

## Nursery & Reception enjoy a day at Amelia Trust Farm Trip



We had a fantastic time on our trip to Amelia Trust Farm last week. First, we went on a big white bus and it was very cosy! Next, we went on a fairy and gnome trail. They were hidden in the trees with lots of numbers. Then, we saw lots of animals. There were alpacas, turkeys, chickens, pigs, goats, sheep, Shetland ponies and donkeys. After that we played in the park on the tractor, climbing frames and the slide. Then we held animals on our laps. We held Basil the python, Baguette the rabbit, Cherry and Croissant the guinea pigs and Issy the gecko. Even the grown-ups were brave holding the snake! We ate a delicious lunch outside in the sunshine. It was so much fun and we would all like to visit again! By Reception Class

### **BAPTISMS AT ST BRIDGET'S**

Would you like to be baptised and become a member of God's big family?  
Would you like to come to a big party to celebrate such a fabulous occasion?

After the holidays, we'll be holding some an after school Baptism club where we'll learn all about being baptised. Then, we'll have a Big Baptism Bash, where we'll get Baptised in Church, followed by a Big Baptism Party!  
Interested? Keep watching our Newsletters for the dates of the after school Baptism classes (due to start in May). Rev'd Emma



## What is your child's attendance figure for the school year so far?

Today you should have received a letter about your child's attendance during the Autumn Term and Spring Terms, the letter also highlights the importance of school attendance and our joint commitment to pupils.

I would like to ask you to set the highest of expectations for your child's attendance. A parent/carer has a huge impact on their child's view of school and the importance of good attendance.

When pupils attend school regularly, they are more likely to make friends, enjoy their learning, achieve better results, and increase their life chances. This is something I want for your child. As a result, **our attendance target for all children is a minimum of 97% for the year.** We understand there can be genuine reasons for absence during the school year, and this target allows for that. I will write to you termly with your child's attendance to keep you informed. We wish to provide your child with the very best opportunities to succeed and look forward to working with you and your child this year.



## School Year 2024 / 2025

Term	Begin	Half Term		End
		Begin	End	
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring 2025	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer 2025	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

INSET Days next year will be taken between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June and on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

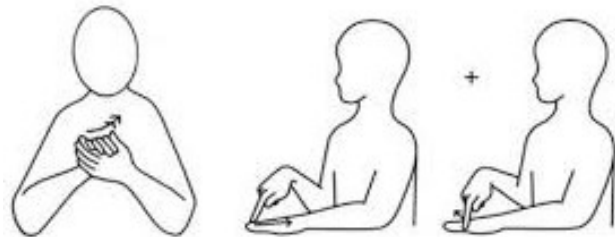
# Parking Problems

Could all parents please make sure they park safely, considerably and respectfully around the village at pick up and drop off times. Can I encourage parents to use 'The Fox' park and walk to school from there. Please do not park across residents driveways, mount pavements or double park. This can lead to irresponsible, erratic and unsafe driving that endangers children and other road users.

## Welsh Phrase of the Week



## *Makaton Phrase of the Week*



*Happy Easter*

## *Cyrsiau Nofio Dwys* Intensive Swimming Courses

*Barod i helpu'ch plentyn i wneud cynnydd yn gyflymach a magu hyder yn y dŵr?*

*Sicrhewch eu lle ar-lein yn un o'n Cyrsiau Nofio Dwys heddiw.*

Ready to help your child progress faster and gain confidence in the water?

Secure their spot online in one of our Intensive Swimming Courses today.

[LeisureCentre.com](http://LeisureCentre.com)



LLANTWIT MAJOR  
**LEISURE CENTRE**

## **EASTER SPORTS CAMP**

Week Commencing April 14

**Llantwit Major -**

Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Colcot -**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (EXCLUDING April 18 & 21)

Drop off between 09:00 - 09:30

Collection between 16:30 - 17:00

Please speak to Reception for further details

[LeisureCentre.com](http://LeisureCentre.com)



## Football and Netball teams enjoy an afternoon of sport vs Peterston



Last Friday we played football and netball games against Peterston Primary School, unfortunately we lost the netball 7-11. It was great fun, hoops were scored by Arwen, Scarlett, Esmé and a few others. We also played two games of football on the school field. Our A team played really well and won 4-0 with goals scored by Ted and Parker. The B team played brilliantly winning 4-2. Alex scored a hat trick including a wonder goal from the half way line, George got the other goal. Thank you Mr Mottram and Miss Page for refereeing.

By Harri and Maggie.

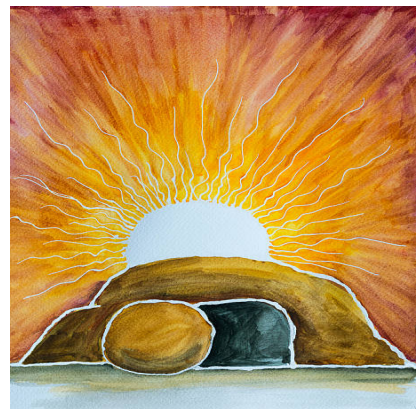
### Mrs Jones is back (nearly)

Mrs Jones will be returning from her secondment after the Easter holidays to teach Year 1. She will overlap with Miss Page until Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Stephens will remain the class LSA for the remainder of the school year.

### Easter Creative Homework – Jesus in the Tomb

Every school holiday we invite the children to participate in a creative whole school project. When we return to school, all of the creative works of art will be displayed and there will be house points awarded in our first merit assembly of the half term.

The topic title for the Easter Holidays is 'Jesus in the Tomb', your artwork can be 3 dimensional if necessary and could contain natural products. We look forward to seeing your creations.



## **School Rugby Team competes in Urdd Competition**



**On Monday the school rugby team played in an Urdd tournament on Pontcanna Fields in Cardiff. We played 5 games, winning two, drawing one and losing two games narrowly. We didn't make the knockout stages because we finished third in our group. All our players were in Y5 so we can all play again next year when hopefully we will win the tournament. By Parker (Y5)**



### **Y Fritheg Frown Poster Competition!**

- Last year, St Brides took part in a village-wide competition to create a butterfly sculpture or work of art. This was a tribute to St Brides Major's very rare butterfly - Y Fritheg Frown/The High Brown Fritillary.
- We will be taking part as a school once again this year, as will many people around the village.
- We have also been invited to hold a competition to design the poster for the event, which will be printed and put up around the village.
- The judging of the competition for the sculptures/artwork will be the 5th and 6th July 2025 and the deadline for the poster competition is **Monday 21st April 2025**.
- We look forward to seeing your ideas! Last year's poster is pictured as inspiration.