 6 Entrepreneur Day
25th June - Year 6 transition day at St Richard Gwyn
25th June - New Reception children and their parents invited for lunch
25th June - Mini Vinnies at Rhiwlas
26th June - Year 6 transition day at St Richard Gwyn
26th June - Go Blue for Jord Day (wear blue; donations can be made via SchoolGateway)
29th June - Flint Cluster Sports Festival
30th June - St Richard Gwyn PE Roadshow for children in Years 4 and 5

Reflection

This month's Ten:Ten Resources parent newsletter is [here](#).
Just in front of the right hand side benches at the front of our parish church, you will see a large statue depicting the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, offering an opportunity to reflect on the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, shown through His death and resurrection.



Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
Amen



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Football Match Report

Date	Wednesday 6 th May
Opponents	Elwyn Owen Cup
Venue	Deeside Leisure Centre
Goals Scored	21 goals scored

Team News

Players starting today's game

Roman R
Elliot I
Jack I
Jack R
Rory R
Atas K
Victor L



Report:

What a fantastic game of football! All the teachers were in awe with the effort put in by all the teams. It was great to have 7 captains through the day each child giving 100 percent and working together as one.

Jack I was making his debut for St Mary's and his work ethic and desire was the benchmark. He ran and ran urging his team mates to do the same. A true leader!

Rory R continued to drive forward and earned himself the nine goals through the day. He was also making his debut too but it looked like he has been playing for St Mary's for years. He is fearless in front of goal.

Roman was on top form in goal. He made fabulous saves ensuring he kept 5 clean sheets. He also showed real confidence when coming off his goal line and helped our defenders feel confident in their play- well done Roman.

Elliot also making his debut continued to be the engine of the team and ensured the game ran a smoothy as it did. He has a fantastic way of dictating the play from the back and can slow or speed up the game at any time. He also scored 3 amazing goals. His experience will be vital in the coming years for St Mary's.

Atas showed why he is a credit to St Mary's. He always looked calm even with it being his debut. He always made the right pass when he received the ball and always looked to get forward when he could.

Victor has so much skill. He showed so much confidence to take players on and always looked to interrupt the oppositions play too. He came away with 2 goals on his debut for St Mary's- well done Victor!

Jack R is a such an experienced player now for St Mary's. He scored an amazing 6 goals. When he receives the ball, everybody is on their feet as he always produces magic. He linked up so well with Rory and I would imagine they will score many goals together in the future for St Mary's.

Players of the Match: Voted by Mr Bianco!

Every single player for showing so much effort and determination.

Report by:

Mr Bianco

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Football Match Report

Date	Thursday 14 th May 2026
Opponents	Tom Roberts/Ron Bishop Cup
Venue	Airbus
Goals Scored	17 goals scored

Team News

Players starting today's game

Roman
Sam
Zack
Eli
Jack R
Oliver I
Nathanael
Teddy
Aston



Report:

What a fantastic day of football today. The boys gave everything from the first minute to the last and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Our first game saw us become 4-0 winners. Nathaniel was a constant threat throughout, causing their defenders all sorts of problems and forcing them into positions they didn't want to be in. Teddy was in fine form at right back and also continued his healthy habit of scoring for St Mary's. We then played our second game and won 5-0. Oliver won every tackle and constantly drove past the opposing defenders. The third game saw us win 2-0 in a hard-fought contest. Zack was Mr Consistent once again. He never put a foot wrong in any game he played and always kept the team calm and composed.

Our fourth game ended in a 1-1 draw. Eli was winning tackle after tackle and showed exactly why he will be just as important to St Mary's next year as he is now.

Our final group game was a pressure game. If either team won, they would progress to the quarter-finals. We were eventual 4-0 winners, which meant we topped the group. Sam was excellent during this game and came close to getting on the scoresheet several times with his long-range efforts. Aston also showed his quality throughout, always seeming to play the right pass at the right time. He is a true leader. Our next match took us to the quarter-finals. We were on top for the whole game and created a number of chances to score. It ended 0-0, which meant penalties. Jack stepped up and scored a fantastic penalty, showing nerves of steel. Well done, Jack!

One final mention for Roman, our goalkeeper. He made two saves today that had the whole crowd jumping to their feet in amazement. A truly brilliant goalkeeper who only seems to improve game after game. As a teacher I couldn't be prouder!

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