



All Saints Church in Wales Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd yr Holl Saint yr Eglwys yng Nghymru

Friday 6th March 2026



ESTYN Inspection

This week we welcomed inspectors from Estyn to our school as part of our recent inspection. It has been a very important week for our school community, and we are incredibly proud of how our pupils represented the school throughout the process. The inspectors spent time in classrooms, speaking with staff and pupils, and learning about the many wonderful things that happen across the school each day.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our families, governors and the wider school community for their continued support and encouragement. Your partnership with the school makes such a positive difference to our pupils' experiences and outcomes.

A particularly heartfelt thank you must go to our staff, whose dedication, professionalism and teamwork were evident throughout the week. Their incredible efforts, both in preparing for the inspection and in the outstanding work they do every day for our children, are truly appreciated. We are also extremely proud of our pupils, who spoke confidently about their learning and demonstrated the values that make our school such a special place.

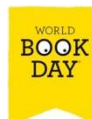
We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you when it is published in May, and once again thank everyone for their support during this important time for our school.

World Book Day Celebrations

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday and it was wonderful to see our school filled with excitement and a shared love of reading. Pupils across the school enjoyed bringing in their favourite books to share with their classmates, talking about the stories they love and recommending new books to their friends. It was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate how books can inspire imagination, curiosity and creativity.

Many children also chose to come dressed as their favourite book characters, and it was lovely to see such a wide range of costumes throughout the school. From classic characters to modern favourites, the effort and enthusiasm from the children helped create a fun and vibrant atmosphere across the day.

Most importantly, the day reminded us all of the joy that reading can bring. We are very proud of our pupils' enthusiasm for books and storytelling, and it was wonderful to celebrate reading together as a whole school community. 📖



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Eisteddfod Celebrations

We had a wonderful time celebrating our annual St David's Day Eisteddfod today. It was a fantastic occasion filled with Welsh pride, creativity and plenty of house spirit as pupils from across the school took part in a range of traditional Eisteddfod activities.

Throughout the day, children enjoyed performing, reciting and showcasing their talents while celebrating Welsh culture, language and heritage together as a school community.

It was also lovely to see so many pupils dressed in traditional Welsh costume, which helped create a truly special atmosphere around the school. The effort, confidence and enthusiasm shown by the children during their performances and competitions were fantastic, and we were incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

A highlight of the day was the crowning of our new Bard, a special Eisteddfod tradition that celebrates outstanding poetry and creativity. Congratulations to our newly crowned Bard — a fantastic achievement and a moment they will remember for years to come! It was a brilliant celebration of music, poetry and Welsh culture, and a wonderful way for our pupils to honour St David's Day. 🌟 🇬🇧



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Koursaros back to school and look forward to having her return to the Year 2 class. We know the children will be very pleased to see her back, and we are grateful that she is able to rejoin the school community.

At the same time, we would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to Mr McLoughlin for the incredible work he has done covering the Year 2 class during Mrs Koursaros' absence. His dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the children have been truly appreciated by staff, pupils and families alike. He has provided great stability for the class and ensured that learning and support for the children continued seamlessly.

To support a smooth transition and to share the children's progress with families, Mr McLoughlin will also be returning to undertake the parent/carer consultation evenings on 16th and 17th March. This will help ensure continuity and allow him and Mrs Koursaros to discuss the learning and achievements of the pupils.

We are extremely grateful for all the hard work Mr McLoughlin has put in during this time and would like to thank him for the positive impact he has had on the class and the wider school community.

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Parents and Carers Consultation Evening

Our consultation evenings will take place on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March, 3:40 – 6:20pm.

Appointment bookings open today (Friday 6th March) at 6:00pm via Arbor—please book early to secure a convenient slot (you may wish to log in beforehand to check your details). This booking window closes at 10pm on Sunday 15th March.

For step-by-step booking guidance, see the Arbor Help Centre: [Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parents' Evenings\)](#).

If you need assistance with booking, please contact the school office (office@allsaintspsbarry.co.uk) — we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

PTA Sponsored Read

Following our fantastic World Book Day celebrations, our PTA is excited to launch a Sponsored Read to help raise funds for new books for our school. As part of the National Year of Reading 2026, we are encouraging every child to take part in a two-week reading adventure and discover (or rediscover!) the joy of reading.

The challenge will begin on Monday 9th March and will run for 14 days. During this time, children are encouraged to read a little every day. This could be anything they enjoy — graphic novels, magazines, classic stories, sports biographies or science fiction. The aim is simple: if you love it, read it!

Children will receive a sponsorship form and reading log on Monday to help them track their reading. They can ask family and friends to sponsor their efforts — for example, 10p per page, £1 per chapter, or a small donation for completing the challenge.

All sponsorship forms & monies to be returned to school in a sealed envelope by

Wednesday 25th March.

We hope as many children as possible will take part and enjoy exploring new books while helping raise funds to support reading in our school.

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Rags2Riches Collection – Friday 17th April

We are pleased to be taking part once again in the Rags2Riches recycling scheme to raise funds for our PTA. This initiative not only helps generate valuable funds for the school but also supports sustainable recycling by giving good-quality clothing and textiles a second life.

Our next collection is booked for **Friday 17th April**, and bags of reusable items can be brought into school from **Monday 13th April**. If you are planning a spring clear-out, please consider donating good-quality clothing, shoes and other accepted textiles to support this worthwhile cause. Every bag makes a difference, and we are very grateful for your continued support.



Dates for the Diary

- Monday 9th – Friday 13th March – STEM Week
- Tuesday 10th March – Nursery Trip to Amelia Trust Farm
- 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
- Friday 17th April – PTA Quiz Night.
- Friday 17th April - Rags 2 Riches Collection
- Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th April - Y5 Residential Visit
- Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday – school closed
- Monday 11th – Friday 15th May - Y6 Residential Visit
- Tuesday 19th May – Sports Day
- Friday 22nd May – Last Day of Summer Term A
- Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term Break
- Monday 1st June - Start of Summer Term B



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Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Friday 17th April

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

