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5 star Food Hygiene Rating for St. Patrick's School Kitchen

We are delighted to share that St Patrick's has been awarded a 5-star Food Hygiene Rating following our recent inspection. The visit went extremely well, with inspectors praising our high standards, excellent cleanliness, and strong procedures. This fantastic result is a credit to our dedicated catering team, led superbly by Mandy Dunn. We are very proud of their hard work in ensuring our children receive meals prepared in a safe and hygienic environment every day.



School Drop-off and Collection

In order to keep children and local residents/ pedestrians safe we ask that you refrain from parking illegally on zig-zag or double yellow lines when dropping off/ picking up.

This causes a significant amount of stress to members of the public and indeed our school community. We have once again reached out for support to patrol the area at these key times of the day.

I appreciate that that only a minority of parents/ carers are committing parking offences and so we encourage anyone who witnesses illegal parking to report the registration number of the vehicle to the school office/ local police/ PCSO.

Parking or stopping to pick up/drop off on the white zig zags at a pedestrian crossing is illegal at any time. Parking or stopping to pick up/drop off on School Keep Clear markings is illegal Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm. Parking here restricts access to the school and reduces visibility for pedestrians and oncoming traffic, putting our children and families at risk. Please help us stay safe by parking legally and responsibly. (Lead Officer – Cardiff Council Road Safety and Training)

Thank you for your support in keeping our children and community members safe.

A Message from Mrs Jones Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers, I hope this message finds you well. As we come to the end of a busy and successful February, I am pleased to share some updates from across the school.



Work on the school roof continues to progress positively. We are delighted that a further section is now being replaced—excellent news for the long-term improvement of our school site.

This month, we are very happy to welcome back Mrs Perrett, who rejoins our staff team. We also extend a warm welcome to our new colleagues, Miss Mae and Mrs Bhavna, who have already begun settling into their roles and getting to know the children.

At the same time, we say goodbye to Mr Rees, who leaves us to begin an exciting new role in another school. We thank him sincerely for his contribution to St Patrick's and wish him every success in the future. We continue to encourage families who are interested in after-school childcare provision to sign up as soon as possible. Having confirmed numbers will be essential for us to move forward with establishing this service.

February has been a very successful month for St Patrick's, with many achievements across the school. Looking ahead, although this half term is shorter, it is certainly filled with events and opportunities for our pupils. Please keep an eye out for important dates listed on the final two pages of this newsletter so that nothing is missed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Sarah Marie Jones
Headteacher

Prayer of the Month

Dear God,

Thank you for spring's new life. Help us grow in kindness, share joy with others, and shine your light every day.

Amen





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Staffing Updates

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Welcome Back, Well Wishes and New Faces!



We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Perrett from maternity leave. Mrs Perrett will be resuming her role as Deputy Headteacher and will also be taking on the position of ALNCo.

A robust handover has taken place with Mrs Ursell, our previous ALNCo, and they will continue to work closely together over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition and ongoing support for our learners.



We are pleased to welcome Miss Mae to our team as a Teaching Assistant, joining our Nurture Class. Miss Mae has recently completed Forest School training, as well as woodwork and food hygiene training, enabling her to support outdoor cooking and practical learning experiences with our nurture children.

She has already begun building strong relationships with the pupils in the Nurture Class and is proving to be a fantastic addition to the team.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Bhavna, who has joined our Reception and Year 1 team. She is already providing valuable support to children across both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. Mrs Bhavna has quickly formed positive relationships with the children and is proving to be a wonderful addition to the team.



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Leadership Structure March

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Headteacher



Mrs Jones

Deputy HT
Acting ALNCo



Mrs Perrett

Lower School
Lead



Mrs Williams

Acting Upper
School Lead



Mr O Hagan

Senior Leader



Miss Sullivan

Senior Leadership Team

Middle Leaders



Miss Newson



Miss Townsend

Leadership Development Programme



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PLAYWORKS After School Club 2026 (Childcare Provision)



We are pleased to let you know that we have engaged with **Playworks**, who intend to provide our after-school childcare provision **should there be sufficient interest**.

Initially, **PLAYWORKS** will offer childcare from **3:00–5:00pm**. It is our intention to be able to extend this to **3:00–6:00pm**, once the registration process with CIW has been completed.

Details of costs are included in the form. Please click here to register your interest and **PLAYWORKS** will be in touch



3pm-5pm daily

Interested? Click here!





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Attendance

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Nurture
Miss Pearce
88.5%

Reception
Miss McDonald
92.9%

Reception
Mrs Evans
92%

Year 1R
Miss Rehman
89.5%

Whole School
Attendance
93.8%

Year 1-2CC
Mrs Crilly &
Mrs Callaghan
92.8%

Year 1-2B
Miss Bohlin
95.2%

Year 3-4T
Miss Townsend
95.8%

Year 3-4H
Miss Head
94.1%

School Starts:
8.55am
Doors Open:
8.45am

Year 4-5E
Mr Ellis
94.4%

Year 4-5N
Miss Newson
92.8%

Year 5-6OH
Mr O'Hagan
94.8%

Year 5-6SM
Miss Sullivan &
Mrs Maddocks
93.6%



Attendance & Punctuality

For all the children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at school **on time** every day the school is open, unless the reason is unavoidable. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school and the Governing Body, following Government guidelines, do not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority (Educational Welfare Service) using sanctions and / or legal proceedings including **fixed penalty notices and fines**.

Unauthorised absence includes:

- **Pupils persistently arriving late to school i.e. more than 10 sessions per half term**
- Parents / carers keeping children off school unnecessarily e.g. because they had a late night or for non-infectious illness or injury that would not affect their ability to learn
- Absences which have never been properly explained
- Shopping trips
- Looking after other children or children accompanying siblings or parents to medical appointments
- Their own or family birthdays
- Day trips
- **Holidays in term time**

We never take such action lightly and would far rather work with parents/carers to improve attendance without having to resort to enforcement action. Attendance is regarded as highly important and we will use our powers if this is found to be the only way of getting a child to attend school.

Please ensure your
child is in class ready
to begin learning at
8:55 a.m.



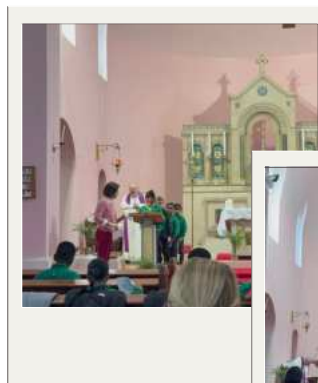
LITTLE DISCIPLES

Our Little Disciples have been enjoying special visits to our Reception children, where they share a Bible story together and take part in a fun game linked to our Jesuit Virtues. It has been wonderful to see the older children guiding the younger ones with enthusiasm and care. These special moments help nurture faith and friendships.



YEAR 1/2C MASS

On Tuesday 23rd February, Year 1/2C led a beautiful class Mass, joined by the whole school community. The children read so clearly and confidently, sang lovely hymns with enthusiasm, and showed wonderful reverence throughout the service. It was truly special to come together in prayer and celebration with Canon Mike and our parishioners. We are very proud of Year 1/2C for representing our school so thoughtfully and joyfully.



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Loving God,
As we journey through February, help us to grow in kindness, patience, and love.
Bless our school community with warm hearts during these winter days, and guide us to care for one another in all we say and do.
Amen.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Chorus: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

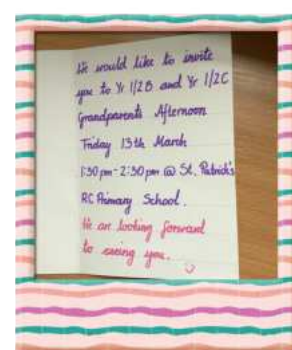
2. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

3. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

MINI VINNIES



Mini Vinnies made invitations for our Parishioners from St. Patrick's church for our Grandparents Afternoon.





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Prayer & Liturgy and Catholic, Life & Mission

By Miss Townsend



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THE MINNIE VINNIES WARMLY INVITE ALL GRANDPARENTS OF YEAR 1/2B AND YEAR 1/2C, ALONG WITH THE MEMBERS OF ST PATRICK'S RC PARISH, TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EASTER-PREPARATION CELEBRATION.



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH



1:30PM - 2:30PM



ST PATRICK'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our celebration is inspired by solidarity.

As we journey towards Easter, we gather as one community to reflect, pray, and celebrate the hope of the Resurrection.

Together, we prepare our hearts for Easter with joy, gratitude, and hope. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you.



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🎵 WHAT THE AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE

- Prayer and reflection led by the children
- Songs and readings to prepare our hearts for Easter
- Shared activities celebrating faith, family, and community
- Light refreshments and time to connect

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We are currently completing the Big Lent Walk. The Big Lent Walk is CAFOD's Lent challenge where schools are asked to raise money to help fight global poverty. Money raised for CAFOD this Lent will enable its local aid workers to reach vulnerable families with vital support. As a school we are completing 200km around our school playground which is 2000 laps. Donation box is located in the school office.



CAFOD
Just one world



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Curriculum News

By Mrs Perrett, Deputy Headteacher

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Please click on the relevant year group to find your Parent Overview for your child's Spring term topic. Our driver for this term is Science and Technology. We have made an exciting start to each topic through our Immersion days.

Year 5-6

Spring Term 2026 Topic Overview - May the Force be with you!

Year 5/6
Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Heddles & Mr O'Grady

Overview
This term, we will explore the fascinating world of forces and energy through hands-on, enquiry-based learning. Pupils will investigate how different forces affect motion and stability, and how energy is transferred and transformed in everyday life and beyond. Pupils will pose questions, design solutions, and create models to demonstrate their understanding, using resources such as Rube Goldberg, moving materials, air supplies, and digital tools. Pupils will engage in creative challenges that are science, technology, and design. Pupils are encouraged to be independent learners, developing their curiosity and problem-solving skills.

Literacy, Language & Communication

- Genre 1: Persuasive
 - Background information
 - Each argument clearly stated
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 - Text is consistently in the present tense
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- Genre 2: Poetry
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Numeracy & Mathematics

- Fractions
- Temperature
- Area and Perimeter
- Decimals
- Algebra
- Statistics
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- Length and Height
- Money

Religious Education & Spiritual Development

Branch 1: Galilee to Jerusalem
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Branch 2: Jerusalem to the Cross
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Year 4-5

Spring Term 2026 Topic Overview - Into The Woods

Year 4 and 5
Mr Ellis & Miss Newman

Overview
We will be learning about the woods and forests in our local area/Wales. We will be looking at the plants and animals that exist there, how they live and grow and how they adapt to their surroundings. The woods and forests will be used to inspire us to create music and artwork. We will also investigate the threats to these green spaces. In Literacy, we will be studying various narratives set in woods and forests, as well as persuasive texts where we will be writing our own persuasive texts all about helping the environment.

Literacy, Language & Communication

- Genre Focus 1: Poetry
 - Structure of Haiku
 - Alliteration
 - Figurative language (metaphor, simile)
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Rhythm
 - Powerful vocabulary
- Genre Focus 2: Persuasive
 - Introducing paragraphs that compare a clear statement of the case to be argued?
 - Background information stated, with a paragraph to itself and backed up by any information
 - Emotive language to influence the reader
 - Emotional questions
 - Closing statement

Numeracy & Mathematics

- Multiplication and division
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Year 3-4

Spring Term 2026 Topic Overview - Glow Grangetown

Year 3/4
Miss Townsend & Miss Heddles

Overview
This term, our cross-curricular topic will explore the wonders of light, magnetism, electricity, and sound through hands-on investigations and creative projects. Inspired by the Northern Lights, pupils will learn the science behind natural phenomena and use this knowledge to create poetry, music, and art. They will also invent their own Welsh legend about the aurora borealis and use Microsoft to program light displays, combining coding with creativity. This topic will help children investigate scientific ideas, express themselves through writing and music, explore local identity, and develop digital skills.

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Year 1-2

Spring Term 2026. Parent Overview- Seize the Season

Year 1/2 C and Year 2B
Mrs Crilly, Mrs Callaghan and Miss Bolton

Overview
This term, our topic is "Seize the Season." We will explore how New Year is celebrated in Cardiff and compare our Welsh winter to the seasons in other parts of the world, such as Australia and Nigeria. The children will learn what makes us uniquely Welsh, discover our traditions, and prepare for our Eisteddfod celebration.

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Nurture

Spring Term 2026. Parent Overview- Seize the Season

Nurture
Miss Pearce & Mrs Unwin

Overview
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Year 1 and Reception
Miss Rahman, Miss McDonald & Mrs Evans

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We look forward to sharing our updates with you throughout this term, keep an eye out on Seesaw and Instagram for updates.



Wales and Cynefin in PS1

Cynefin: 'the place you feel like you belong'



We introduced our new topic of Wales and Cynefin by exploring the Flag of Wales, discussing what the red dragon means to us, where we have seen it before, and the questions it inspires about our identity and belonging.

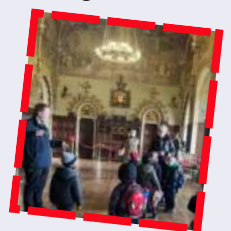
The children choose to put the Flag of Wales up in the studio to inspire our creative work, and we will proudly display it throughout the topic.



We had a wonderful school trip to Cardiff Castle as part of our focus on Cynefin – exploring our heritage and the history of where we live.



The children thoroughly enjoyed a guided tour of the castle, learning about its fascinating past and discovering who lived there many years ago.



Elizabeth led an engaging workshop where she told us a magical story about two dragons, which captured everyone's imagination and linked beautifully to Welsh history.

We had the opportunity to look closely at real pieces of armour and even try on different types of helmets, which the children were very excited about! They also took part in role play using puppets to retell and act out parts of the story.





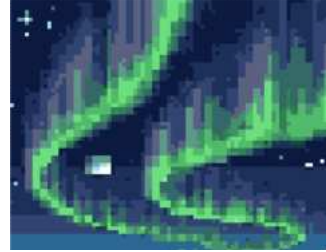
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Our February Learning Journal, PS2

By Miss Townsend, Mrs Crilly and Miss Bohlin

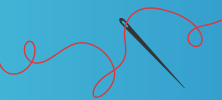
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YEAR 3/4



Year 3/4 enjoyed an exciting visit to Techniquest this month, where they explored a range of hands-on science exhibits that sparked their curiosity and imagination. A highlight of the day was their trip into the Planetarium, where the children were taken on a journey through space, learning about stars, planets, and constellations in a truly immersive experience. The visit was filled with wonder, discovery, and plenty of enthusiastic questions—an inspiring day for all our budding scientists!

The children have been busy in both the kitchen and the studio, supporting one another as they take brave steps towards greater independence. Whether measuring ingredients, tidying their workspaces, or helping a friend master a new tool, they've shown real care and confidence. It's been wonderful to see them encouraging each other, solving small challenges together, and celebrating every success—big or small. Their teamwork and growing self-belief have truly shone.



LPS2



Our February Learning Journal, PS3

By Mrs Perrett, Mrs Maddocks, Mr O Hagan, Miss Newson & Mr Ellis

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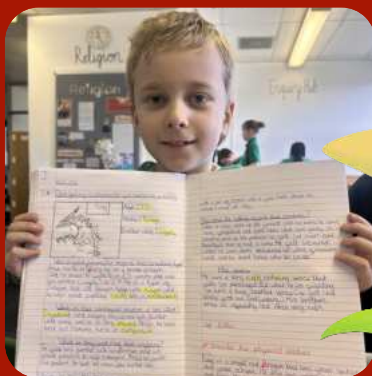
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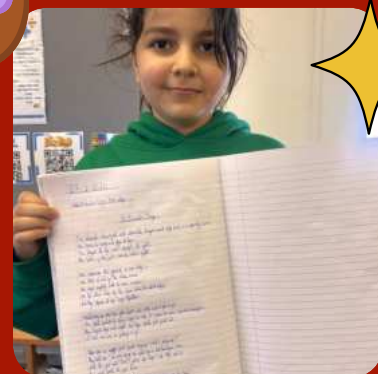
LPS3



We've also researched and chosen our favourite Welsh artist. We've created artwork inspired by them!



We've been writing narrative poems based on Welsh folklore and tales in preparation for St David's Day.

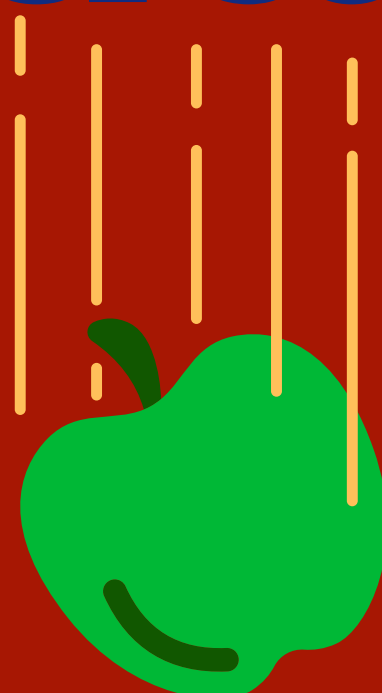


TECHNIQUEST FANTASTIC FORCES!



"10 out of 10 for your pupils – excellent behaviour and attentiveness during the theatre show! So please tell you pupils they were excellent ambassadors for your school!!!"

UPS3





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Our February Learning Journal, Nurture

By Miss Pearce



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This month we have been exploring our outdoor environment in the Spring, noticing lots of little creatures that live alongside us. We've been talking about the changes we can see around us and spotting the signs that the new season has arrived.



We got out our magnifying glasses and went on a hunt for some insects. We found lots hiding under logs and stones! We learned that more and more insects will start to appear as spring goes on and the weather gets warmer.



We celebrated Pancake Day by making mud pancakes in the mud kitchen.



We used our clay skills to roll out the mud and shape it into circles, then had lots of fun flipping them in the pan and serving them up to our friends.

Health & Wellbeing Days

By Miss Huntley, Health & Wellbeing Leader

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Forest Schools



Health and Wellbeing



In Forest School this term, the children have been busy exploring nature through a range of hands-on, sensory activities. They enjoyed baking bread over the fire, learning how simple ingredients can be transformed through mixing, kneading and patience, while also developing teamwork and independence. Our bug hunts encouraged pupils to look closely at the small creatures living in our environment, helping them to understand the importance of respecting and caring for all living things. The children also created garden bracelets using natural materials, sparking conversations about the beauty and diversity of the natural world. Through these experiences, pupils have been developing curiosity, responsibility and a deeper appreciation of their role as caretakers of the world around them.

February has been a busy and caring month, with children spending time learning about their emotions and how they feel. During Children's Mental Health Week, pupils talked about why it is important to notice our feelings and how this can help us calm ourselves and be kind to others. The children enjoyed making emotion dice using nets, where they explored 2D and 3D shapes in a fun, practical way. Our Year 5/6 pupils also worked together to create a whole-class rap about emotions, using rhyme to share their ideas and feelings. Children's Mental Health Week helps remind us how important it is to talk about our emotions and look after our mental wellbeing every day.

[LINK](#)

Link to read year 5/6s emotions raps



Estoy muy bien!

Estoy cansado



In Spanish this term, we have been recapping how to say Happy Birthday and have started learning a new phase all about asking and answering How are you? This links closely with our wellbeing sessions, where children have been talking about their feelings and learning how to express them. The children have shown a very positive attitude towards learning a new language and have really enjoyed their Spanish sessions, confidently joining in and having a go. It has been lovely learning lots of Spanish together and seeing their confidence grow.

Key phrases to practise at home:

- Happy Birthday – Feliz cumpleaños
- How are you? – ¿Cómo estás?
- I am well – Estoy bien
- Wonderful – Maravilloso / Maravillosa
- Not very good – No muy bien



¿Cómo estás?
Canción
How are you?
Song



Celebrating Achievements

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Celebration Assembly



We have been celebrating our pupils' achievements in literacy, numeracy, Welsh and Catholic virtues throughout February.



Seren yr Wythnos

Athro Dosbarth



Prif Athrawes

Mrs Jones

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Keep an eye out for the achievements during our school's St. David's day celebrations on Friday 6th March.



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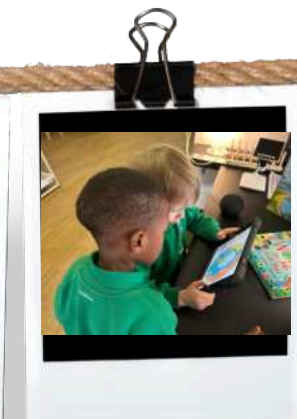


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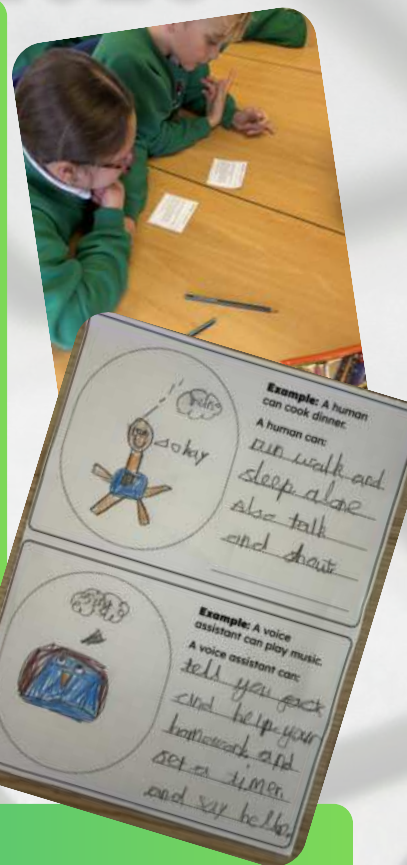
Look who's been caught learning independently by Mrs Jones this month!

Safer Internet Day 2026

Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day and was celebrated across the world. The theme was Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This year, Safer Internet Day, explored the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

The pupils completed a range of activities informing them of the safe use of AI tools and what to look out for in order to keep themselves and others safe



Top Tips

Understand what AI is and how it's used

Artificial intelligence is part of everyday life. It suggests videos on apps like Disney+ and Netflix, gives directions on map apps, helps with translation and can even create music or poems. Talk with friends and family about what they know and where they've used AI.

Think about how AI can affect you and others

AI can save time and help answer questions, check spelling, or create images and videos. While useful, it's important to consider when and how we use it, and not rely on it instead of our own thinking, creativity, or kindness toward others.

Remember AI isn't perfect

AI can be wrong. When using it for information or help, think carefully about what it tells you and remember it should never replace support from people you trust. If something seems unsure, check other sources or speak to an adult.

Spot signs something may be AI-generated

It can be tricky to tell if something was made by AI. Some sites say so, but not all. Look for signs like something appearing surprising, too perfect, or containing details you know aren't true. If you're unsure, talk to an adult and work it out together.

Know where to get help

AI can be useful, but if anything created by AI worries you—or if you're unsure how someone is using it—speak to a trusted adult such as a parent, grandparent, teacher, or club leader.

Welsh Language & Culture

By Miss Newson and Miss Bohlin, Welsh leaders

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Wyt ti'n hoffi cerddoriaeth?

We will be celebrating
St David's Day
as a school on Friday the
6th of March!

Remember to wear red or
traditional Welsh clothing
this day!



Criw Cymraeg

Shwmae! What a busy few weeks its been for the Criw Cymraeg. It's a been a busy month for us, we've led an assembly on Welsh Music Day! We even organised a silent disco for Dydd Miwsig Cymru! We've been working on our action plan currently organising some exciting projects leading up to the Eisteddfod!

DYDD MIWSIG CYMRU





A message from Mrs Perrett Acting ALNCo

As Acting Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo), I am committed to ensuring that every child in our school is supported to reach their full potential. I am passionate about working closely with teachers, teaching assistants and external professionals to provide high-quality, inclusive provision for pupils with Additional Learning Needs, to ensure that the right support is in place at the right time. I believe that strong partnerships with parents and carers are key to helping children thrive, and I warmly encourage you to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to discuss your child's needs. By working together, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for all our learners.





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February 2026 Sports News

By Tiarnan O'Hagan, Physical Literacy Leader

Mixed Football Tournament



Our school's mixed football team enjoyed a fantastic day at the recent 5-a-side tournament held at the Cardiff Netball Arena. There were plenty of exciting matches, brilliant goals and outstanding saves, with every player giving their very best in the green jersey.



Rugby Players Wanted

Inspired by the Six Nations? Why not give rugby a try!



If watching the excitement, teamwork and determination of the Six Nations has sparked your interest, now is the perfect time to get involved. Canton Rugby Club is keen to welcome new players who are interested in playing competitively and developing their skills in a fun, supportive environment.

If you would like to find out more about playing for Canton Rugby, please speak to Mr Parsons or Mr O'Hagan for further details.

Get involved and give rugby a go!



Winter Olympics

Who was glued to the screen over half-term watching the excitement of the Winter Olympics? From breathtaking ski runs to dazzling figure skating, many of our pupils were inspired by the incredible talent and determination on display, discussing and sharing highlights with friends.

If you'd like to give winter sports a try in Cardiff, you can visit Ice Arena Wales in the Cardiff International Sports Village for skating. More information in the link.

[LINK](#)

Sports Star of the MONTH

Each month we will be celebrating the achievements of our sports stars outside of school.

If you would like to be included on our Sports Star Wall please speak to Mr O'Hagan.



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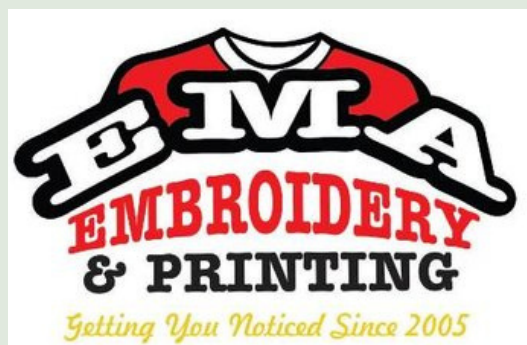
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Purchasing Uniform

Please continue to send your child to school in appropriate uniform. Should you need support with purchasing uniform please speak to the Headteacher or Mrs Thomas.

Uniform can be purchased from EMA uniform shop or our School uniform shop where our Eco Council recycle preloved uniform.



- ✓ green polo shirts
- ✓ green round neck jumper
- ✓ green cardigan
- ✓ dark grey shorts
- ✓ dark grey pinafore/ skirt
- ✓ gingham dress (summer term only)

Uniform for Wellbeing Days & P.E.

Please continue to ensure your child comes to school in the correct wellbeing uniform on PE and forest school days.

green hoodie



black shorts



black joggers



round neck t-shirt



black trainers



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Suitable Footwear

Children should come to school in footwear that fully encloses the foot for health and safety reasons. Footwear should be black to meet our school uniform policy. Should you require any support with purchasing suitable footwear, please request to speak with the Headteacher or Mrs Thomas.



- ✓ black foot wear
shoes, boots, trainers
- ✓ black logo or no logo
- ✓ velcro/ laces
- ✓ Fully enclosed

Your child may be provided with black daps/ plimsolls if they do not come to school in suitable footwear.

Unsuitable for school

Certain footwear choices are not suitable for school. Please see examples of footwear that do not meet the expectations of our school uniform policy.



No white soles



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Catholic Life & Mission

By Miss Sullivan, RE Leader



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Pre-loved Uniform

All donations welcome

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Tyfwn mewn ffydd â gobaith ar gyfer y dyfodol a chariad tuag at ein gilydd

- ✓ Green polo neck t-shirts
- ✓ Green round neck jumpers/ cardigans
- ✓ Green hoodies with logo
- ✓ Grey trousers/ shorts/ skirts/ pinafore
- ✓ Black joggers/shorts

Drop Box



Appeal for Uniform Donations!



You can make donations of uniform via the school office or by handing them over to your child's class teacher.

If you have uniform that your child has grown out of, we can give it a new loving home!



Drop Box!



preloved uniform

When is our uniform shop open?



Our Eco council are passionate about reducing, reusing and recycling uniform. They are supported by Mrs Thomas to run the shop. You can request access to the shop at any time by asking at the main office. Uniform can be purchased for a small donation.



Mrs Cooper



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School Essentials Grant

You could receive a grant of £125 per child if they attend primary school or are in years 8, 9, 10, or 11. As the applying parent or guardian, you must be receiving one of the following:

- **Income Support,**
- **Jobseeker's Allowance (income based),**
- **Employment Support Allowance (income related),**
- **Child Tax Credit, with a household income of £16,190 or less,**
- **Pension Credit (guarantee element), or**
- **Universal Credit with net household earnings of less than £7,400.**



If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to the grant. If you meet these criteria, please complete the School Essentials Grant application form. We will check if you are entitled to this payment with the Department for Work and Pensions.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)



School Essentials Grant

Apply for the School Essentials Grant.

Find more information on the grant and eligibility criteria at www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolessentialsgrant

Please provide your contact details

* = required information

Title

First name *

Last name *

Date of birth *

Apply here





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More than Just Free School Meals

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It's not just... Free School Meals

All children from Reception - Year 6 are entitled to Free School Meals so why apply?



We can reduce / or remove the cost of your child's trips, visits and after school clubs



School Funding is impacted by number of families who meet this criteria. We can employ more support staff & provide improved resources and supplies for classes.



Grants and funding often offered more readily

Apply Online! CLICK HERE Apply ^{here}



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Primary and secondary school pupils will get **additional financial support** from school if their family receives:

- **Income Support**
- **Income Related Employment Support Allowance**
- **Income Based Jobs Seeker's Allowance**
- **Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, or Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,190**
- **Universal Credit if the net household earnings is less than £7400.**
- ***Families who get Working Tax Credit do not qualify.**

Once you submit an application, you will be notified in writing of the outcome.

If you are eligible for free school meals, your child's school will be notified so that they can update their records.



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What's Happening in March?

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Dates for your Diary in March



1st March
St. David's Day

2nd March
Stay & Read
Reception Parents
8.33- 9.30am

3rd March
Y1-2 & Y3-4
Story Telling Workshop

5th March
World Book Day

6th March
St. David's Day
Eisteddfod Assembly

13th March
British Science Week
Celebration
Mad Scientist Dress Up!

13th March
Youth Service Wales
Workshop Y6

13th March
Y1-2
Grandparents Afternoon
1pm

15th March
Mother's Day
School Led Family Mass
St. Patrick's Church
10am

16th March
Easter Cracked Workshop
Y4-5

16th March
Stay & Play Reception Parents
8.55am - 9.30am

17th March
Y5&6 MAT Day
MIHS

17th March
St. Patrick's Day
Wear Green!

18th March
Y3-4H Class Assembly
9.20am

20th March
Y4-5 Bute Park Woodland
Trail Trip

23rd March
Design to Smile Rec Only

24th March
10am Whole School Mass @
St. Patrick's Church

25th March
Design to Smile visit
Reception



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What's Happening in April?

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Dates for your Diary in April



School Closed Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL REOPENS TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

29th March
Palm Sunday

2nd April
Maundy Thursday

3rd April
Good Friday

5th April
Easter Sunday

13th April
INSET DAY 5
SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

14TH April
Reception Class Mass
St. Patrick's Church
10am
All Welcome

15th April
Soth Wales Fire Service
Talk
Y2-5

17th April
Youth Service Wales
Y6

28TH April
Y4-5E Class Mass
St. Patrick's Church
10am