



# Newsletter Easter 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

We are coming to the end of another very busy term, with much to celebrate. Our St David's Day celebrations culminated in the school coming first overall in the online competition with other schools in Wales. Our children did so well both in person and online. We look forward to many developments in our Welsh language provision as a school. Mrs Vaughan and Miss Hampson will be returning to University for 11 weeks in the Summer term, to develop their Welsh language skills. They will be returning to their classes in July. Mrs Meakins and Mrs O'Gorman will teach Step 1 and Mr Thomas will teach Year 6 for that time period, with Mrs Irwin combining her Year 3 class with the Year 2 class.

The Step 1 Dinosaur Afternoon was a roaring success, with so many different things for parents to see and do. The children were so proud of their work and spoke beautifully about their learning. Step 3 had a Rainforest Afternoon for parents yesterday, a huge range of work was on display, along with child-led workshops for parents. Photos and videos of these events and of the children's learning can all be seen on the school website - [Gallery](#).

A few reminders

- Please fill only **water in water bottles** - not squash, juice or fizzy drinks. Water bottles must go home at the end of each day to be cleaned and returned with fresh water.
- **Booking lunches** on a Sunday seems to be problematic for the online system, we are not sure why. Booking before 8am is essential, you can do 3 weeks in advance, we will send out regular text reminders which we hope will be helpful.
- Please **return any reading books** by Friday morning if you would like a new book for the Easter break.
- **PE kits** will be sent home by the end of today or tomorrow. Please wash and return them to school for the new term. PE kit should be left on your child's peg during the school week. If it becomes soiled/damp we will send it home to be washed during the term.



With my kindest regards, Abi Cuthbert (Head Teacher)

## Clubs After School

We have new booking forms for clubs for the Summer Term - please don't reuse the old forms. Each club runs from 3.20 - 4.20pm. There are some age restrictions on some clubs. Please request a space using the Google Forms link. If a club is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be in operation. Please click onto the pictures below to access the booking links. **If you need help to access any of these links, please ask in the School Office.** All clubs run free of charge

### Tuesday Clubs will run from 14th April - 7th July

**Crochet Club** (16 spaces) will be run by Mrs Cuthbert, ably assisted by Mrs Parr (Foundation Governor) and possibly Mrs Selby (parent volunteer). The club will be each Tuesday except for on 9th June as Mrs Cuthbert has a prior meeting already in the calendar. New (and old) members are welcome!

**Film Club** (16 spaces) will be run by Mr Thomas and is now open to children in Step 3 as well as Step 2. New (and old) members are welcome!

### Thursday Clubs will run from 16th April - 9th July

**Earth Science** (16 spaces) will be run by Mr Thomas (DHT) each Thursday - this will be a repeat of the club run in the Spring Term and children who were on the waiting list will have priority booking should they wish to reapply. New members are welcome to apply.

**Football Club** (15 spaces) will be run by Mr Wycherley each Thursday - this is a new club for children in Years 4, 5 & 6.

**Art and Craft Club** (16 spaces) will be run by Mrs Meakins each Thursday - this is a new club for children in Years 1, 2 & 3.

[Tuesdays](#)  
[Crochet](#)  
[\(Years 4, 5 & 6\)](#)



[Tuesdays](#)  
[Film Club](#)  
[\(Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6\)](#)



[Thursdays](#)  
[Earth Science](#)  
[\(Years 4, 5 & 6\) - waiting list](#)  
[from last term has priority](#)



[Thursdays](#)  
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[Thursdays](#)  
[Drawing & Craft](#)  
[\(Years 1, 2 & 3\)](#)



CRAFT  
SONG

All  
welcome!

STORY  
FOOD

Good Friday 3 April  
10.30am - 12.30pm

Messy  
Easter

ST MICHAEL  
AND ALL ANGELS  
GELLIGAER STREET,  
CARDIFF



St Monica's CW  
Primary School

Stay & Play

★ Birth - 3 years old

free play - art - music

Fridays - term time

1.30pm - 3pm

No need to book - just come  
along, we are on the corner of  
New Zealand Road and  
Whitchurch Road



# HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

## JOSEPH'S Great Journey

One per child please.  
For more info or a booking form,  
email: [office@heath-church.org](mailto:office@heath-church.org)

Infants  
(Reception - Year 2)

All our helpers are  
DBS checked

Juniors  
(Year 3 - 6)

Free!  
For  
primary  
children aged  
4-11

GAMES,  
BIBLE STORIES,  
CRAFT, QUIZZES,  
PRIZES,  
EASTER EGGS!



TUES 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH - THURS 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 10am - 12 noon  
HEATH EVANGELICAL CHURCH, 122 WHITCHURCH ROAD

### Step Web Pages and Home Learning Tasks

The Step web pages are updated frequently, please take a look (and keep checking back) as specific home learning tasks and ways you can support your child are signposted on there. These are open access pages and can also be found on the school website [www.stmonicasschool.co.uk](http://www.stmonicasschool.co.uk)

[Nursery Web Pages](#)

[Step 1 Web Pages](#)

[Step 2 Web Pages](#)

[Step 3 Web Pages](#)

## Financial Support for Families

Some parents may be entitled to School Essentials Grants from the Welsh Government. Please click in the box below for more information:

### School Essentials Grants

Eligible families can apply for a grant of £125 per child per year. Families with children entering year 7 can apply for £200 to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school. All looked after children qualify for the grant. Schools also receive additional funding as a result of claiming this grant.

## Staff Contacts

Head - Abi Cuthbert [abigail.cuthbert@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:abigail.cuthbert@cardiff.gov.uk)

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If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please contact either Mrs Cuthbert, Mrs O’Gorman or Mrs Meakins. We are the Designated Safeguarding People for the school.

## Parents WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FGVsriwcuBLB8h8WeH8aDU?mode=wwt>

## Dates for your diary

I am not able to authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

## School term dates

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

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| <b>Monday 23rd March</b><br>Reception and Year 1 leading worship | <b>Tuesday 24th March</b><br>Jo Deeley (Highfields Church) - worship | <b>Wednesday 25th March</b><br>Rev. Caroline (St Michael's) - worship<br><br><b>2.30pm Rainforest Afternoon with Step 3 Parents / Guardians</b> | <b>Thursday 26th March</b><br>Year 2 Bumbles of Honeywood workshop<br><br>Step 3 - visit St Mark's Church<br><br>4pm Full GB meeting | <b>Friday 27th March</b><br><b>9.30am Rock Steady Music Concert - all welcome</b><br><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b><br><br><b>2.30pm Praise &amp; Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us</b> |
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## Easter Break - no school for 2 weeks

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| <b>Monday 13th April</b><br>Children return to school - Breakfast Club doors open at 8.10am<br><br>Mr Akrell (Heath Evangelical Church) - worship | <b>Tuesday 14th April</b><br>Nursery Summer intake start | <b>Wednesday 15th April</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship<br><br><b>7pm Codi Llais Performance in Utilitaria Arena for Y6</b> | <b>Thursday 16th April</b><br>Step 3 to Cyfarthfa Castle            | <b>Friday 17th April</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>   |
| <b>Monday 20th April</b><br>Y6 Cycling<br><br>Y5 leading worship  | <b>Tuesday 21st April</b><br>Y6 Cycling                  | <b>Wednesday 22nd April</b><br>Y6 Cycling<br><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) - worship   | <b>Thursday 23rd April</b><br>Y6 Cycling<br><br>4pm Full GB meeting | <b>Friday 24th April</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b><br><br><b>2.30pm Praise &amp; Celebration Assembly - all welcome to join us</b> |

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| <b>Monday 27th April</b>                                     | <b>Tuesday 28th April</b>                         | <b>Wednesday 29th April</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship                    | <b>Thursday 30th April</b><br>Step 3 - visit St Mark's<br>Church      | <b>Friday 1st May</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>   |
| <b>Monday 4th May</b><br><b>Bank Holiday - no<br/>school</b> | <b>Tuesday 5th May</b><br>Go Beyond trip          | <b>Wednesday 6th May</b><br>Go Beyond trip<br><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship | <b>Thursday 7th May</b><br>Go Beyond trip                             | <b>Friday 8th May</b><br>Go Beyond trip<br><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b><br><br><b>2.30pm Praise &amp;<br/>Celebration Assembly -<br/>all welcome to join us</b> |
| <b>Monday 11th May</b><br>Year 6 leading worship             | <b>Tuesday 12th May</b><br>Becky Harris - worship | <b>Wednesday 13th May</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship                      | <b>Thursday 14th May</b>  | <b>Friday 15th May</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>  |
| <b>Monday 18th May</b><br>Year 4 leading worship             | <b>Tuesday 19th May</b>                           | <b>Wednesday 20th May</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship                      | <b>Thursday 21st May</b><br>4pm Premises, Finance +<br>H&S GB meeting | <b>Friday 22nd May</b><br><b>INSET Day - no school<br/>for children</b>  |

**Half Term Break - no school for 1 week**

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| <b>Monday 1st June</b><br>Children return to school -<br>Breakfast Club doors<br>open at 8.10am | <b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>                                    | <b>Wednesday 3rd June</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship   | <b>Thursday 4th June</b>   | <b>Friday 5th June</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b><br><br><b>2.30pm Praise &amp;<br/>Celebration Assembly -<br/>all welcome to join us</b>  |
| <b>Monday 8th June</b><br>Years 2 & 3 leading<br>worship  | <b>Tuesday 9th June</b>                                    | <b>Wednesday 10th June</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship  | <b>Thursday 11th June</b>  | <b>Friday 12th June</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>   |
| <b>Monday 15th June</b>   | <b>Tuesday 16th June</b>                                   | <b>Wednesday 17th June</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship  | <b>Thursday 18th June</b><br>11am Vision & Values<br>GB meeting                                  | <b>Friday 19th June</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b><br><br><b>2.30pm Praise &amp;<br/>Celebration Assembly -<br/>all welcome to join us</b> |
| <b>Monday 22nd June</b>   | <b>Tuesday 23rd June</b><br>Colorfoto - class photo<br>day | <b>Wednesday 24th June</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship  | <b>Thursday 25th June</b><br>Step 3 visit St Mark's<br>Church<br><br>4pm Standards<br>GB meeting | <b>Friday 26th June</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>   |
| <b>Monday 29th June</b><br>Closing date for Nursery<br>(Spring/Summer 2027<br>applications)     | <b>Tuesday 30th June</b>                                   | <b>Wednesday 1st July</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship   | <b>Thursday 2nd July</b>   | <b>Friday 3rd July</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b><br><br><b>2.30pm Praise &amp;<br/>Celebration Assembly -<br/>all welcome to join us</b>  |
| <b>Monday 6th July</b><br>Step 1 leading worship  | <b>Tuesday 7th July</b>                                    | <b>Wednesday 8th July</b><br>Rev. Marcus (St Mark's) -<br>worship<br><br>Y6 Leaver's Service in<br>Llandaff Cathedral   | <b>Thursday 9th July</b>   | <b>Friday 10th July</b><br><b>1.30 - 3pm Stay &amp; Play</b>   |
| <b>Monday 13th July</b>   | <b>Tuesday 14th July</b>                                   | <b>Wednesday 15th July</b><br>Y6 Leaver's Treat<br><br><b>6pm Y6 Leaver's<br/>Celebration Evening -<br/>all welcome</b> | <b>Thursday 16th July</b>  | <b>Friday 17th July</b><br>Last day of term for<br>children  |

**Summer Break - no school for 6 weeks**  
Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026

**Our remaining INSET days (training days where children are not in school) this academic year**

- 22nd May = INSET day 5, training linked to the School Development Plan
- 20th July = INSET day 6, training linked to the School Development Plan