



Friday/Dydd Gwener 24 January 2025

Dates for your diary/Reminders

30 January – 2.30pm “Meet the Friends”
 5 February - Urdd open football:Y5 and 6
 7th February – Y4 Druidston class assembly – morning.

INSET DAY - Monday 3rd March 2025

4th March – Urdd mixed football: Y3 and 4
 7th March – School Eisteddfod
 Week commencing 24th March – Parent/teacher meetings.
 Further details in due course.

INSET DAY - Monday 23rd June 2025



We are currently advertising for a new Executive Headteacher

Working in partnership with the Diocese of Menevia and Pembrokeshire County Council, the governing body of the federation of Mary Immaculate and St Teilo's is looking to appoint an outstanding leader as executive headteacher. The successful candidate will be expected to continue the successful Catholic learning in both schools and to divide his/her time between the two sites. We are looking for an inspirational leader with an impressive record of school improvement. Someone who has vision, adaptability, drive and passion to facilitate success for our pupils, staff and parish communities. Someone who will have the credibility to motivate, inspire and challenge others. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please click on the link below:

[Executive Headteacher application](#)

Sneak peak into our learning for next week!

Dosbarth Amroth

Next week, we will be exploring the cold climates of the arctic. We will investigate how we can make ice melt and talk about ways arctic animals keep warm.

Dosbarth Little Haven

Next week, we will be learning how to double number through lots of hands on practical activities and trying to learn them off by heart!

Dosbarth Marloes

Next week, we look forward to welcoming students from Pembrokeshire College back in to deliver multi-sports sessions.

Dosbarth Newgale

Next week, we are looking forward to our next Commando Joe's mission as part of our PE sessions. We will be following in the footsteps of Ed Stafford who walked the length of the Amazon Rainforest!

Dosbarth Druidston

Next week in RE, we will be considering if the miracles of Jesus were signs that the kingdom of God was beginning.

Dosbarth Whitesands

Next week we look forward to 'digging deeper' into what needs protecting in Pembrokeshire, and how we can begin to protect it.

Dosbarth Aberiddy

Next week, we will continue to explore methods to multiply numbers.

Pupil uniform

Just a reminder that the children should now be wearing their autumn/spring term uniform – please see boxes below. There is no need to purchase uniform with our school logo, and many local retailers sell affordable items without the school logo. Should you wish to purchase a badge or school tie, these are available from our school office at a cost of £4 each. As always, please make sure all items are clearly labelled.

Autumn and Spring term Uniform

- Navy jumper or Navy Cardigan
- White shirt
- School tie
- Grey trousers
- Navy pinafore, Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers
- White socks or Navy tights
- Black/Navy shoes

PLEASE NOTE:

- Please can pupils wear black shoes with their uniform and **trainers for PE days.**
- **PE uniform** – Navy shorts/joggers, white polo shirt, **navy jumper/sweatshirt** and trainers

Spring term parent/teacher meetings

These have been pencilled in the diary for the week commencing 24th March. Further details to follow in due course.

Non-uniform day for Sandy bears

On Friday 31st January, there will be a non-uniform day to raise money for the Sandy Bear charity. This is a charity that helps young people who have lost a loved one. We will also have a special visitor visiting us! All donations are appreciated.

Reported by Isla-May

Year 5 outdoor learning trips

On Monday 13th January, Dosbarth Whitesands went rock pooling with Darwin Science. In the morning we went to Dale beach and did rock pooling we found a lot of fish and even some crabs. In the afternoon we looked at some samples through a telescope in our class.

Reported by Sofia

On Thursday 16th January, we started our day on the highest mountain in Pembrokeshire, with our ranger Tom, we were in a cloud. We then followed the river, and had boat races on the river, to see whose boat was the fastest. We had lunch in Llys y Fran and got to see the dam. Our final place was Gelli where we saw two rivers come together, to make the river Cleddau. It was a fantastic experience!

Reported by Esmee

EFL Football Cup

On Thursday our football team had the opportunity to take part in the EFL Kids Football Cup at the new Ogi Bridge Meadow Stadium. The children displayed fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship and progressed through to the semi finals, losing only one group game. A real team effort, da iawn superstars.



Curriculum letters: Please click on the class name below to see what the children will be learning about this term:

[Dosbarth Amroth: Nursery/Reception](#)

[Dosbarth Little Haven: year 1](#)

[Dosbarth Marloes: year 2](#)

[Dosbarth Newgale: year 3](#)

[Dosbarth Druidston: year 4](#)

[Dosbarth Whitesands: year 5](#)

[Dosbarth Aberiddy: year 6](#)

Week beginning 27 January 2025

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Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming (Years 3 and 4) Year 1 and 2 Digi Club (only booked pupils) Year 3 and 4 Clwb Cymraeg (only booked pupils)
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerbcraft for Year 1
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass in Church Swansea City Primary Stars PE sessions (Years 5 and 6) Year 1 and 2 Fun and Fitness Club (only booked pupils) Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country (only booked pupils) Y3, 4 and 5 Happy, healthy minds (only booked pupils)
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.30pm – ‘Meet the Friends’ – school hall Year 4, 5 and 6 – Chatterbooks (only booked pupils) Year 5 and 6 Netball (only booked pupils)
Dydd Gwener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-uniform day for Sandy Bears

Meet the Friends - Thursday 30th January, 2.30pm in the school hall.



Friends of the School

2.30pm Thursday 30th January 2025

An opportunity to meet the Friends of Mary Immaculate, find out more about what we do, who we are, the fundraising events we organise and how you can help! We are eager to hear any feedback for future events.

Join us for Tea & Coffee.

This week's Gospel shows Jesus' first public miracle at a family wedding. When the wine ran out, Mary's faith-filled response helped others to believe in Jesus. We are invited to take any problems to Jesus, follow His instructions and believe in Him. Ask, Believe, Listen, Follow.

This week's Gospel: John 2:1 - 11

Loving God,
We believe that we are all brothers and sisters.
Help us to think about what is good for everyone, not just ourselves.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



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temperament and
enjoys being around
children?
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a week to visit a
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Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Caught Moments



To receive a 'caught moment' at Mary Immaculate School is very special. This means you have been caught living out our virtues. Each week we will be taking time to celebrate how are children are living out our virtues – and rewarding them with a hot-chocolate treat!

<p>Miss Skoczek caught Flo being grateful by always using her manners.</p>	<p>Mrs Sims caught Anica Ekwelibe being loving and compassionate with her classmates.</p>
<p>Miss Lewis caught Ryley, Rhys and Jacob being intentional and prophetic during our break times, working hard to look after our school by picking up litter, counting the pieces and sorting it.</p>	<p>Miss Edwards caught Francesca Hughes being generous with her time this week by offering to help a friend.</p>
<p>Miss Williams caught Jacob Richards being hopeful and active, always ready to share his God-given gifts with others.</p>	<p>Mrs Williams caught Ioan Pritchard being intentional and prophetic in his learning. Ioan understands that every action we make has an impact.</p>
<p>Mrs Joseph caught Chloe Williams being grateful by always remembering to say thank you.</p>	
<p>Mrs Kerrison and Mrs Rees caught Lukas Jones being faith filled by setting the perfect example during prayer time.</p>	<p>Miss Williams caught Landon Aldridge being loving and attentive to those around him. A wonderful role-model to others.</p>
<p>Mrs Scourfield caught Nell Kerrison being generous with her time offering to help to clean the dinner hall.</p>	<p>Mrs Williams caught Jonah Thomas being generous with his time by helping a friend in the classroom.</p>
<p>Miss Edwards caught Evita Joltin being attentive and loving at break time supporting her friends.</p>	<p>Miss Edwards caught Grace Forbes being faith filled whilst carrying out her role as a member of the department of spiritual life.</p>

Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves; the relations between people, and the world.

Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Seren yr wythnos

Well done to all our learners who have been chosen as our merit winners. What stars we have for this week and last week!

Dosbarth Amroth

Sienna Morgan for always going above and beyond to be the best she can be. She gives 100% in her learning and equally in fulfilling our Catholic virtues. Da iawn a diolch Sienna!

Dosbarth Druidston

Scarlett Dunning showing perseverance and determination with her adding with exchanging in Maths. She is growing greatly in confidence! Da iawn!

Dosbarth Little Haven

Amahle Mabuzane for excellent role play and understanding of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Da iawn!

Dosbarth Whitesands

Esmee John for using captivating vocabulary in our cold task story. You used a variety of vocabulary to keep the readers' interest. I cannot wait to read your final story. Da iawn ti!

Dosbarth Marloes

Layla-Mae Pereira for an excellent artistic representation of the baptism of Jesus. Layla-Mae used clear symbols and was able to talk about her picture confidently! Da iawn Layla-Mae!

Dosbarth Abereiddy

Rose Haworth for always trying her very best in all she does. She certainly is a role-model for others with her kind-and caring ways and unwavering determination. Da iawn, Rosie!

Dosbarth Newgale

Frankie Willoughby for showing amazing effort, always trying his best, and being a kind and caring role model to others, demonstrating our Catholic values. His subtraction knowledge in maths has blown me away this week. Da iawn Frankie!



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Dosbarth Amroth

Theodore James for showing fantastic listening skills to answer tricky questions during our big group discussion this week! Da iawn Theo!

Dosbarth Druidston

Wyatt Bartlett for always demonstrating a positive attitude in class towards his learning and for always trying his best across the curriculum. Da iawn!

Dosbarth Little Haven

Theo Barlow for trying very hard to in his maths work. He was able to use his counting on skills to add two numbers together. Da iawn.

Dosbarth Whitesands

Noel Uduji-Quintus for an improvement in his listening and focus. Throughout the week he has contributed some lovely ideas to our class discussions, and has put a smile on Mrs Tweedie's face, with the effort he has put it. Da iawn ti!

Dosbarth Marloes

Harry Yabsley for working so hard in all of his tasks this week! Harry has blown me away with his hard work, careful listening and thoughtful answers. Keep up the good work Harry!

Dosbarth Abereiddy

Evie James for her exceptional determination and perseverance while working on multiplication this week. Evie consistently sets a positive example for others through her enthusiasm, positivity and dedication, always striving to do her very best. A true role-model for all. Da iawn, Evie!

Dosbarth Newgale

Lily Thomas for always being an absolute superstar! Lily is someone that we can all rely on, showing kindness and care to all around her. Lily truly lives out our virtues day in, day out. Da iawn, Lily.





<p>Dosbarth Little Haven Landon Bartlett</p>	<p>Dosbarth Druidston Louie Breen</p>
<p>Dosbarth Marloes Theo Williams Orla Trew</p>	<p>Dosbarth Whitesands Jacob Reynolds</p>
<p>Dosbarth Newgale Imogen Morris Max Kempa</p>	<p>Dosbarth Abereiddy Isla-May James-Yarker</p>

Happier January 2025

MONDAY



6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

TUESDAY



7 Learn something new and share it with others

WEDNESDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

THURSDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

FRIDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

SATURDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

SUNDAY

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

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Take a different route today and see what you notice

14

Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15

Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16

Contribute positively to your local community

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Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

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Get back in contact with an old friend

19

Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

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Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21

Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

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Plan something fun and invite others to join you

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Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

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Take a small step towards an important goal

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Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

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Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

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Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

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Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

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Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

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See how many people you can smile at today

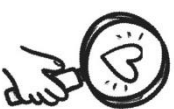
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Write down your hopes or plans for the future



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Important School information

Getting to know us

You may be new to Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School, or perhaps have not yet met all our staff team. Members of our staff team are out on the playground daily during drop-off and pick-up, so please do pop to chat with us should you require any assistance, information, or support. We have an open-door policy, meaning that we endeavour to always be available to speak with you to discuss any questions, queries, or concerns.

Ensuring we know you and your child

It is vitally important that we hold the most up to date information on you and your child so that we can keep your child safe and contact you in the case of an emergency. It is important that we know how your child is getting home from school (including permission to walk home for learners in Y4, 5 and 6), so please make sure you have let your child's class teacher know via dojo if they are allowed to walk home unaccompanied. Please contact the school office if there are any changes to collection arrangements for your child or any other change to details that you have previously supplied us with.

Staying in touch

Communication between home and school is vitally important to ensure your child can excel and thrive at school. You can contact your child's class teacher directly and receive school and class-based updates and information through the Class dojo app, which can be downloaded for free onto your smartphone (app store) or accessed through their website. Class dojo allows you to see the rewards your child receives in real time and offers other great features.

- **School and Class stories** will be used to publish news, events, and important notices - all of which can be translated via the app.
- There is also a **school calendar** which will send you notifications of up-coming events in school.
- Most importantly you will still be able to stay in direct contact with your child's class teacher via **Class dojo messaging**.

Please remember that teachers may not have the opportunity to check messages during the day, as they are teaching, and will not routinely check messages after 4pm. If your message is urgent, please call the school office. Mrs Evans, Mrs Priestley and I have access to class messaging, but do not monitor these inboxes, so please contact us through the school office in the usual way if you need to speak with us. Should you not receive a personal invitation, please use the following link to join.

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=4f0e09053b7c029066dc955c>

Whole school correspondence and notifications will come through the 'parentmail' email system, so please share with us any changes to your email address, so that you do not miss important information.

Asymmetric Week

The asymmetric week, implemented in September 2023 following a consultation, has been created for staff to focus on training to further drive standards and achievement forward. On a Friday, the school day finishes at 12.20pm. Learners can be collected at 12.20pm with a take-away style lunch – please contact Mrs Evans at the school office if you wish to collect your child at this time. All learners can remain in school to eat lunch on-site and should be collected between 12.50pm - 1.00pm, at their normal exit points, please. We do have a provision for learners on site after lunch if parents need this. Please contact the school office to book a space for your child in our Friday afternoon supervision, which finishes at 3pm. Spaces must be booked in advance.

School timings

School session times are below. Please arrive promptly as doors and gates will close at the start of the school day.

Year groups	Monday-Thursday AM		Fri PM	
	Gates Open	School Day	School Day (learners stay for lunch)	Pick-up
Amroth (Reception learners), and Little Haven and Marloes	8.30am	8.50am-3.15pm	8.50am-12.20pm	12.50pm
Newgale, Druidston, Whitesands and Abereiddy	8.30am	8.45am-3.20pm	8.45am-12.20pm	12.50pm
Amroth (Nursery AM)	8.30am	8.50am-11.50am	8.50am-11.50am	
Amroth (Nursery PM)	12.45pm-3.15pm (10h entitlement over 4 days)			

Healthy Schools

As part of the healthy school agenda, we encourage all pupils to eat a healthy snack of fruit/vegetables at breaktime (please, no nuts or nut-based products to protect vulnerable learners). All learners are encouraged to bring a bottle of water into school, which they can access throughout the day. As usual, please remember to label any items from home.

Universal Free School Meals – Now free for all learners in Full-Time Nursery to Year 6!

All full-time learners in Full-Time Nursery to Year 6 will receive a free school meal each day, saving nearly £15 per week (per child), through the Universal Free School Meals policy of Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru's Co-operation Agreement. Parents do not need to register

or complete an application form. Pupils will order all school meals as usual during morning registration. Checking what is for lunch is easy! You can now ask Alexa what is on the Primary School menu with the [Pembrokeshire Council Alexa Skill](#), or you can access the menu for the year ahead using the following link: [Primary Schools Menu - Pembrokeshire County Council](#). We've included some answers to frequently asked questions at the bottom of this letter.

Support for low-income families

Families on low incomes will not be affected by the introduction of universal free school meals. You will still be able to receive free school meals and other essentials, such as help with uniform, sports kit and stationery (PDG Access Grant). This grant not only entitles you to funding to support your child, but also enables the school to access funding to further support them whilst in Mary Immaculate.

If your child is starting school or your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, you must still apply for Free School Meals (eFSM) to access other funding, such as for school essentials. If you are a pupil or parent that receives one of the following benefits, please contact Mrs Evans, at the school office, who can support you in applying:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA). Contribution Based Jobseekers Allowance (CBJSA) does not qualify
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credits only, with an annual household Income of under £16,190 *
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (IR)
- Universal Credit

Please note that if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits in addition to any of these benefits you will not be eligible for free meals, even if your household income is below £16,190.

School Uniform

We strongly encourage all learners to wear school uniform daily. We believe that this supports their readiness for learning and builds a sense of pride and belonging to our school.

<u>Autumn and Spring term Uniform</u>	<u>Summer Term Uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy jumper or Navy Cardigan • White shirt • School tie • Grey trousers • Navy pinafore, Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers • White socks or Navy tights • Black/Navy shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White polo shirt • Grey trousers/shorts • Navy/white gingham dresses (no white collars please) • Navy skirt/trousers • Black/Navy shoes
Physical Education	Navy shorts, white polo shirt and trainers.

School ties and badges are sold through the school office.

There is no need to purchase uniform with our school logo, and many local retailers sell affordable items without the school logo. Should you wish to purchase a badge or school tie, these are available from our school office at a cost of £4 each. As always, please make sure all items are clearly labelled.

Attendance

Being in school every day is essential to ensure that learners make the most possible progress, develop friendships and make important memories. When your child walks into school every morning, you can be assured they will be supported personally, emotionally and academically. We're here to provide them with the social and educational development opportunities to shape their futures and become the best versions of themselves. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends school daily and arrives promptly.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available to all learners from 8am, offering food, drink. Doors close at 8.15am so that we can ensure that all learners attending have the opportunity to eat breakfast. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place for your child to attend.

Extra-curricular clubs and dates for the term ahead

Extra curricular clubs are booked termly.

Universal free school meals FAQs

Will I need to fill in an application form to get Universal Primary Free School Meals for my child(ren)?

Parents and carers will not need to fill in an application form. Children will be asked whether they would like to order a meal each day during morning registration.

I am on a low income and my child(ren) currently receive Free School Meals (eFSM) anyway - how will the introduction of the new Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme affect me?

Families on low incomes will **not** be affected by the introduction of Universal Primary Free School Meals. You'll still be able to receive free school meals and other school essentials, such as help with school uniform, sports kit, and stationery.

I have a child or another child starting school in September. Will they automatically get free school meals?

If your child is starting full time nursery, reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September, they will **automatically** qualify for the new Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme. However, if you as a parent or guardian are in receipt of a qualifying benefit you must still apply for Free School Meals (eFSM) in order to access other funding, such as School Essentials (PDG Access).

Can schools cater for my child's special dietary requirements?

Yes, all special dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Please contact PCC's School Liaison Officer via email elinor.phlip@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or telephone 01437 776168 to discuss your child's special dietary needs.

My child's cashless catering account is in credit. How do I get a refund?

Please email cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk to request a refund or alternatively you can request that the credit be transferred to a sibling's account.