



# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

*Philippians 4: 13*

26th May 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

## Y6 Residential—Conway Centres, Anglesey

Most of Y6 and a fabulous team of staff have been in Anglesey for two nights and three fun-filled days this week. They have canoed, been on the beach, completed a high ropes course, gorge walked and had marshmallows round the campfire, building friendships and teams along the way. The weather has been very kind to them and they have returned considerably grubbier than when they left. Thank you to Mrs Whitfield, Miss McCormack, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Lind and Mr Rowark who accompanied them.

## Mrs Quirk

We say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Quirk today, as she begins her maternity leave. We shall miss Mrs Quirk very much and look forward to news of baby Quirk in the not too distant future. Mr Murphy will be teaching 5HQ on Thursdays and Fridays and we are delighted!

## Pre-loved boutique

We have a lot of pre-loved uniform that we would really like to go to a new home. Our pre-loved boutique will be opening after half-term. If you have any donations of uniform, please drop off at the office.

## Volunteer Readers

We would love to welcome parents/grandparents/carers into school to hear readers on a regular basis. Training will be provided. Please contact the office if you could spare some time for this.

## Thank you

Thank you for your support this half term with all aspects of our school life. We really do appreciate it. Wishing you a happy and hopefully warm and dry holiday. We will return on Tuesday 6th June, ready for the last half term of the year.



# Award Winners

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
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4W		
4M		
5R		
5HQ		
6W		
6D		

You are unique day

Friday 9th June

★ Across the Federation on this day, we will  
★ be celebrating our individuality and  
★ uniqueness and celebrating that we are all  
★ made in the image of God. We will have a  
★ particular focus on neurodiversity during  
★ this day.

★ If any parents or family members would  
★ like to be involved in this day, please con-  
★ tact the office in the first instance.

# Dates for your diary

Dates for your diary – Summer 3 – St Mary's Catholic Junior School	
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Return to school  Gulliver's World parent meeting 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Parent's reading workshop 2pm. All welcome
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Celebrating difference day
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y3 Residential – Gulliver's world
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y4 First Holy Communion 9:30 – 4M / 11:00 – 4W
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y3/4 Sports day 10am  Y5/6 Sports day 2pm
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5 Residential - London
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Millionaire reader's tea party – Parents / carers invited.
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Moving up morning
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Poetry buzz event at Queens Park 6pm
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Spanish Day
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production 2pm/6pm (provisional)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers party 5:30 – 7pm
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers Mass 10am (provisional)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers assembly 9:30am - Parents/carers welcome  Finish for Summer

PE days	
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Thursday</b>





@MarysPTFA

The Federation of  
St Mary's PTFA

# 6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

## FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO  
SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU  
VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL  
IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S  
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



## FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A  
REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY  
SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE  
MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY  
EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



## FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE  
FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE  
PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE  
TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



## BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF  
KNOWING WHAT'S  
HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE  
THE SAME COMMON GOALS  
TO HELP IMPROVE THE  
SCHOOL.



## IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY  
OURSELVES IN ALL OUR  
ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS  
TO RUNNING A STALL IS  
EXCITING!



## KEEP THE PTFA GOING!

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL  
WE NEED TO KEEP THE  
COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY  
TEAM AS MANY HANDS  
MAKE LIGHT WORK!



"I work full time and  
help when I am able"

"I really enjoy seeing my  
grown up help out at events"

"I didn't realise how rewarding  
it would be"

"I've made life long friends"

## Ever thought about becoming a teaching assistant?

Do you enjoy helping and supporting your child  
with their work?



Do you know what  
qualifications you will need?

Give us a call to find out more information about the

**Level 2 Certificate**

**Supporting Teaching and Learning  
Course**

**New course starting in September 2023**

Contact Teresa on  
01744 677328  
or  
Email: [teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk)

Contact us to find out more:

Call: 01744 676671 / 01744 677328 or text 07702 959814

# THINK FOOD BANK

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ARE STILL A FOOD BANK DONATION POINT EVEN WHILST THE CENTRE IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER PLAYScheme

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO HELP FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER

**POP IT IN THE TROLLEY**  
OUTSIDE NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PARK ROAD SOUTH, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, WA12 8EX

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# Attendance Matters



## Every Day Counts....




**FACT:** The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.




# Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE


We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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ARE YOU 10-14 YEARS OLD?  
DO YOU HAVE A

# PASSION FOR FASHION?

DO YOU HAVE INDIVIDUAL STYLE?

Would you like to show off your creative  
design skills to celebrities + showcase  
your ideas to the fashion world?

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THE MAKERS OF "HORRIBLE HISTORIES" ARE  
LOOKING FOR 10 TO 14 YEAR OLDS FOR A  
BRAND NEW STYLING CHALLENGE SHOW FOR

**BBC**  
**CBBC** + **iPLAYER**

For more details, ask your parent or  
guardian to contact:

***Fashion@liontv.co.uk***

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ON 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023.



# OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS



**DYNAMOS CRICKET**



**This is our game.**

[dynamoscricicket.co.uk](http://dynamoscricicket.co.uk)

Join us at:  
Newton - le - Willows Cricket Club, WA12 9XE

Session dates:  
Friday evenings, 19th May - 7th July 2023, for all children aged 8-11

Session timings:  
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact:  
ianwalky112@gmail.com

**DYNAMOS CRICKET**

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Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Sessions are all about playing together and developing new skills, teamwork and friendship.

Every child that registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number on the back and have access to a brand new digital app, packed with exclusive cricket content, unlockable skills challenges, quizzes and activities.

Sign up today to your nearest Dynamos Cricket centre.

[dynamoscricicket.co.uk](http://dynamoscricicket.co.uk)

**Wigan Football Development**

St Edmund Arrowsmith High School (AstroTurf Pitch), Rookery Avenue, Wigan, WN4 9PF  
Starting on Friday 19th May 2023

**In association with First Kick Football**

School years - Reception and Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 and Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, starting 19th May, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic AstroTurf pitch so trainers or AstroTurf boots should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a will drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £45 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

**\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

**ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL** at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE**  
**Kaden**  
**0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534**

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.

**JOIN THE STORM!**

Newton Storm, your local community Rugby League club, are currently on the look out for new players and volunteers.

With age groups from Reception to Open Age, and continued success both on and off the field, it's a great time to get involved.

If you'd like to know more find us on Facebook or Twitter.

@NewtonStormARL  
NewtonStormARLFC  
[www.newtonstorm.co.uk](http://www.newtonstorm.co.uk)

**U8S**

**COME ALONG & JOIN THE STORM!**

Calling Y3 boys & girls to join our U8s team.

Training:  
Mon 6-7pm  
Wed 6-7pm  
Newton Sports Club

For more details, contact:  
Matt 07827 921707  
Jacob 07780 435526

**ALL STARS cricket**

**Big Moments of summer fun!**

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre

Join us at: Earlestown Cricket Club, Earle Street, Earlestown WA12 9NU


Session dates: Monday evenings, starting 8 May 2023 for all children aged 5-8

Session timings: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact: [earlestowncc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:earlestowncc@hotmail.co.uk)



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