



## Holy Family RC Primary School Newsletter

*"Working together as a family, following in the footsteps of Jesus, always giving our best."*

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### Catholic Life of the School



We had a Liturgy On Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday. During the service we prayed: Lord as we begin Lent, make this season holy and give us the blessing of your forgiveness.

**Ash Wednesday was on Wednesday March 5th, this marks the beginning of Lent. It is a penitential season and a time for spiritual growth. During the 40 days of Lent Christians traditionally fast, say more prayers and give alms to the needy.**



During this half term as we always do, we will raise funds for CAFOD as part of the Catholic tradition of giving alms during Lent. Further details will follow.

## Attentive + Discerning



As a School we focus on a set of Virtues each half term. The Virtues this half term are:

### **Attentive and Discerning**

These Virtues will be a focus in Class and Assemblies. The children will learn about the Virtues and be encouraged to use these Virtues whenever possible, and give examples of when they use them, and how they will impact on themselves and others. The children are becoming more **attentive**, they are encouraged to take time to notice the small things of each day, and understand the responses of other people. **Discernment** is the ability to make better decisions, knowing how to do the right thing.

### World Book Day

**We will celebrate this on Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Children in Classes 1-4 can wear costumes of **characters** from books (or pyjamas if you don't have a costume). Children in Classes 5 and 6 can wear pyjamas and dressing gowns. **Please ensure that your children wear suitable footwear and bring a coat as weather permitting they will go outside to play. The children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book from home to share with each other. Each child will receive a voucher for £1 to spend on a book.**



### Photographs

The school photographer will visit the school on **Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>** to take **individual** and **family** photographs. We will follow the usual arrangements; if you have children **younger** than school age and you want them to be in a family photograph, the photographer will be set up in the Library from **8.45 am**.



### Early pick ups at the end of the day

There are an increasing number of children being collected early from school in the afternoon. School finishes at 3.30pm, unless you have a medical appointment children should not be collected early.

## Easter Raffle



We hope to have an Easter Raffle again this year, it is one of the highlights of the year for the children. Teaching Personnel our Supply Teacher agency, will provide some Easter Eggs. As always we need donations from yourselves. We will sell the raffle tickets (20p each) a couple of weeks prior to the Easter holidays.

## Attendance



You have probably noticed the banner outside the school. We are working alongside Cardiff Council to try and get our attendance back to where it was pre-pandemic. We regularly had attendance of 95% each day, currently we are lucky to achieve 90% each day. Please make every effort to send your child to school every day unless they are unwell.

## Late in the mornings

This has become a problem again, in many of the Classes. It is extremely disruptive when children are late for the following reasons:

1. They miss the vitally important introduction to the day's learning
2. The Teacher has to get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register has to be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Miss Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills has to leave the Office to escort children to their Classroom, particularly if they are in the Foundation Phase. This leaves the Office unstaffed; the telephone and door unanswered and important administration work interrupted.
5. Some children receive additional learning interventions from the Teaching Assistants, these begin at 8.55, your child would then miss these short but very important daily sessions. They cannot be rescheduled as the Teaching Assistants work to very tight timetables.



Be on time



at five to nine

**Most importantly they miss out on valuable learning opportunities and, they are often very embarrassed if they are regularly late.**

**Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for 8.55a.m.**

**Thank you.**

### **Diary dates 2025**

#### **March**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March individual and family school photographs

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March children in Year 6 attend Llangrannog Residential Centre

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March children in Year 6 return from Llangrannog Residential Centre

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March Class 3 Assembly 3pm

Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> Swimming course for Year 6 begins – 2 weeks

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm information meeting for parents of children in Year 5 attending the Manor Adventure Residential Centre

#### **April**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Y6 swimming course finishes

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April Class 1, 2 and 3 Palm Sunday Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Class 4 Last Supper Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Class 5 The Agony in the Garden and Trial of Jesus Assembly 3pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April Class 6 Crucifixion of Jesus Assembly 3pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April Easter Raffle **and school closes for the Easter holidays at 3.30pm**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April children return to school after the Easter holidays**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April Y5 children attend Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April Y5 children return from Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

#### **May**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May school closed for Bank Holiday Monday**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May Class photographs

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May Class 4 Assembly 3pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May National tests begin for Classes 3-6

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May National tests finish. **School closes for half term 3.30pm**

#### **June**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June school closed to children for an Inset Day**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 Assembly

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June reserve Sports Day if weather is poor on June 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **July**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Class 1 Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Party 5-7pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Mass and Assembly

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July Inset Day – school closes for the summer holidays**

#### **Inset Days 2025**

**Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**Term Dates 2024/25**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Half Term begins</b>	<b>Half Term ends</b>	<b>Term ends</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Monday 2/9/2024</b>	<b>Monday 28/10/2024</b>	<b>Friday 1/11/2024</b>	<b>Friday 20/12/2024</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Monday 6/1/25</b>	<b>Monday 24/2/25</b>	<b>Friday 28/2/25</b>	<b>Friday 11/4/25</b>
<b>Summer Term</b> <small>*5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	<b>Monday 28/4/25</b>	<b>Monday 26/5/25</b>	<b>Friday 30/5/25</b>	<b>Monday 21/7/25</b>

**Term Dates 2025/26**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Half Term begins</b>	<b>Half Term ends</b>	<b>Term ends</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Monday 1/9/2025</b>	<b>Monday 27/10/2025</b>	<b>Friday 31/10/2025</b>	<b>Friday 19/12/2025</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Monday 5/1/26</b>	<b>Monday 16/2/26</b>	<b>Friday 20/2/26</b>	<b>Friday 27/3/26</b>
<b>Summer Term</b> <small>*4/5/26 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	<b>Monday 13/4/26</b>	<b>Monday 25/5/26</b>	<b>Friday 29/5/26</b>	<b>Monday 20/7/26</b>



# CLASS ONE



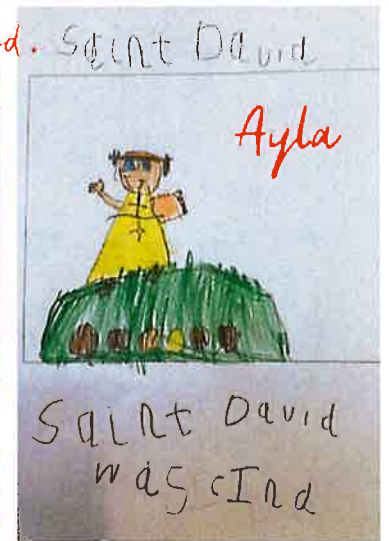
This week we have celebrated Welsh week. We listened to the story of Saint David and talked about Welsh traditions. In preparation for our Eisteddfod we painted daffodils and practised our handwriting ready for the competitions. We have enjoyed completing lots of Welsh activities and crafts.



We made Welsh flags to wave at the Eisteddfod.



Mrs Wonnacott helped us to make a delicious Welsh cawl and Welsh cakes. We have been practising a song about cawl for our Eisteddfod.





## Dosbarth 2



We have taken part in fabulous activities for Welsh Week. We all loved the activity of describing the Welsh Dragon and making PicCollages to record our amazing ideas.



We used these ideas to create this wonderful Class Poem about the Welsh Dragon.



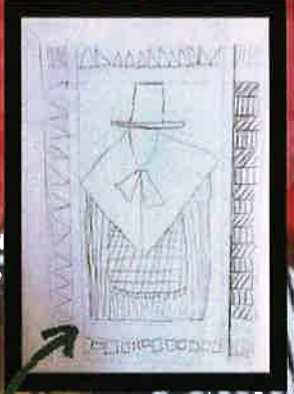
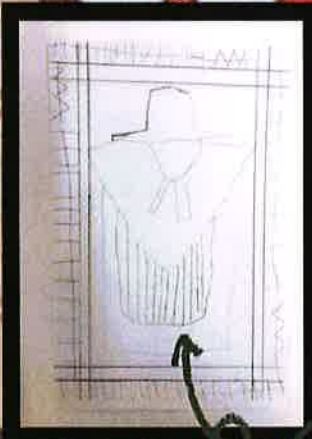
**Class 3  
07.03.25**



As part of our St David's Day celebrations in Class 3, we have been looking at Welsh artist - Ruth Jên. Ruth Jên is a Welsh artist from Aberystwyth and studied art in Cardiff, specialising in Printmaking.



Ruth Jên is famously known for using images of Welsh ladies in traditional Welsh costumes in her work.



Here is a Lino print of her Welsh ladies.

We started by drawing our own Welsh ladies in the style of Ruth Jên.



Then with a little help from an adult, we carved our pictures into some styrofoam.



Then we rolled some acrylic paint onto the Lino plate. Finally we placed a piece of paper on top and smoothed our hand over the top to press onto the print.



Take a look at our final prints! Ruth Jên was able to see our prints on social media and thought they were lovely!







# Class 4.



We have had such a busy week preparing our entries for Friday's Eisteddfod. The children have been inspired by the Welsh artist Gaile Rodgers and created beautiful Welsh landmarks using pastels (some wonderful examples are pictured below). They have written acrostic poems, written top trump cards for a famous Welsh personality in the third person in Welsh, learnt a Welsh song and created excellent shields and wreaths for Design Technology.



## *Pobl enwog – famous people from Wales. 3<sup>rd</sup> person writing from Class 5*



### DYMA Charlotte Church by Megan

Mae Charlotte Church yn tri deg naw a mae hi'n benblwydd un mis chwefror. Mae hi'n dod Rhayader yn plasdy mawr gyda Jonathan, Ruby (merch), Dexter (mab), Freda (merch). Mae hi'n hoff lliwio glas a melon achos mae'n iawn!

Mae hi'n enwog canu achos mae'n hwyl a gret! Mae Charlotte yn bwyta cracers a caws achos mae'n flasus! Ond mae'n gastave bara achos maen sbwriel, ddiflas, a ofnadwy - Ond Charlotte mab hoffi bara. Charlotte hoffi gwneud canu, gymnasteg, a chwarae pel-droed achos maen bendigedig a ffantastig.

Mae hi'n llygaid glas. Mae hi'n gwallt brown hir. Mae'n hi'n gwisgo gwisg, Chanel, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Pandora, Gucci, Balenciaga, Versace, Dior, Fendi, Rolex, Cartier, Urban Outfitters, Alexander McQueen, a Hermes achos mae'n pert a braf. Mae hi'n roedd ysgol, 'Cathedral school'.

Mae hi'n hoff mywaf enwog caniad 'The Prayer', 'Crazy Chicks', 'Dream a Dream' etc!



In welsh this week **Class 6** have been writing about famous welsh people using the 3<sup>rd</sup> person. Here is Heleen's. She was our Eisteddfod winner. Llongyfarchiadau!



# Shirley Bassey



Mae Shirley Bassey yn wyth-deg-wyth oed a mae hi'n benblwydd yn mis Ionawr wyth. Mae Shirley yn dod o'r Tiger Bay. Mae Shirley bwy yn Monte Carlo yn plasdy mawr gyda teulu. Mae hi'n enwog achos mae Shirley yn gret canu.

Mae Shirley yn hoffi canu achos maen Shirley yn enwog achos mae hi'n canu ond mae hi'n ddim yn mwynhau 'Moonraker' achos maen wastraff amser. Mae Shirley yn mwynhau mynd i'r sinema a parc achos mae'n wych. Mae hi'n hoffi dancio achos maen hwyl, ond mae hi'n gŵs da fi pêl droed achos mae hi'n yn marn pel droed yn sbwriel.

Mae hi'n llygaid yn brown a mae hi'n gwallt yn brown. Mae Shirley yn gwisgo gwsg hir yn coch. Mae Shirley yn hoffi bwyta hufen ia ond mae hi'n ddim yn hoffi bwyta caviar achos maen ych a fi. Mae Shirley yn mwynhau yfed dwr achos maen flasus. Mae Shirley yn mwynhau rhaglenni soap ond mae hi'n well da fi rhaglenni drama achos maen ddoniol. Mae Shirley yn gas da fi rhaglen niws achos maen wirion.