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|   **YSGOL GYNRADD Y SANTES FAIR****ST MARY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** |  |

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| **Pope Francis’ Thought for the Day** Image result for pope francis smilingJoy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way. | **Welsh Words/Phrases**Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn newydd dda – Merry Christmas and Happy New YearCyfarchion y Tymor – Seasons GreetingsMair a Joseff – Mary and JosephBaban Iesu – Baby JesusSion Corn – Father Christmas |
| **END OF TERM - Thank you for another happy and successful term in St Mary’s. Continued parental support is greatly valued. Diolch o galon.**  We hope that all families enjoy a very peaceful and happy Christmas and wish you all every blessing for the new year. (BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 8th JAUARY 2019)**Christmas gifts**Image result for christmas gifts pic

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| On behalf of all members of school staff, may I thankyou all for your very generous Christmas gifts and beautiful Christmas cards. Your kindness is very much appreciated. God bless you all. |
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| **Well Done** Image result for well doneTo Efan who has passed his 2nd Kup Red Belt A-Pass in Tae Kwon-Do. Evan has completed the White Tiger Tae Kwon-Do program. Katy has received a gymnastics award and Alicja has passed her dance exam. Natasza has received a certificate for 9th Kup White Belt in Tae Kwon-Do. Alfie has completed the White Tiger Tae Kwon-Do program. |
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| **Headteacher’s Awards** Image result for headteacher awards

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| **NAME** | **REASON** |
| Izzy | Being a supportive talk partner |
| Maja | For lovely work presentation |
| Elisha | For being a fantastic talk partner |
| Zuzanna |
| Alise | For being creative |
| Alex | For always smiling |
| Jessica | For challenging herself |
| Igor | For superb work on Banksy |
| Buvidu |
| Tamzin | For being an incredibly helpful young lady |

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| **End of Term Advent Mass**Image result for advent wreath picAnother beautiful whole school Mass led by Canon and our wonderful Year 4 children. Da iawn pawb and thank you to Foundation Governors, Mrs Liz Davies and Mrs Esther Bennington for celebrating with us today.  |
| **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Image result for reconciliation clipartThank you to Canon Simon Treloar, Canon Lordan, Fr Reginald and Fr Spigniew for coming to school on Monday to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our Junior children. We very much appreciate your time to support our children in their spiritual preparations before Christmas.  |
| **Christmas Masses** **and Services** Image result for christmas mass**St Francis of Assisi, Llay**Monday 24th December 5.30pm Carols, Mass 6pmTuesday 25th December 11am Mass**Christ the King, Rossett**Tuesday 25th December 9 am**St Mary’s Cathedral, Wrexham**Mon 24th THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) - CHRISTMAS VIGILTues 25th THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) - CHRISTMAS DAYWed 26th ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR (FEAST) Thurs 27th ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (FEAST) Fri 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST) Sat 29th Mass for Altar Servers - 12 noon at the Cathedral**St Mary’s Church, Ruabon**Monday December 24th**,** 4pm Crib Service, come dressed as a character in the story11.30pm Midnight MassTuesday December 25th, 9am Holy Communion**St Anne’s, Wrexham****Sorry, no Christmas Mass Times have been added by this parish.**Please contact them for Mass Times over Christmas as they are likely to change and so will not be correct on this site. However, here is some general information:- Monday 24th December is Christmas Eve - **if** there is "Midnight Mass" it may be earlier than Midnight.- Tuesday 25th December is Christmas Day - there are not normally Masses in the afternoon or evening- Wednesday 26th December is St Stephen`s Day |
| **Christmas Cinema Treat**Image result for odeon picA big thank you to the Friends’ for part funding the cinema treat for all children in Reception to Year 6 classes. It sounds like the children had a lovely time in the Odeon and the staff told me how beautifully everyone behaved! Da iawn St Mary’s children.  |
| **Nursery Christmas Party**The Nursery classes, Storks and Swans, met for their Christmas party on Wednesday. They met Father Christmas and he gave them a present (with a little help from The Friends!) They danced together, ate together and made some new friends. Merry Christmas everyone!C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\3255CLWJ\IMG_7171.JPG C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\5GFOEF7U\IMG_7201.JPG |
| **VERY EXCITING… COMING IN THE NEW YEAR…**logo**ST MARY’S CREDIT UNION SAVINGS ACCOUNT**In January we will be starting an exciting partnership with the Credit Union Bank. The pupils, together with Governors and volunteers, will be running a saving scheme in school. Children will be able to start a bank account and save with the Credit Union Bank but pay the money in fortnightly in school. Initially it will be for year 6 but then will be rolled out to the other years through the Summer Term. There will be a grand launch in the second week back, more details on this will be forwarded to you over the Christmas holidays. |
| **Singing Squad- Carol Singing** Last Tuesday 21 children from Singing Squad braved the bad weather to entertain the residents of Stansty Home. The children sang a range of Christmas carols and songs. The children sang beautifully bringing a tear to the eyes of one staff member. The children were then treated to a drink of hot chocolate. We have been asked to sing at the home again in the Spring Term. |
| **Reward Slip draw**The winners of the December Reward Slip draw are Daniel and Mari. |
| **CHESTER ZOO** On Tuesday Year 6 had a visit from Adele from Chester Zoo who delivered a fabulous workshop on sustainable palm oil. This was a perfect end to our latest 'Big Question' about the use of unsustainable palm oil and the affects that it has on critically endangered animals such as the orangutan. A big thank you to Chester Zoo for helping us to get involved in their Palm Oil Challenge! |
| **Forthcoming School Council and Eco Meetings**Image result for school council Image result for school council and eco**Eco – 1st February****School Council - 16th November and 8th February****Joint meeting – 7th December** |
| **THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019****(No School for children on these days)**Monday 7th January 2019Monday 29th April 2019Monday 22nd July 2019 |
| **Twitter** We are now on Twitter. Please follow us **@stmaryswxm** to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.  |

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| **Week Beginning 10th December 2018****The Foundation Phase Attendance Award this week has been presented to:****Owls Class C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RDK59O52\10001362-smiling-star-showing-thumbs-up[1].jpg98.4%** **Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!** C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\GVI2TERF\celebration[1].gif |

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| **Week Beginning 10th December 2018****The Key Stage 2 Attendance Award this week has been presented to:** **Alyn Class C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RDK59O52\10001362-smiling-star-showing-thumbs-up[1].jpg 100%** **Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!** C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\GVI2TERF\celebration[1].gif |

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| **Foundation Phase Classes** |  | **Key Stage 2 Classes** |
| **Stork** | 91.3% |  | **Clywedog** | 98.4% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |
| **Swan** | 88.4% |  | **Taff** | 99.2% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |
| **Penguins** | 97% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |  | **Alyn** | 100% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\GVI2TERF\celebration[1].gif |
| **Parrots** | 94.3% |  | **Conwy** | 99.2% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |
| **Owls** | 98.4% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |  | **Dovey** | 99.6% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |
| **Wrens** | 96.3% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |  | **Gwaun** | 97.9% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |
| **Sparrows** | 94.6% |  | **Gwenfro** | 98.4% C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg |
| **Robins** | 95.8% |  | **Dyfrdwy** | 94.3% |

Well done to those classes who have achieved or exceeded our school target of 96%! C:\Users\4gdavies1k\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G1DI2YXW\smiley-face[1].jpg  |