

Welcome

To The Summer Term 2

Annwyl pawb,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer term, where we will be embracing the exciting great outdoors in our learning —from delightful teddy bear picnics and purposeful litter picking, through energetic cricket and tennis, to vibrant fun at our Summer Play, Summer Fayre and Colour Run!



Sarah Ruggeri

Farewell & Good Luck

Laurie Bellis

We bid a fond farewell to Laurie Bellis this week, who has been such an invaluable member of our team.

We have been truly privileged to work alongside a colleague who brings such warmth, joy and laughter.

Laurie has always gone above and beyond for our children, working tirelessly to ensure they have the care and support they need to blossom and grow.

As she moves on to the next chapter in her life at MFCC, we know she will continue to bring kindness and compassion to the wider community.

Pob lwc, Mrs Bellis - we will miss you so much!



Welcome

To Little Learning Tree

We are thrilled to announce that Little Learning Tree, a pre-school setting that is currently based in Llandinam Primary School, will be relocating to St. Mary's in the Autumn Term!

3+ Setting at St. Mary's



Little Learning Tree has been described as a well-led, caring and stimulating setting, where children feel safe, valued and inspired to learn through play. Its strong focus on well-being, independence and outdoor learning makes it a highly positive addition to our school community.

Please complete this survey for the benefit of the leaders at Little Learning Tree, in order for them to plan effectively for their move to our premises:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/NZ2WEY/>

Take a look at their Facebook page:



Curriculum

Curriculum *Laudato Si'*

Our overarching learning umbrella is entitled, "Stewardship". *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, plays an important role in shaping our curriculum by encouraging us to respect the world around us and those within it. Through this teaching, our learners will learn about kindness, responsibility and the need to protect the environment, while also understanding the importance of fairness and looking after one another. It will help guide our school in developing caring, thoughtful learners who are inspired to make a positive difference in their community and the wider world.

Our focus Area of Learning is:

Humanities - Sustainability & Climate Change:

Informed, self-aware citizens engage with the challenges and opportunities that face humanity so that they are able to take considered and ethical action.

We will learn about our role as citizens in Wales and the wider world, developing an understanding of fairness, sustainability and caring for others and the environment. We will explore real-world issues - climate change and sustainability - and will be encouraged to think critically, respect others' rights and opinions, and take responsible action. This will help us to grow into thoughtful, informed individuals who can make positive contributions to our communities now and in the future.



Catholic Social Teaching *Stewardship*



We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the well-being of our planet.

Sofia often sleeps in her favourite tree within a National Park forest. One day a big machine woke her up and started chopping down the trees. She joins some of the others who call the forest home, to stop the illegal logging. She reminds the operators that these trees need to be cared for like the rest of God's creation.

From Sofia's story we find out that we need to be caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources.



Music



On Fridays, Dosbarth Hedyn (Class 1) will be enjoying musical sessions with Clovis Phillips.

PE Days

Dosbarth Hedyn (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

- Tuesday
- Thursday

Dosbarth Glasbren (Year 3 & Year 4)

- Wednesday & Friday

Dosbarth Coeden (Year 5 & Year 6)

- Wednesday & Friday



Curriculum

Tuesday, 16th June

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

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

All children are invited to bring their bikes in to school for a free safety check.

The safety check usually includes - an M-check, pumping tyres, checking bolts/headset etc are tight, adjusting brakes.

Dr Bike is not a replacement for a full service. Safety check usually includes - an M-check, pumping tyres, checking bolts/headset etc are tight, adjusting brakes. It is unlikely we will be able to address issues with gears.



You said, we did:

Introducing Scooter Club



Following the success of the scooter workshop with Alice Baynton, from Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, our Year 5 pupils requested that we run our very own Scooter Club!

To take part in this club, your child will need to bring their scooter and a helmet to school every Monday. This club will be led by our Year 5 pupils, under the supervision of an adult.

Monday Lunchtime Play

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 enjoyed a trip to the park as a reward! Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

April Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 76.81%

Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 70.24%

Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 75.46%

Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 82.33%

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

21 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance



May Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 81.37%

Dosbarth Hedyn (Class One) Attendance - 77.22%

Dosbarth Glasbren (Class Two) Attendance - 79.64%

Dosbarth Coeden (Class Three) Attendance - 85.79%

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

21 children received a 'Perfect' Attendance, for 100% attendance

Attendance Ambassador Meetings

Our parent and carer meetings have been highly successful, supporting strong communication and contributing to the ongoing improvements within our school. These informal discussions provide a valuable forum for sharing your thoughts and working together to create meaningful action plans. We warmly invite you to attend our next meeting:

Tuesday, 23rd June @ 2:30pm

Attendance

**Miss
School
Miss
Out**



If you're not going to school
you will miss out on...



Learning
new skills



Your
friends



Support
and help



School
activities



Having
fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.

90% attendance may look impressive but it
means missing 19 days of education in a year.

Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!

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

Upcoming Events

June 2026

Senedd Cymru, Outreach Education Session - 9th June

Year 5 & Year 6

Following our enlightening visit to the Senedd last year, Bethan Roberts, the Education and Youth Engagement Officer for the Welsh Parliament will be visiting Dosbarth Coeden to bring the world of politics to life.



Mixed Cricket - 10th June

Year 5 & Year 6

Cricket tournament at the Cricket Club



Leavers Mass - 11th June

Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils will visit The Cathedral Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, in Wrexham, to celebrate Mass with Bishop Peter and the other Year 6 pupils across our Diocese.



Great Big Green Week - Monday, 15th June - Friday 19th June

Whole School Community

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Can you join with us in our community plans?

As our activities are weather dependant, these are our provisional dates:

Class 1 - Teddy Bears Picnic, using our Green Space - Tuesday 16th June @ 1:30pm

Class 2 - Litter Picking, looking after our Green Space - Wednesday 17th June @ 9:15am

Class 3 - Photography, appreciating our Green Space - Thursday 18th June @ 1:00pm



Dr Bike - 16th June

Whole School

As part of our link with Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, Alice will be in school giving all bikes a health check. Please bring your bikes to school to take advantage of this offer...



Sleep Workshop - 17th June

Whole School Community

Parents and Carers are invited to the follow-up sleep workshop with Mary Strong, Powys' Lead for Wellbeing and Equity

WOW Transition Day at Newtown High School - 23rd June

Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils will experience their second transition days at Newtown High School.

INSET Day - 26th June

Whole School

School closed to pupils

Transition Days at Newtown High School - 29th & 30th June

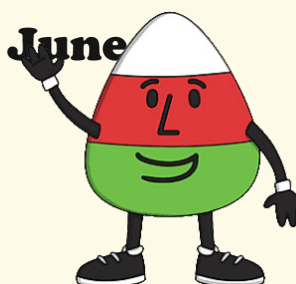
Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils will experience two transition days at Newtown High School

Urdd Athletics - 30th June

Year 3 - Year 6

Some pupils will represent our school at the Urdd Athletics tournament.



Upcoming Events

July 2026

Sports Day - Wednesday, 1st July @ 1:00pm

Whole School

One of our favourite days of the year!

Come along to support our children as they take part in a variety of sporting events.

Please wear house colours in support of your team - children and adults!



Fire Safety Workshop - Thursday, 2nd July

Year 5 & Year 6

Year 1 & Year 2

Our learners will receive very important information from the Fire Safety Crew to help keep themselves and their families safe.



Summer Play - Tuesday, 7th July @ 3:30pm

Year 3 - Year 6

What a treat you have in store this year - Hansel & Gretel!

Come along to support our young actors and actresses, who are busy practising hard to entice you through the forest and into our very own mystical gingerbread house!



Leavers Assembly, 14th July @ 2pm

Whole School Community

Come along to say a fond farewell to our Year 6 leavers, who have led our school with such maturity, dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year.



Summer Fayre & Colour Run - Thursday, 16th July @ 2pm

Whole School Community

Come along and join us for our annual Summer Fayre, full of fun, laughter, and plenty of excitement - followed by our much-loved Colour Run, the perfect way to celebrate the end of a fantastic year!



Last Day of This Academic Year - Friday, 17th July

Whole School Community

We are so grateful to all our parents and carers for your kindness, support and encouragement throughout this wonderful school year. A special thank you to our children, whose hard work, joy and enthusiasm have made every day so rewarding - you truly make our school community something very special. Diolch yn fawr pawb!



INSET Day - Tuesday, 1st September 2026

Whole School

School closed for pupils

First Day of 2026/2027 - Wednesday, 2nd September 2026

Whole School

School open for pupils