



All Saints Church in Wales Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd yr Holl Saint yr Eglwys yng Nghymru

Friday 16th January 2026

Parent & Carer Information Letters

You will have received a 'Parent / Carer Information Letter' from your child's class teacher today. This letter contains lots of information that will help you to keep up to date with news, key dates, what your child will be learning about and how you can help your child at home. If you misplace the letter, you can view them on our school website via the following link -

<https://www.allsaintspsbarry.co.uk/parent-termly-information-sheets/>



Monster Phonics & Superhero Spelling — A Brilliant Launch!

Thank you for helping make Monday's launch day such a success—the corridors were a rainbow of red, green, yellow, pink, purple, white, blue, brown, gold and black, and the buzz in classrooms was fantastic. Pupils met the Monster characters and immediately began using their colour cues and monster sounds to decode longer vowels, silent letters and other "tricky" patterns. Staff reported children reaching for the right sound more quickly, tackling unfamiliar words with confidence, and explaining *why* a word works the way it does—great early signs of understanding and independence.

As the programme grows, children will move on to Superhero Spelling, where the same colour system becomes a powerful memory aid for key spelling rules and graphemes. This continuity—from Monster sounds to Superhero rules—means less cognitive load and more focus on accurate reading and fluent spelling.



Celf a Chymuned: Y5 & Y6 Community Art Workshops with Jenny Lambert

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant day of creativity on Wednesday, working side-by-side with families and local artist Jenny Lambert on our community project, Celf a Chymuned: Connecting Barry Through Art—kindly funded by Barry Town Council's Vibrant Culture Grants. Inspired by ideas pupils had already developed in class, families explored painting, mixed media and simple printmaking to celebrate Barry's identity, heritage and the Welsh language.

Thank you to everyone who joined the workshops—your enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity shone. Finished pieces will be displayed in the Y5/Y6 cloakroom areas so pupils can continue to enjoy and feel proud of their work. A huge diolch to Jenny and to Barry Town Council for making this community-building experience possible.



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'Mae angen dwylo niferus i adeiladu ty, felly mae angen sawl calon i greu Ysgol'



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Year 2 at Cardiff Castle — Meet the Knight!

Year 2 pupils had a fantastic visit to Cardiff Castle this week, crowned by a hands-on “Meet the Knight” workshop. Guided by “Sir Jay,” the children learned about real medieval armour and weapons, tried on chain mail and helmets, and even handled a (carefully supervised) sword—bringing their castles topic vividly to life. The session helped them spot features around the site and understand how knights trained and fought, all in an age-appropriate, interactive way. A brilliant day of history, imagination and curiosity—da iawn, Year 2!

Cook Stars @ All Saints — Free Family Cookery Sessions

Just a reminder that Cook Stars are running FREE, grant-funded family cookery sessions here at school on Thursdays, 9:00–11:15am, starting 22nd January. Everything’s included—ingredients, equipment, apron and a recipe card to take home—and you’ll cook alongside your child while learning about healthy choices. See the posters at the end of this newsletter for dates and the QR codes to book, or contact Gemma: gemma@cookstars.co.uk / 07473 240 684.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th Jan – Friday 30th Jan – Y6 Swimming Sessions

Wednesday 28th January - First Aid Course for Parents & Carers

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd February – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 24th February - Start of Spring Term B

Friday 27th February – Wear **RED** for Velindre

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March - All Saints Eisteddfod

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March – STEM Week

Thursday 12th March – Landing Afternoon for Families

Monday 16th March - Parent Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 17th March - Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 20th March – **RED** Nose Day.

Tuesday 24th March – Tempest Class Photos

Friday 27th March – Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April - Start of Summer Term A



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FREE- Grant funded family cooking sessions

From January 22nd, All Saints C.I.W Primary will be offering an exciting opportunity for parents to get involved with 'Happy and Healthy' cooking sessions hosted by Cook Stars Vale of Glamorgan. Healthy Happy Cook Stars is a cookery, education and enrichment programme .

The sessions will be up to 2 hours long (9:15am- 11:15am) and will involve parents and children working together to create different dishes whilst learning about how to make those Healthy food choices . These dishes will then be taken home and enjoyed with their families. All participants will also go home with a recipe card so that the dish can be recreated at home.

There will be 9 sessions in total - 4 sessions available in the first half term and 5 sessions available in the 2nd half term.

Parents do not need to sign up to all of the sessions but can book the sessions which they are able to attend. Sessions will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

There is a maximum of 12 parents per session (**1 Adult per family**) who can be **accompanied by up to 2 children (if they are siblings)**.

Please note: Siblings will share equipment, resources and ingredients within their family group rather than working individually.

Session overview:

Thursdays

Times: 9am- 11:15am

Spring 1

Session 1 – 22nd January - China

Session 2 – 29th January- Healthy lunchbox

Session 3 – 5th February - Shopping and Cooking with numbers

Session 4 – 12th February- Eat the rainbow

Spring 2

Session 1 - 26th Feb Italy - Pizzas and Gnocchi

Session 2- 5th March Healthy Lunchbox -

Session 3 - 12th March Shopping and cooking with numbers

Session 4 - 19th March Teddy Bear's picnic

Session 5 - 26th March India

Use the QR code to book and reserve your space.

If you have any questions regarding the programme please contact

Gemma Email: gemma@cookstars.co.uk or Phone: 07473240684





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FREE-Grant funded HAPPY HEALTHY COOK STARS

Everything included!

- all ingredients
- all kit and equipment
- an apron
- a recipe card to take home
- and a fun educational game!

A healthy eating cookery
& Maths enrichment programme



<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>
<u>Thursdays-</u>	<u>Thursdays-</u>
<u>9am-11:15am</u>	<u>9am-11:15am</u>
22nd Jan	26th Feb
29th Jan	5 th March
5th Feb	12 th March
12th Feb	19 th March
	26 th March

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