



Term Dates:

**Friday 18th
December**
Last day of
term.

**Monday 4th
January**
Return to
school

**Monday 15th
February –
Friday 19th
February**
Half term

**Friday 26th
March**
Last day of
term

**Monday 12th
April**
Return to
school

**Monday 31st
May – Friday
4th June**
Half term

**Tuesday 20th
July**
End of term

**4 INSET DAYS
TBC**

Message from Mrs Phillips:

The school risk assessment states we must not cross bubbles during entry in the morning. The pupils on the buses are met by 2 staff members and escorted to the hall door where they are met by another staff member to sanitise their hands. Some parents have asked if children can enter the school prior to their allocated times with the bus children, I am really sorry this is not possible and I know it is hard on wet mornings but to date we have been COVID free so thank you for your understanding.

PE Kits

To ensure that everyone looks smart we ask that on the days your child has PE in school they need to come to school in black leggings/joggers, their school PE top (or a plain t-shirt in their house colour) with their school jumper or cardigan. Thank you for your support.

Eco Week 23rd – 27th November

Eco week is a great success. The pupils are finding out about a range of topics such as; Global Citizenship, Biodiversity, Healthy living, Marine life and local area to name a few! Our pupils have shown that they are aware of global and local issues and understand that they need to be ready to be ethical and informed citizens of Wales and the world.

School Enterprise Week 7th – 11th December

Preparations are well underway for our Christmas online fair. Pupils have been working hard to design their products and to share the order forms with parents.

Please ensure all orders are returned to school by **Friday 4th December**. Items will be sent out the following week.

Christmas production

BBC Radio Wales interviewed Miss Bullock last week about our Nativity, they wanted to find out how schools are adapting Christmas performances this year. Miss Bullock was able to tell them that at St Mary's and St Patrick's we are very much getting into the mood for Christmas and are working hard to keep the magic alive! She has written and will be recording our 'Covid Christmas Production'.

Pupils have been busy rehearsing and learning their lines.

Many thanks for all costumes that have already been sent in, please can all outstanding costumes be in school by **Tuesday 1st December**.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinners will be on **Wednesday December 16th**. Pupils may wear their Christmas jumpers to school for the day.

Last Day

Term will end on Friday 18th December. To celebrate pupils may wear their Christmas Jumpers.

Christmas cards

In line with Public Health Wales Guidance, we ask that pupils only give out cards to other children in their bubble.

Special Message

We received a very special letter from Santa himself. As he is so busy this year he has asked the staff of St Mary's and St Patrick's to be his elves for the day. Look out for the team of elves on Christmas dinner day!





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Please see the attached letter regarding the new guidance on wearing face coverings to school.

If anybody in your household receives a positive test result over the weekend please contact the school on the following number; **07704981687**

Eco Week

We have had a great week in school, here are some of the photos of our outdoor learning, finding out about our local environment.



Odd Socks Day

On Friday 20th November we saw lots of strange socks in school! The children were taking part in anti-bullying week activities to raise awareness of what bullying is, what it looks like and how important it is for all of our school family to be united against bullying.



Applications for nursery 2021

We are currently collecting names for children to join our nursery in September 2021-2022. Children need to be 3 before 31st of August 2018. Applications are available from the school.



This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. We will light the first candle of hope.

Our Pastoral council have been thinking of things they would like to do for advent and have come up with a reverse advent calendar. They are asking for any donations of long life food. These will be collected and given to Special Families to be distributed in our community. If you are able to participate please send in any tins/packets of long life food into school and our Year 6s will collect them.



Tuesday 24th November 2020

Re: Face coverings in Primary Schools

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Welsh Government has updated its guidance on the use of face coverings in schools.

- ✓ Please wear masks when visiting school, and at drop-off and collection areas. Welsh Government have stated parents/carers should do this to reduce the risk of transmission and to keep our schools and community safe.
- ✓ Maintaining clear social distance at the school gates will also reduce risk and set a good example to pupils.
- ✓ Please follow these guidelines and encourage your child to follow theirs too.

Along with regular hand washing/sanitising and social distancing, this will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 at school as far as possible.

Guidance has been made stronger to keep you and your families as safe as possible. They are based on new advice from Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Group, as we learn more about the way COVID-19 is transmitted.

Thank you for your help in doing all we can – together - to keep ourselves and others safe.

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