



Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig St Anthony  
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
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Newsletter - Spring Term -June 21<sup>st</sup> 2024



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**ATTEND AND ACHIEVE!** - Whole school attendance for this week is: **89%**

Please remember to phone school when your child is off to let us know or it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. **Our school target is 96%.**



**SPORTS DAY** - Thank you to all that turned up today to cheer on the children. It was a lovely morning.

### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS**

Will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July held at 10am in St Anthony's church. Parents, guardians and family members welcome.

**GUINEA PIGS/ CAN YOU HELP?** - Honey and Mustard, our guinea pigs would like to go on holiday when we finish for the Summer. They are both wondering if anyone would like to offer them a holiday home until September?

Please get in touch with us if you can help.

**MR MORGAN** - As you are all aware Mr Morgan is retiring at the end of term. We have started a collection. Should you wish to contribute please send your contributions in to school in a clearly marked envelope.

### **NEW NURSERY/RECEPTION VISIT MORNING.**

If you have a child/children or know someone that does, and are due to start their school journey this September, we would be delighted to meet you and show you around our lovely school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please arrive via the high street entrance for 9.30am. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff, ask any questions you may have and take a look around the children's new learning environment. We look forward to meeting you. If you cannot make the 27<sup>th</sup> June please phone us and we can make an appointment to show you around our school.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER BELOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SHARE WITH YOU REGARDING A SUMMER READING CHALLENGE.

MORNING REGISTRATION AND DINNERS - REMINDER.

We have a lot of children arriving to school late. Morning registration is 9am, and dinners must be ordered by 9.30am. If your child/children are going to be late and you want them to order a school meal you can either order via the Cpad app yourself or you can phone or email us and let us know before 9.30am so that we can order it for you.

While we will always endeavour to provide our pupils with a meal we cannot guarantee they will be able to have their preferred choice if they are late.

GENTLE REMINDERS

- Mrs Drew's class - Swimming on Thursdays. Payments via school Gateway or cash to school.
- Juniors fruit club - every day before playtime. 20p per day.
- Foundation Phase snack payments - there are still some outstanding. Please get in touch if you are not sure what you owe. Thank you.
- Outstanding payments for trips - will show up on your school gateway account.

Dear parent/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

## What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

## Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

## How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

## When?

The Challenge will launch on **22 June** in Scotland and online; **in England and Wales it will launch 6 July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact [lynn.walker@aura.wales](mailto:lynn.walker@aura.wales)

Yours faithfully,  
Lynn Walker

## Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

## What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy