



A DAY OF WELCOME & REFUGEE WEEK 2025

St Mary the Virgin CW Primary School & St Mary's Church



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#REFUGEEWEEK #SIMPLEACTS #COMMUNITYASASUPERPOWER





Refugee
Week



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REFUGEE WEEK

A Day of Welcome & Refugee Week are now an integral part of our annual school events and observations.

We love working with St Mary's Church & South Cardiff Ministry area to share the message - All Welcome Here!

In addition to the programme following, we will be distributing packets of seeds through the community to share our compassion.

COMMUNITY AS A SUPER POWER

“We can begin the process of making community wherever we are. We can begin by sharing a smile, a warm greeting, a bit of conversation; by doing a kind deed or by acknowledging kindness offered to us.”

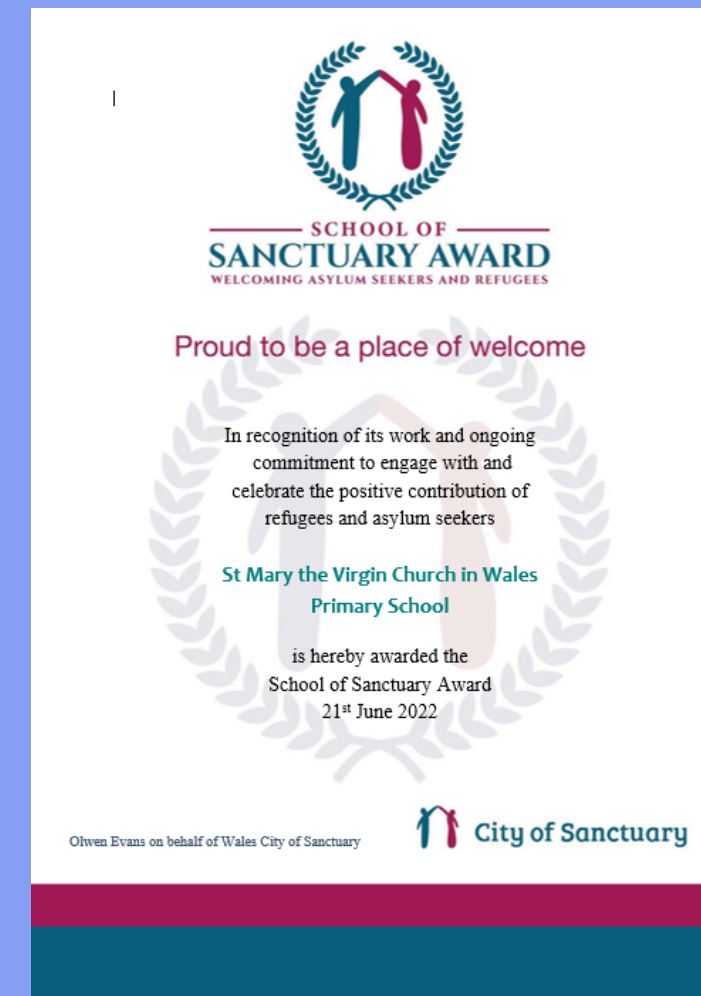
Belle Hook



WHAT IS A SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY?

- A place that fosters a culture of **welcome** and **safety** for people seeking sanctuary, including asylum seeking and refugee families
- **Educates** the whole school community about the human right to sanctuary and identifies practical means for schools to demonstrate that commitment.
- Builds **empathy** and **intercultural awareness** through promoting the voices and contributions of people seeking sanctuary, encouraging an understanding of the experiences of displaced people and helping to combat stereotypes

www.schools.cityofsanctuary.org/about

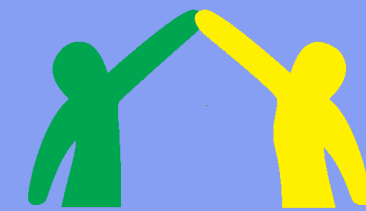


WHY DAY OF WELCOME?

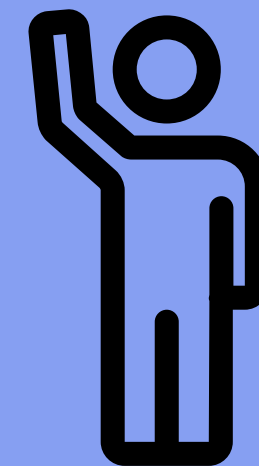
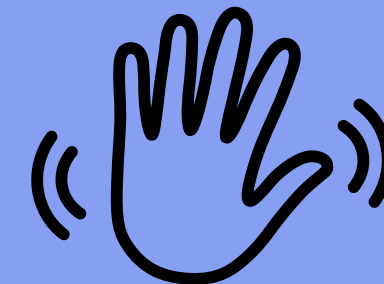
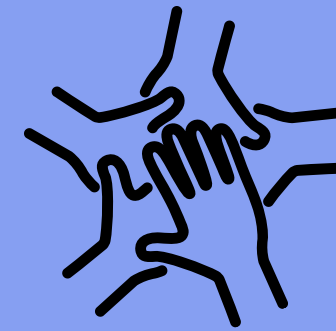
A day of solidarity and learning in schools that aim to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees and asylum seekers.

It supports schools and families in marking the beginning of Refugee Week.

At St Mary's we review our welcome greetings in the languages we speak at home and use these in our Llyfr Dda Celebration Worship each week.



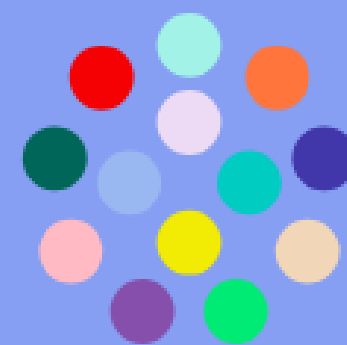
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Schools of Sanctuary



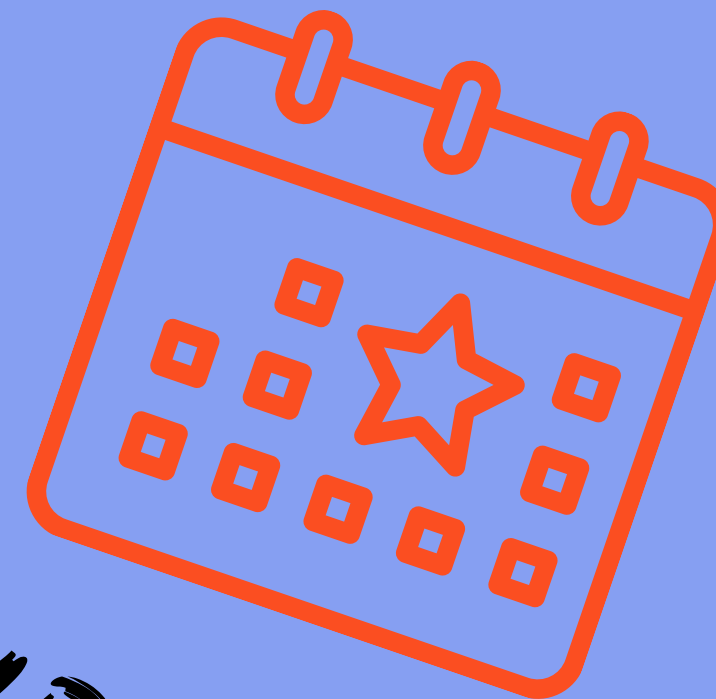
REFUGEE WEEK

The world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

Through a programme of arts & culture, sports and educational activities alongside exciting media and creative campaigns Refugee Week brings people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels, as well as foster a deeper understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges people face when seeking sanctuary.



Refugee Week



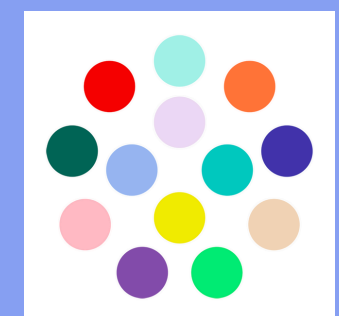
16/06/25 -
22/06/25

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

Inspired by the late Jo Cox MP and her message of unity, twice a year people are encouraged to come together in their communities and make new connections.

In June, on the weekend closest to Jo's birthday, these community events bring life to her 'more in common' message.

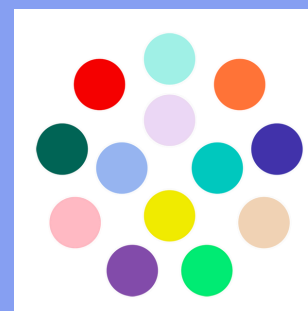
In January, Great Winter Get Together community events demonstrate the power of meaningful connection to reduce loneliness.



SIMPLE ACTS

These are easy, everyday actions we can all do to stand in solidarity with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

#SimpleActs
#RefugeeWeek



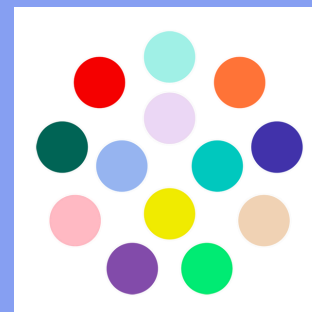
SIMPLE ACTS @SMTV

During the week throughout the school we will be engaging in these Simple Acts.

Why don't you try these at home or in your workplace?

Tag us in on Instagram (@smtvcardiff)

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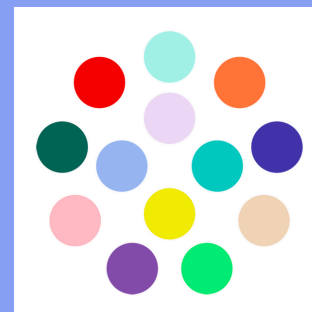
PRAYER SPACES

Prayer Spaces enable children, young people and adults, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.

@PrayerInSchools

<https://prayerspacesinschools.com/>

Let your
Light
Shine



PRAY

faith



PRAYER SPACE

OUR COMMUNITY

A community is a place where you get to know people and people get to know you. A community is somewhere where you belong. The idea of community, that we all belong somewhere and have a purpose, is a really important one.

Think about our community - create a model of yourself as a Superhero, part of our wonderful community.

PRAY



“

Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.

Hebrews 10:24

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“

Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise.

Romans 12:16

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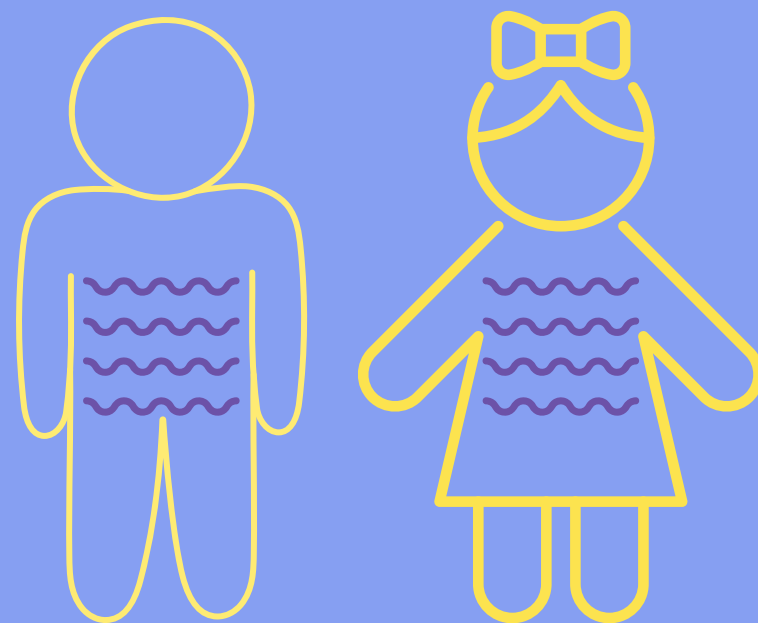
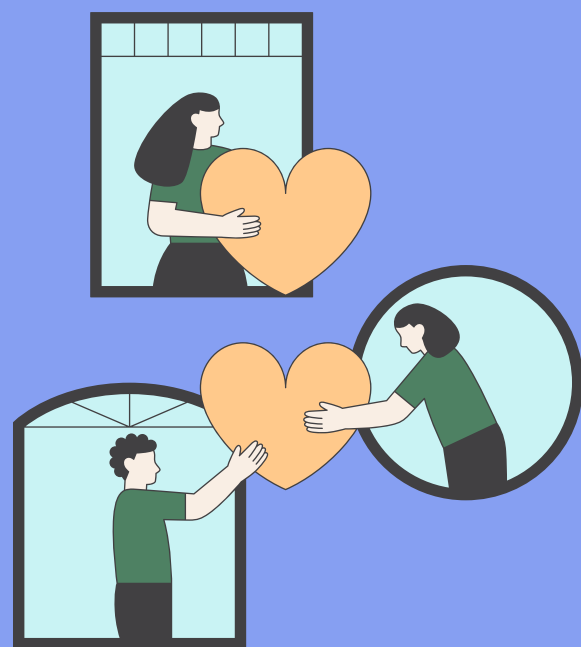
PRAYER SPACE

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Who is my neighbour? How can I love my neighbour?

Think about people in our school, people in the streets and the town where we live. Especially those who are different in some way.

Choose a paper person and write or draw a thought or a prayer for them.



PRAY

PRAYER SPACE

LIFELINE

When a mountaineer slips or falls their friend throws them a lifeline - a rope to help rescue them. Sometimes when we are finding things difficult we need someone to throw us a 'lifeline' - some help or support that helps us to keep going. We find strength in our family and friends. We also believe that God will help us and give us strength when we need it. Take a ribbon. As you hold it think of someone who helped you when you were struggling. Tie the ribbon onto the lifeline and say a prayer thanking God for that person and their help.

PRAY

I was hungry and you fed me,
thirsty and you gave me a
drink; I was a stranger and
you received me in your
homes

Matthew 25:35





My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. ¹³ The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them.

John 15: 12-13



BE THE LIGHT

Everyone goes through hard times, when things feel difficult. In these times we need friends and family around us to light up our dark days, to encourage us and help us. Sometimes we need to be that light for others. Do you support and encourage others when they're having a hard time?

Write or draw a thought or a prayer about what you could do to support someone else ...

PRAYER SPACE

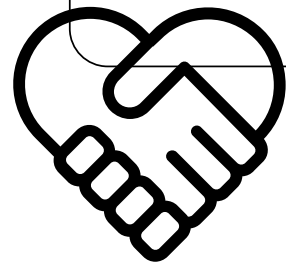
PRAY



FRIDAY 13TH JUNE: A DAY OF WELCOME

WHOLE SCHOOL

Reviewing our Welcome greetings so they reflect our whole school community.
Welcome Posters for classrooms created.



YEARS 1-6

VNET CIC Webinars:
Bobble's Community with Gulwali Passarlay
The Waiting Place with Dina Nayeri
What are Our Superpowers?
Art workshop with 8bitfaz

SANCTUARY CTTEE

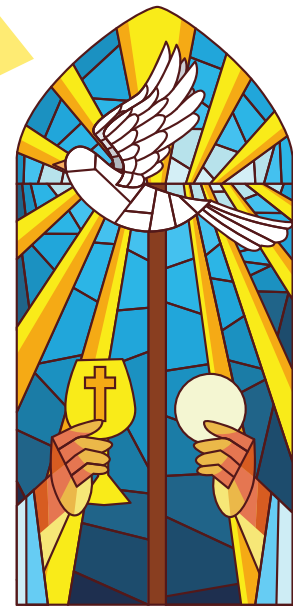
Setting up Prayer Spaces in Church with Mrs Prichard





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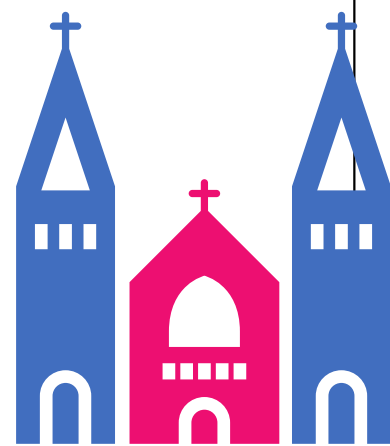
SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2025



ST MARY'S CHURCH

11:00 Solemn Mass.

A joyful Sung Mass with words of welcome in all languages associated with the families of the school and Butetown.



ST MARY'S CHURCH

12:00 Ice Cream Sunday

ALL welcome to join us, whatever your faith, in the church front gardens for some delicious Ice Cream.

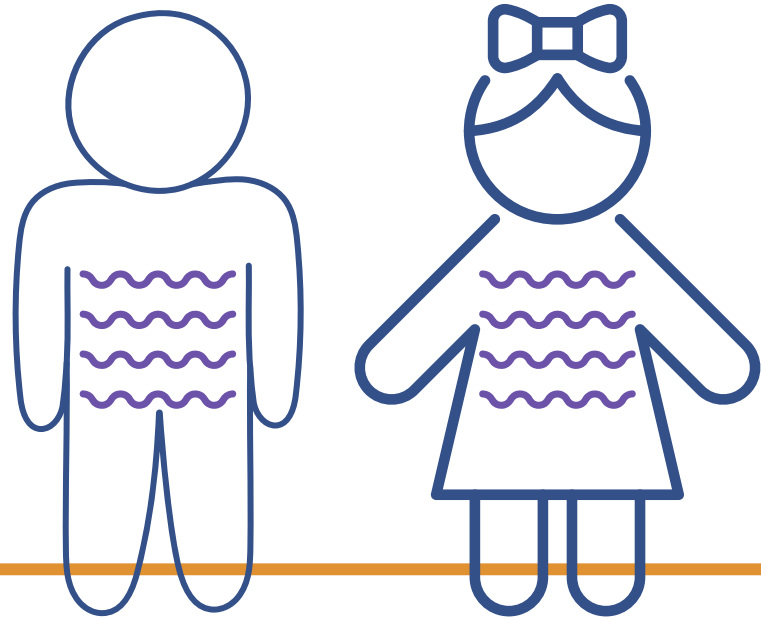


MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2025

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Groups of children from St Mary's School to visit Prayer Spaces during the day.

Butetown



PRAY



TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Schools to visit to see Betty Campbell Play and meet with SMTV Sanctuary Committee afterwards.



IN SCHOOL

Range of Refugee Week activities in all classes. Children creating their own superhero for an art installation.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

6:30 p.m. Requiem Mass to remember all Refugees and Asylum Seekers who have died.



WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE

IN SCHOOL

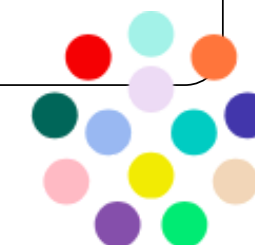
11:00 Muslim Assembly

All Day: all children creating a Self Portrait for the Living Gallery on display outside St Mary's Church on Bute Street



ST MARY'S CHURCH

11:00 School Mass



IN SCHOOL

Bring & Share Lunch for Staff

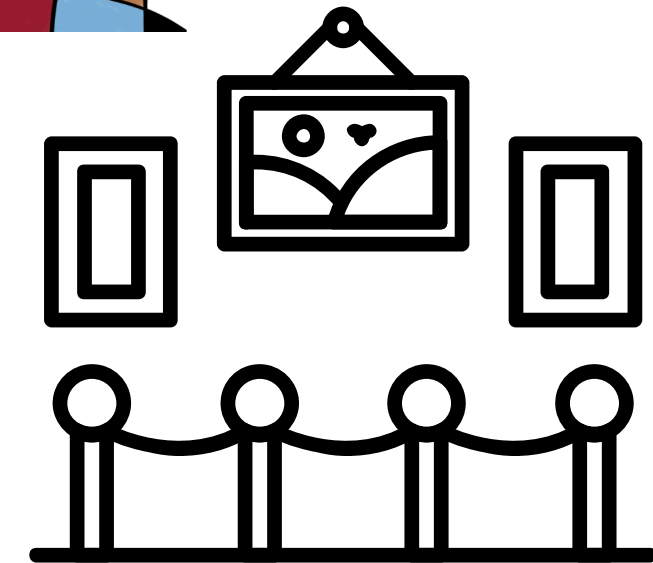
Refugee Week

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Groups of children from St Mary's School to visit Prayer Spaces during the day.

Groups of children put up Self-Portraits creating Living Gallery



**GREAT GET
TOGETHER**

INSPIRED BY JOCCO

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE



SCHOOL

Children wear clothes linked to their heritage/home to school.

3:15 p.m. our Annual Global Picnic - ALL WELCOME
Bring some food to share

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES

Primary Family
Day

10:30 - 2:30
ALL welcome!

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St Mary the Virgin C.I.W
Primary Family Day!

Date:
21/06/2025

Time:
10:30-2:30

Where:
National Museum of Wales
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NP



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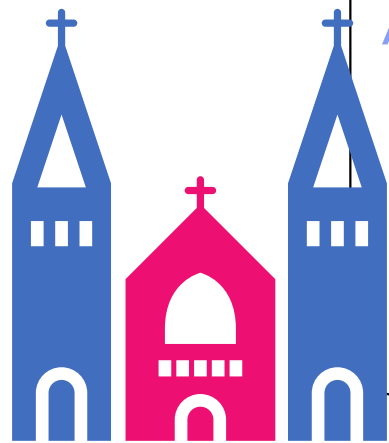
SUNDAY 22ND JUNE 2025



ST MARY'S CHURCH

11:00 Sanctuary Sunday Solemn Mass.

A joyful Sung Mass with words of welcome in all languages associated with the families of the school and Butetown.



ST MARY'S CHURCH

12:00 Great Get Together Barbeque

ALL welcome to join us, whatever your faith, in the church front gardens for a barbeque - halal, vegetarian and vegan options available!



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!

Check our Socials - you can contact us, or tag us into



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