



School Newsletter

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Learning to Love, loving to learn

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Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia Levy 2026-2027

As with all other dioceses in England and Wales, the rationale for introducing a levy is to cover the cost of providing support for schools by the archdiocesan teams (Education, Land and Property, Finance, Communications and Safeguarding). The support provided by the archdiocese is distinct from support provided to schools by local authorities. It is provided to protect, nurture and develop Catholic education and the Catholicity of our schools. This is not a function that can be carried out by any other organisation. After careful consideration the trustees have approved the introduction of a levy at a rate of £7 per pupil for all schools in the newly unified Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia for the financial year 2026 -2027. They believe this is a fair rate, in line with the lower end of rates charged by other dioceses. The levy will make a considerable contribution to the cost of providing support services to schools and protecting Catholic education for the future.

This year , the levy charge to Christ The King will be £1,547. We would like to request that parents make a donation of £7 per child . We appreciate that times are difficult for some families although we hope that the majority of our families will be able to make this donation or a donation that is affordable for them . It is important that parents understand what the Archdiocesan levy is used for , so this newsletter aims to clarify this for parents

Support provided for schools

Schools currently receive support from the Archdiocese Education, Land & Property, Finance, Communications and Safeguarding departments, as well as access via the diocese to advice and support from the Catholic Education Service. Schools also benefit from the extensive support and work of Angela Keller the CES Adviser for Wales. Support for schools provided by the archdiocese includes: PTO

Instagram—Each class will be 'instagramming' at least once a week about some of the things that they have been doing in class. You can 'follow' the school Ctkprimaryschool



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1. Liaising, (together with the CES), with Welsh Government, Estyn and the EWC, to protect, nurture and develop Catholic Education. Liaising on national issues such as buildings, buildings insurance, Curriculum for Wales, religious education, RSE, standards, CPD and funding.
2. Liaising with 17 local authorities on matters such as: Standards, leadership, curriculum, school organisation, planning school places, federation, insurance, staffing, transport.
3. Access to legal advice to the archdiocese, from the CES or other means, to support schools on matters relating to school transport (judicial review), funding, new buildings, curriculum, tribunals, staffing and HR matters)
4. Responding to Welsh Government and local authority consultations, and to policy changes affecting Catholic schools
5. Support with the appointment process for Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers, Heads of Religious Education and other staff
6. Support with employment documentation such as CES contracts and policies
7. The appointment, training and formation of Foundation Governors and support for Chairs of Governors
8. Organising meetings, training and formation for Primary and Secondary Headteachers and Senior Leaders
9. Supporting schools in difficulty
10. Organisation and implementation of the Catholic Schools Inspectorate Framework and school inspection process for Wales, including moderation and quality assurance.
11. Appointment and training of CSI inspectors for the all-Wales team
12. Training and formation for governors and school leaders
13. Support for governing bodies with the development of policies
14. Support for schools on Admissions and Appeals.
15. Liaising with Estyn – support for schools in Estyn Category
16. Support with safeguarding issues and safeguarding advice
17. Support with Curriculum for Wales in Catholic Schools
18. Provision of advice, training and support on religious education and the Religious Education Directory (RED)
19. Advice training and support with RSE
20. Sustainable Communities for Learning – National School building and refurbishment programme. Approximately £250 million has been approved by the Welsh Government for the Catholic sector, with ongoing discussions around additional projects
21. Voluntary Aided urgent repair and maintenance grant (new roofs and refurbishment projects)
22. Administration and support with Cramp funding (Church school repair and maintenance grant)
23. Advice and support with Land & Property issues

Donations will be collected via ParentPay. When you log onto your child's account , there will be a payment request for the Archdiocesan Levy under the yellow tab "Pay for other items" If you would like to make a larger donation, you will be able to do so using the ParentPay function. Many thanks as parental support is vital and much appreciated

Next Week

Sunday—Children's Liturgy , CTK 9:30am , St Paul's 9am , St Brigid's 10:30am

Monday—Bank Holiday

Tuesday— Family Thrive Session 2 (1:15-3pm CTK church hall)

Wednesday—Walking Bus

Thursday—Walking Bus , Y5 Basketball session

Friday— Football Club til 4:30pm

Junior Club Help Needed

The Junior Club has been running successfully for many years, relying throughout that time on a steady flow of mainly parent volunteers. Their support ensures we maintain the appropriate adult-to-child ratio, creating a safe and welcoming space where children can play and socialise. The club remains just as popular as ever, but we are currently facing an ongoing shortage of volunteers. Many of our existing helpers have generously given their time for years, often continuing even after their own children have grown up and moved on.

Some are now looking to step back, which means we urgently need new volunteers to keep the club running each week. We understand that people already give their time in many other ways, but we kindly ask you to consider supporting the Junior Club.

A rota system is in place, so volunteers are typically only needed once a month (or more often if they prefer), and we try to be as flexible as possible, with people swapping shifts when necessary. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Marie on 07753 439567. Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Liturgy Sessions at St Brigid's

Children's liturgy sessions have now re-started at St Brigid's at the 10.30am mass on a Sunday morning. The sessions run on the same basis as at the other two churches, i.e. Sundays during term time.

Junior Club

The Junior Club meets as usual this Friday evening 6.30 - 7.45pm.

CTK
PFA

Hoedown



Summer Fayre

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

12-4PM

CTK SCHOOL FIELD

SADDLE UP FOR A ROOTIN' TOOTIN' GOOD TIME!



The chosen charity that we're supporting for today's own clothes day is 'Cash for Kid's' . Please see below information on the charity, please make your donations on ParentPay.

Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity supporting disadvantaged children aged 0–18. We step in where it's needed most - tackling poverty, illness, and neglect, easing the challenges of additional needs, and offering a helping hand to families with nowhere else to turn. What makes Cash for Kids unique is our commitment that everything raised locally stays local. Every pound you help raise in South Wales directly benefits children and families in this community, with a minimum of 80p in every £1 donated going straight out as grants — significantly higher than the national average. Right now, 62,825 children in South Wales are living in poverty — enough to almost fill the Principality Stadium. It's a powerful reminder of the scale of need on our doorstep, and why local support matters more than ever. Across South Wales, far too many children are growing up without essentials many of us take for granted — food, beds, warm clothing, and safe, supportive spaces to play and learn. At the same time, small charities and community groups are finding it harder than ever to secure the funding they need to keep their doors open. This Cash for Kids Day (30th April), all funds raised go directly into our Impact Grants programme, helping children affected by poverty, illness and additional needs across South Wales. The link to donate is here: [Donate | Cash for Kids](#) — just choose South Wales as your area.

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4 DAY WEEK

26TH - 29TH MAY
(DUE TO BANK HOLIDAY)

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LEARN TO CYCLE
1-2-1



MULTI SPORTS
(BASKETBALL, NETBALL,
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This Week's Attendance

Parents are reminded that any type of absence from school must first be requested by email to Mrs Miles at christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk.

For safeguarding reasons any child arriving late at school must be accompanied to the KS2 playground gate and handed over to a member of staff by an adult.

If your child is unwell, a telephone absence message or email should be left before 9.30am giving the nature of the illness/reason for absence.

Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Reception	96.55%	10 mins
Year 1	95%	0 mins
Year 2	93.79%	8 mins
Year 3	90.33%	2 mins
Year 4	88.62%	10 mins
Year 5	92.67%	1 hour
Year 6	91.94%	46 mins

Catholic Life of the School

#ctkcardiffy4 Thank you to Canon John for sharing with us the story of Peter's denial and Jesus' question 'Do you love me?'. We understood the importance of Jesus' actions and how we can be like him by forgiving each other.



Celebrating Good Work

Nursery

The nursery children enjoyed practising their touch counting skills, carefully counting objects and matching them to the correct number. They showed good concentration and growing confidence when recognising numbers. We also explored the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar, where we were excited to taste some of the fruits from the story, talking about the different colours and flavours



Reception

Reception had a great time in the sunshine ☀ riding their bikes and scooters for Wheelie Wednesday



Year 1

Fun in the sun! Experiencing things that are moved by the wind after listening to the story of Pentecost. Acts 2: 1-4 "Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing." We had fun blowing bubbles in the wind and making windmills at Forest School. [#wind](#) [#power](#) [#energy](#) [#ctkcardiffRE](#)



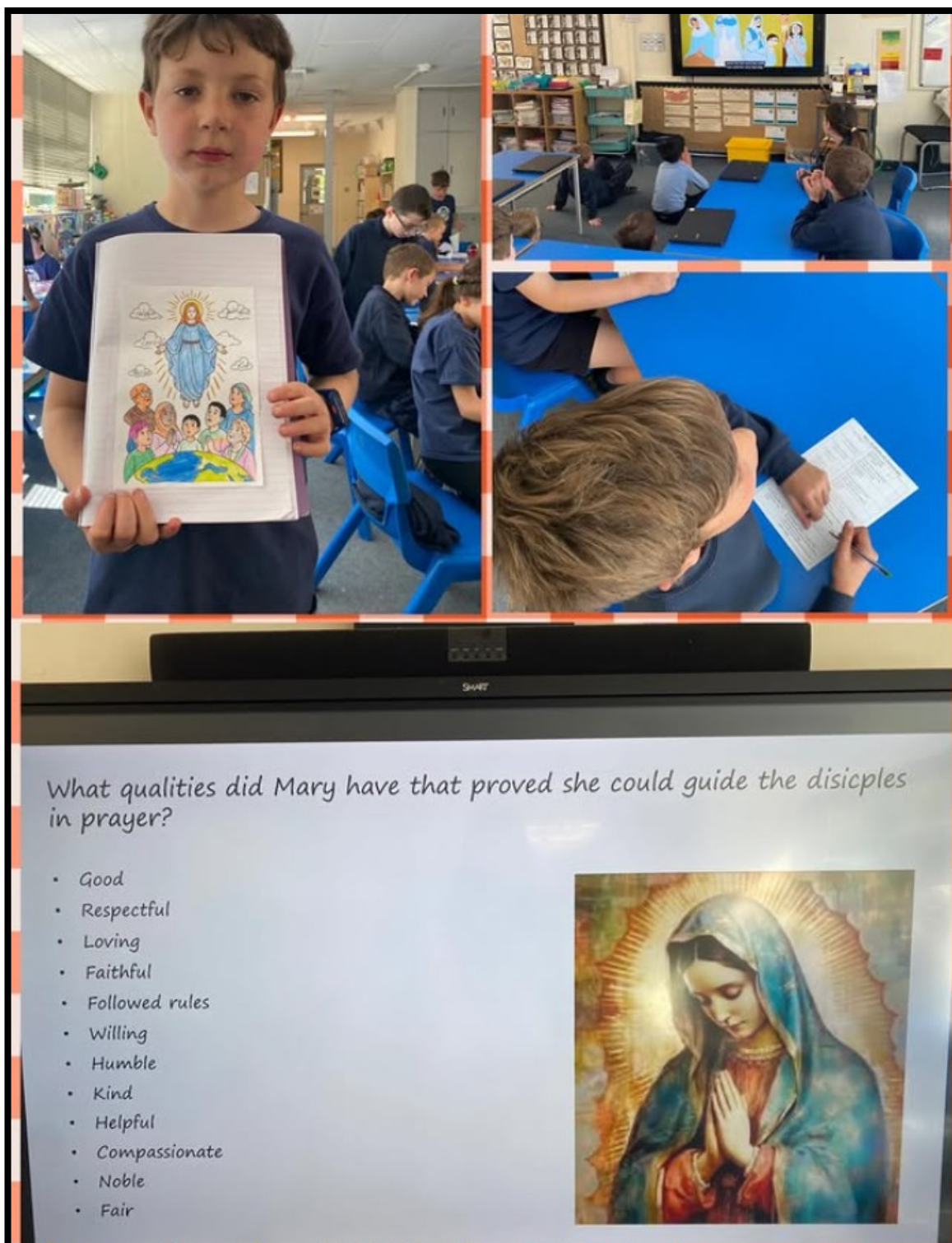
Year 2

Year 2 have explored the story of The Conversion of Saul. They showed brilliant thinking during our hot seat activity, answering questions as Paul. We talked about how Saul changed his ways and chose to follow Jesus!



Year 3

Year 3 explored the role of Mary and how she guided the disciples in prayer after the Ascension. We discussed the qualities Mary possessed to help her carry out this role and we know she is the mother of all Christians. [#CtkCardiffRE](#) [#Branch5](#)



Year 4

[#ctkcardiffy4](#) We had a great session with the 'Living labs' team from Cardiff University this week. We found out about the different measuring devices for humidity, temperature, air quality and analysed data recorded from them. We look forward to continuing with the sessions over the next few months!



Year 5

Year 5 had a great start to our block of basketball block with Cardiff Met. We've focused on dribbling skills.



Year 6

This week Year 6 spent time reading through newspaper articles from the 1940's all about WW2. They then explored attention-grabbing headlines and added their favourite to our shared class Padlet. [#llc](#) [#collaboration](#) [#year6](#)

