

Welcome To The Summer Term 1

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Welcome back to the Summer Term, where we look forward to making the most of outdoor learning, summer sports and opportunities to learn beyond the classroom within our community. As the weather warms, please remember to apply sunscreen before school, send a cap, and ensure your child brings a water bottle each day so everyone can stay safe and well.

Sarah Ruggeri



Curriculum

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To the Ends of the Earth

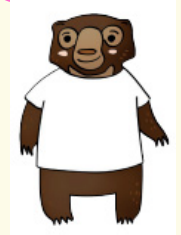
We will study the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit, which strengthened the work of the apostles and the early Church. We will explore how this early Church informs the liturgy and structure of today's modern Church.

Our focus Area of Learning is:

Science - Matter and the way it behaves defines our universe and shapes our lives

We will explore how all living things are made up of matter; that the behaviour of matter determines the properties of materials and allows us to use natural resources, as well as to create new substances. We will appreciate the impact that chemistry has on the world around us, alongside how it contributes to advances in science and technology. We will explore the chemical reactions that happen continuously in our environment and that how learning to control and apply these reactions has benefits to individuals and industry.

Catholic Social Teaching



Solidarity

God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters

Shristi is one of the biggest animals in her neck of the woods. However, she also has the kindest heart. A fire destroyed part of her forest and many animals lost their homes and were injured and could not live like they used to. Shristi was the first to visit them and shared time with them, learning what it was like to lose your home. After becoming friends, she made sure that they found new homes and were happy with their new lives. Her actions inspired lots of other animals to follow.

We learn from Shristi's story that we must recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good.

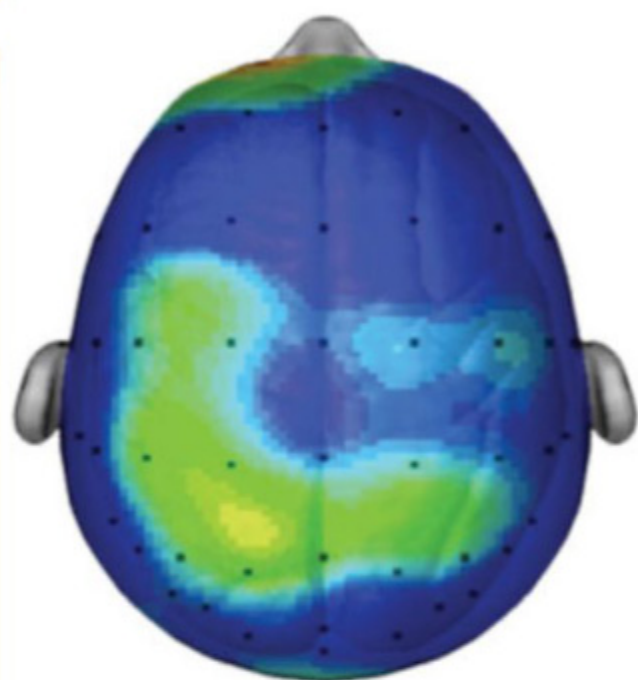
National Walking Month May 2026

We are excited to embark upon the #MagicOfWalking campaign this month, as we celebrate the many health and happiness benefits of walking and wheeling.

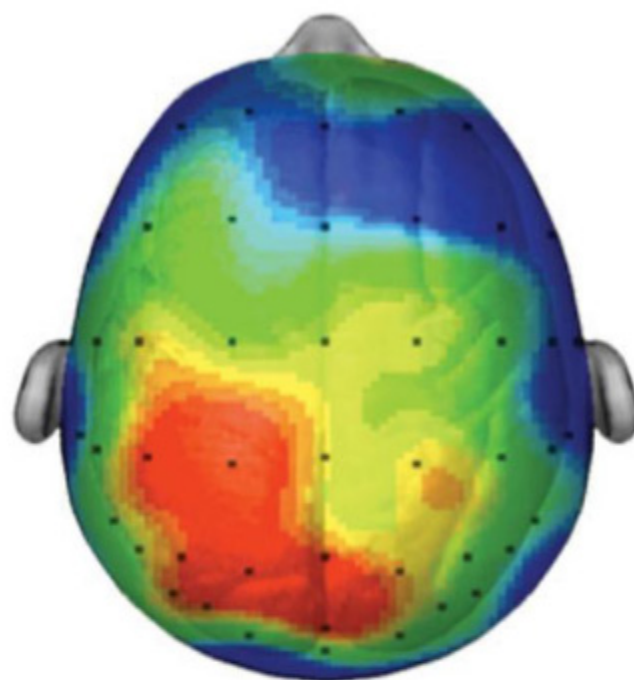
Movement = Learning

Movement is essential for brain development. It strengthens the neural pathways that support learning, emotional regulation, and long-term academic success.

Movement actually prepares the brain for learning. Physical activity boosts cognitive performance almost immediately - just twenty minutes of walking can improve focus and self-regulation.



**After 20 minutes of
sitting quietly**



**After 20 minutes of
walking**

Research/scan compliments of Dr. Chuck Hillman, University of Illinois

Understanding the Brain Scans:

- **Blue** = low activity; **Red/Orange** = high activity
- Boosted areas support **focus, attention, & executive function**
- Physical activity sparks immediate changes in brain function

Walk to School Week

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May

As part of National Walking Month, we will be promoting The Walk to School Week. The theme is 'Mission Move', encouraging children to travel actively to school by walking or wheeling.

Mission Move!



DAY 1
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

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Children will learn how walking or wheeling can set us up for a great day of learning and helps us feel calmer.



DAY 2
ROAD SAFETY

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Children will learn how reducing congestion makes the school journey safer for everyone.



DAY 3
PHYSICAL HEALTH

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Children will learn about how regular exercise keeps our bodies strong and makes us feel good.



DAY 4
SUSTAINABILITY

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Children will learn how walking to school helps reduce the number of cars on the road leads to cleaner air and a healthier planet.



DAY 5
COMMUNITY & INCLUSIVITY

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Pupils will learn how walking to school helps us connect with friends and family, as well as our surroundings and the people who live around us.



Would you like to join a Walking Bus for this week?

Let us know if you would like a 'bus stop' near your house for a convenient pick-up, so that we can plan the best route to school for this week - Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May...

Active Travel



**Walk Wheel
Cycle Trust**

Scooters!

As part of our partnership with Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and our drive to make our journeys to school active, we have secured a scooter skills workshop to be delivered to the whole school!

On Wednesday, 22nd April, please bring along your scooter and helmet to take part in this exciting opportunity. These sessions will include aspects of road safety, basic skills and lots of fun games!

Ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the session.

If you are content for your child to share their scooter and/or helmet with children that do not own either, then please email the office with your consent. Thank you.



Wednesday, 22nd April!

WOW Tracker



We are still taking part in the WOW (Walk to School) Tracker. Take a look at these unique April and May badges, ready to be part of your collection...



PE Days

On PE Days, learners are required to wear their PE kit to school:

- **yellow t-shirt**
- **black shorts**
- **trainers**



Dosbarth Hedyn (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
Tuesday & Thursday

Dosbarth Glasbren (Year 3 & Year 4)
Wednesday & Thursday

Dosbarth Coeden (Year 5 & Year 6)
Monday & Friday

Attendance

How well did we do?

Every time that a child arrives in school on time, a counter drops into our class jars! Every class managed to fill their jars last half-term and have a trip to the park in their future schedule... Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

January Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 80.91%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 85.19%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 78.4%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 80.66%

11 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance, for 95% or more attendance
19 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance



February Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 81.11%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 75.82%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 79.76%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 85.54%

1 child received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance, for 95% or more attendance
21 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance



March Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 81.02%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 81.06%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 75.44%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 85.92%

5 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance, for 95% or more attendance
18 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance



**HELP! We
need you!**

We are significantly below the expected level of 95%. Do you have any ideas or suggestions that we can implement to encourage attendance and promote punctuality?

Attendance

How well did we do?

Autumn Term Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 82.8%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 81.49%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 80.33%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 85.6%

9 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance,
for **95% or more attendance**

8 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance,
for **100% attendance**

Spring Term Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 81.01%
Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 80.96%
Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 77.67%
Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 83.84%

14 children received a 'Near Perfect' Attendance,
for **95% or more attendance**

9 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance,
for **100% attendance**



HELP! We need you!

We are drastically below the expected level of 95%. Do you have any ideas or suggestions that we can implement to encourage attendance and promote punctuality?

Parent & Pupil Group

As a new initiative starting this term, we would like to invite our parents / carers to form a group of Attendance Ambassadors .
Our first meeting will be on :

Thursday, 23rd April @ 2:30pm

Attendance

New Incentives



Spring Term Attendance

Each child that has achieved a 'Near Perfect' Attendance will receive a £5 gift token from Tesco.

Each child that has achieved a 'Perfect' Attendance, will receive a £10 gift token from Tesco.

To ensure fairness, this new incentive will also be backdated to cover Autumn Term attendance.

Who will receive a voucher this Summer Term?

Summer Term Attendance

In the last week of the first half term (18th May - 22nd May), there will be a reward experience for all pupils if we collectively achieve a whole school attendance of 90% for this period. This reward was chosen by our pupils themselves - a trip to the cinema!

90% - Let's do it!



Friday Forest Schools

100% Fridays

We love seeing our children arrive bright and ready to learn each morning. Any child who is on time, every day during the week will earn a special treat — a Forest School adventure every Friday!

This is a fun way to celebrate great punctuality, teamwork, and a positive start to the day, while enjoying practical outdoor learning with friends.

Do not worry - if your child is unwell one week, Forest School happens every week, so there will be plenty more chances to join in the fun!



On time, every day: 8:45am - 8:55 am, Monday - Friday

Clubs

Starting from
Monday, 20th April

Athletics Club

Mondays - 3:25-4:15pm

Year 3 - Year 6

Athletics club helps pupils train, compete, and build confidence while striving to improve personal bests, coached by Gemma Mann. Plenty of drink, trainers and a cap/hat are essential, as we will be playing outdoors in the sunshine!



Challenge Club!

Tuesdays - 3:25-4:15pm

Year 1 - Year 4

Challenge Club is packed with clever, creative challenges, dreamt up by Colin Barr - from constructing sky high spaghetti towers to designing the slowest marble run - all putting teamwork, perseverance and imagination to the test.

Coding Club!

Wednesdays - 3:25 - 4:15pm

Year 3 - Year 6

Our coding club opens up a world of creativity for our digital wizards, run by Harry Austin. Bring an enquiring mind, ready to develop your skills...



Cricket Club!

Thursdays - 3:25-4:15pm

Year 3 - Year 6

Time to unleash our energy, as we develop our cricket skills ready to take part in the summer festivals, coached by Sarah Ruggeri. Plenty of drink, trainers and a cap/hat are essential, as we will be playing outdoors in the sunshine!

Gardening Club!

Fridays - 3:25-4:15pm

Year 1 - Year 4

Our gardening club is a hands on adventure where pupils get muddy, plant seeds, and watch their hard work grow led by green-fingered expert, Sophie Richards!



Safeguarding

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Safeguarding – Everybody, Everyday



SEE something
HEAR something
SAY something

Report any concerns
immediately
to the designated
safeguarding team:

Deputy Safeguarding Lead



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Safeguarding Lead



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**Governor Responsible
for Safeguarding**



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If you have any safeguarding concerns about the Headteacher, Sarah Ruggeri,
you must report these to the Chair of Governors, Mike Bacigalupo.

The Chair of Governors, will seek advice from the Powys' Designated Lead Officer
for Safeguarding in Education – Michael Gedrim - 01597 826431 - michael.gedrim@powys.gov.uk

Safeguarding

This term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Talk PANTS rules in our classes. During these discussions, we will aim to teach our learners the following important safety skills, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. These are the PANTS rules:



These lessons empower children, in an age-appropriate way, to recognise their rights to their own bodies, say no to touch that is unwanted and tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent / carer guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at:

www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch...

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 14th April

Year 5 & Year 6
Urdd Netball Tournament



Thursday, 16th April

Class 2 & Class 3
Curriculum Trip to Xplore! Science Discovery Centre and
The Cathedral Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, in Wrexham

Monday, 20th April

Year 6
Road Collision Investigation with Road Safety Officers



Wednesday, 22nd April

Whole School
Scooter Skills Day Workshop delivered by Alice Baynton, from WalkWheelCycle Trust
<https://www.walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk/>



Wednesday, 22nd April

Parents / Carers Community Engagement Drop-In @ 9:00am-10:30am
Sophie Yates, Family Liaison Officer and Shona Perry, Education Welfare Officer

Thursday, 23rd April

Parents / Carers - Attendance Ambassadors
Please come along to this first meeting @ 2:30pm



Friday 24th April

Whole School - Purple Up Day
Wear purple to raise awareness of the unique challenges our military
children and their families face as part of The Month of The Military Child

Friday, 24th April

PC Sweetman Visits:
Year 3 & Year 4 - SMART Rules
Year 5 & Year 6 - I didn't think



Tuesday, 28th April

Year 5 & Year 6
Urdd Mixed Netball Tournament

Tuesday, 28th April

Tesco Grant! Our grant application has been accepted - voting for our school will be in
the Newtown store from this date! Please support us in creating an Outdoor
Movement Break Zone to benefit to provide essential movement breaks for our
children, which will support their physical and mental wellbeing.



Upcoming Events

Monday, 4th May

Whole School - Bank Holiday!



Wednesday, 6th May - Friday, 8th May

Year 5 & Year 6

Residential Trip to Min-y-Don



Tuesday, 12th May

Year 6 - Transition

WOW Day @ Newtown High School

Thursday, 14th May

Year 3 & Year 4

Urdd Mixed Football Tournament



Friday, 15th May

Year 5 & Year 6

Drama Workshop delivered by Newtown High School



Monday, 18th to Friday, 22nd May

Whole School

Walk to School Week - Mission Move



Friday, 22nd May

Whole School - Last Day of Term

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