



ST MARY THE VIRGIN CW PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

CONTACT US



029 2048 1608



stmarythevirginprm@cardiff.gov.uk



www.stmarythevirginprm.co.uk



@smtvcardiff

Summer Term 2nd Half

This newsletter contains important and exciting information about the school's Leadership from September.

I can hardly believe that we're almost at the end of the summer term and the academic year, and that my retirement is so close.

Your support over the years has been greatly appreciated and I will miss you all very much. However, there's still nearly 3 weeks to go ... and I'm going to make the most of the time!



29th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing, jointly, to let you know about some exciting news for both of our schools. It felt important to write this as a joint letter as the news is about collaborative work between St Mary the Virgin Church in Wales Primary School and St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School. The schools have much in common and as head teachers (and as teacher colleagues before that) have already worked together for many, many years.

Here are some of our commonalities:

- A shared ethos, where faith and inclusion is at the heart of all decision making
- Committed, professional and kind staff who want the very best for every child
- Strong parental support, with schools who are rooted in their communities
- Schools of Sanctuary status, Prayer Spaces, Rights Respecting Schools (both schools going for Gold) and many more curriculum and pastoral/wellbeing links too
- Fabulous ESTYN inspections this academic year (St Monica's report is due out in August)
- Very supportive, active Governing Bodies who want to see their schools continue to flourish and shine and they are excited by this opportunity to collaborate

As parents in St Mary the Virgin will already know, Mrs Prichard will be leaving at the end of this term for her next adventure, taking early retirement. Mrs Prichard has worked tirelessly for the community in Butetown and we know that everyone will miss her very much.

Finding a replacement (even in the interim) was never going to be easy. Luckily, as a very experienced head teacher in St Monica's, Mrs Cuthbert is able to support and lead both schools for the next academic year as the Executive Head Teacher. This will mean that whilst Mrs Cuthbert can not physically be in both schools at the same time, she will be ably supported by Mrs Lakin (SMTV) and Mr Thomas (St Mon's) who will be acting Head Teachers when Mrs Cuthbert is not in the building.

We know that some changes can be tricky to begin with, but please rest assured that we know we have fabulous schools, with fantastic children and staff. Both schools will maintain their distinctiveness and will gain enormously from the shared opportunities that this collaboration can bring.

With love, in faith and our very best regards,

Mrs Prichard
Head Teacher
St Mary the Virgin CW Primary School

Mr Perryman
Chair of Governors

Mrs Cuthbert
Head Teacher
St Monica's CW Primary School

Ms Prosser
Chair of Governors

Retirement —PARTY—

To mark the occasion of my retirement I will be having a drop in gathering at the Butetown Community Centre which will give us the opportunity to meet informally, reflect on shared memories and to say farewell. I hope many of you will be able to join me on 15th July 2026 from 6:00 p.m.





Important Dates

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CW PRIMARY SCHOOL



Wednesday 1st July - Reception 2026 New Parent Meeting
Thursday 2nd July - Fitzalan Cluster Musical Showcase
Friday 3rd July - Rescheduled Sports Day (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 7th July - Nursery New Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 8th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Llandaff Cathedral
Wednesday 8th July - Children meet the new teacher
Friday 10th July - Whole School Fun Day and rescheduled Summer Fayre at 2:00
Monday 13th July - 4:00 p.m. PS3 End of Year Show - Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies
Tuesday 14th July - N2 Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 15th July - Prizegiving - Y6 Parents Invited
Thursday 16th July - Last Day of Term



School website

www.stmarythevirginprm.co.uk

Our school website includes a calendar section so that you know about events in advance.
We will continue to send School reminders closer to these days.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SCHOOP & SEESAW?



If you need any help, please come to the school office and speak to Mrs Harris or Mrs Lakin

Seesaw