



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

As we journey through Lent, let us spread the joy of Jesus, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Father in Heaven,
 May the faith you have given us,
 in your Son Jesus Christ,
 and in the the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken hope in us.

May your grace transform us
 and your glory shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 be with us, as Pilgrims of Hope,
 so we may spread the joy and
 peace of Jesus throughout the Earth.

To you our God,
 be glory and praise forever.

Amen

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.

Attendance



#PobDyddYnBwysig
www.caerdydd.gov.uk/presenoldebnyrnyrsgol

#EveryDayMatters
www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance

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.

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 Personel 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.

Diary dates 2025

March

Monday 17th March children in Year 6 attend Llangrannog Residential Centre

Wednesday 19th March children in Year 6 return from Llangrannog Residential Centre

Thursday 20th March Class 3 Assembly 3pm

Monday March 24th Swimming course for Year 6 begins – 2 weeks

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

April

Friday 4th April Y6 swimming course finishes

Monday 7th April Class 1, 2 and 3 Palm Sunday Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 8th April Class 4 Last Supper Assembly 3pm

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

Thursday 10th April Class 6 Crucifixion of Jesus Assembly 3pm

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

Monday 28th April children return to school after the Easter holidays

Monday 28th April Y5 children attend Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

Wednesday 28th April Y5 children return from Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

May

Monday 5th May school closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Wednesday 7th May Class photographs

Thursday 8th May Class 4 Assembly 3pm

Monday 12th May National tests begin for Classes 3-6

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

June

Monday 2nd June school closed to children for an Inset Day

Thursday 12th June Class 2 Assembly

Thursday 19th June Sports Day

Thursday 26th June reserve Sports Day if weather is poor on June 19th

July

Thursday 3rd July Class 1 Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 8th July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Wednesday 9th July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Tuesday 15th July Year 6 Leavers' Party 5-7pm

Thursday 17th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass and Assembly

Monday 21st July Inset Day – school closes for the summer holidays

Inset Days 2025

Monday June 2nd 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Term Dates 2024/25

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

Term Dates 2025/26

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



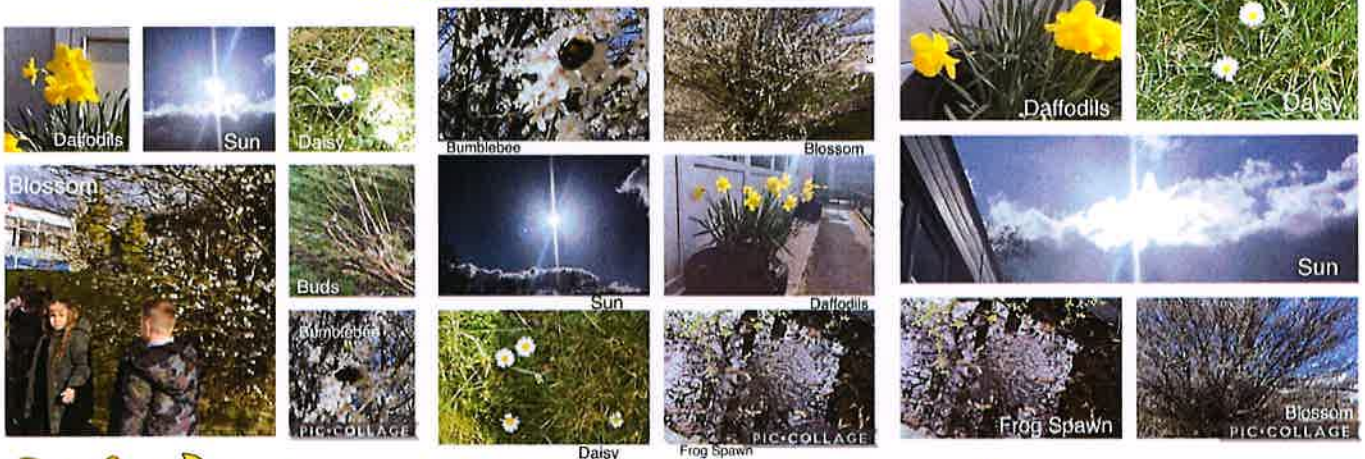
CLASS ONE

WORLD
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DAY

On Monday we celebrated World Book Day. We dressed up and shared our favourite books. It was great to share books with the older children.



This week we have been enjoying the Spring weather. We went out and about around the school to look for signs of Spring. We took lots of photographs of what we found.

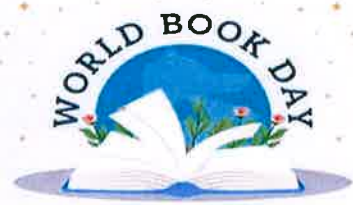


In our Maths Lessons we have been comparing and measuring the length of the daffodils.

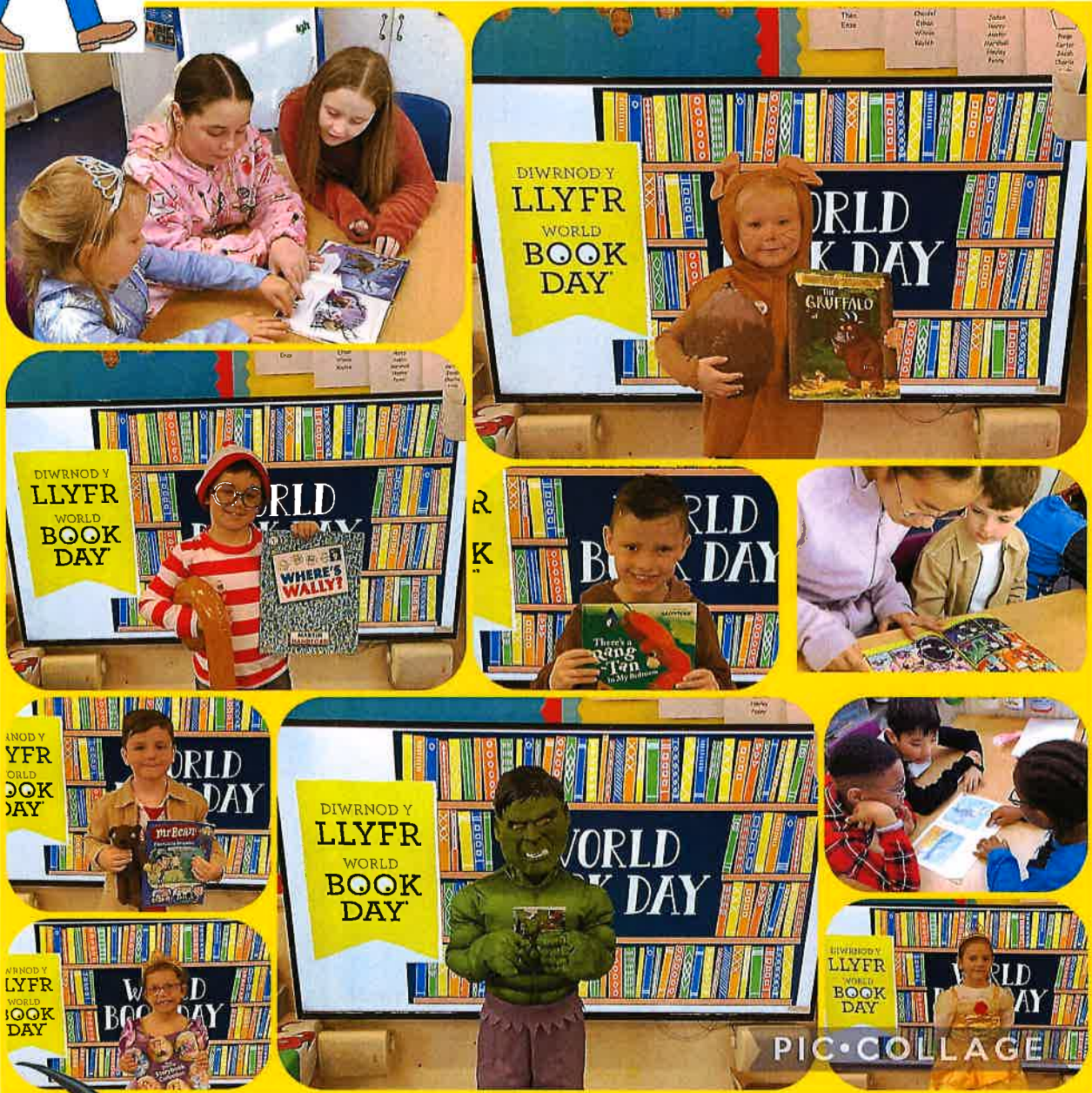


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WORLD BOOK DAY Class 2

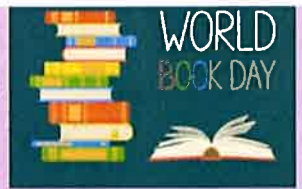


On Monday we celebrated World Book Day. We loved dressing up as our favourite story characters and sharing our favourite books. It was a lovely treat to have Class 5 come and share some fabulous reading time with us. Diolch Class 5!

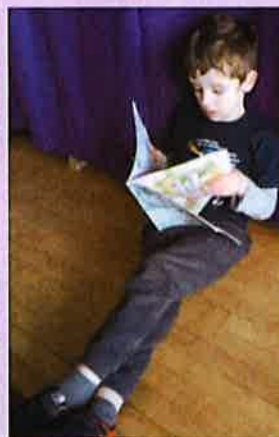




Class Three



On Monday we celebrated World Book Day. We enjoyed reading with Class 6 and taking part in the parade. In class we talked about our favourite books and who we like to read with.



Class Four.

On Monday, the children celebrated World Book Day by dressing up, bringing their favourite book, sharing the joy of reading with children from other classes and focussing on their favourite authors. It was wonderful to see the great effort made by all.

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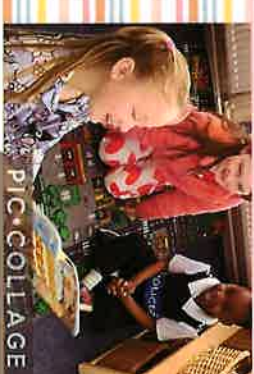


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Machine Learning A.I. project in Class 5

Holy Family is one of a small number of Cardiff primary and secondary schools to pilot a machine learning project this term. We have learned how A.I. can learn to recognise images, sounds and shapes by being “taught” through data samples. We first learned this through using Google’s “Quick draw” last term. We have now moved on to use Google’s “Teachable Machine” – an A.I. programme that recognises images, poses and audio from the samples that you upload to it. Here are samples from 2 senior digital leaders:

The screenshot shows the Teachable Machine interface for image training. It features two training sets: 'Dances' with 65 Pose Samples and 'Dances 2' with 54 Pose Samples. Each set includes a 'Webcam' button and an 'Upload' button, followed by a row of image thumbnails. On the right, a 'Training' panel is visible, containing a 'Training...' button, a progress indicator '00:08 - 2 / 50', and a dropdown menu set to 'Advanced'.

The screenshot shows the Teachable Machine interface for audio training. It features four training sets: 'Background Noise' (40 Audio Samples / 20 minutes), 'clap' (8 Audio Samples / 3 minutes), 'knock' (8 Audio Samples / 3 minutes), and 'aloha' (8 Audio Samples / 3 minutes). Each set includes a 'Mic' button and an 'Upload' button, followed by a row of audio waveform thumbnails. On the right, a 'Preview' panel is visible, containing an 'Export Model' button, an 'Input' section with a microphone icon and 'ON' status, a 'Switch Microphone' dropdown, a waveform visualization, an 'Overlap Factor' slider set to 0.5, and an 'Output' section with colored bars for 'Backg... Noise', 'clap', 'knock' (85%), and 'aloha'. A 'Training' panel is also visible, showing a 'Model Trained' button and a dropdown menu set to 'Advanced'.

Machine Learning A.I. project in Class 5

The image shows the Teachable Machine interface during the training phase. On the left, there are five categories of objects with their respective image samples:

- pen**: 5 Image Samples
- pencil**: 3 Image Samples
- ruler**: 3 Image Samples
- glue stick**: 3 Image Samples
- scissors**: 5 Image Samples

In the center, a 'Training' window indicates 'Model Trained' and 'Advanced' settings. On the right, a 'Preview' window shows the model's output for a red scissors input. The output bar for 'scissors...' is highlighted in orange with a 97% confidence level.

The percentage *certainty* of recognition increases with the number of data samples you provide for the programme to analyse. We will use Teachable Machine for designing apps and products that address problems in the local community.

This screenshot shows the Teachable Machine interface in a live preview mode. The 'Input' is set to 'Webcam' and is turned 'ON'. The 'Output' section shows the model's recognition of a person's face, with a blue bounding box around the face and a 97% confidence level. The 'Output' section also shows other categories like 'pen', 'pencil', 'ruler', 'glue stick', and 'scissors...' with their respective confidence levels. The 'Overlap Factor' is set to 0.5.

[WALT: Research WW2 in and around Cardiff](#)

appropriate sources

Follow key questions

WW2 IN CARDIFF!

Parts of Cardiff that were heavily bombed were:

- Grangetown
- Roath
- Canton Riverside
- Fairwater
- Llandaff Cathedral
- Victoria Park
- Cardiff Docks



How many civilians were killed in Cardiff?

Cardiff and Swansea were bombed the most in Wales with Swansea being practically obliterated. In Cardiff over the course of the war 33,000 houses were damaged, over 500 demolished and 355 civilians killed.

How many soldiers from Wales fought in WW2 ?

About 384,000 Welsh military personnel were killed fighting in Europe and the Pacific, and there were a staggering 70,000 casualties on the home front.

The Luttwaffe specifically targeted Cardiff Docks because it was one of the biggest coal distributors in the world. It was also a target for cargo ships importing food. Cardiff Docks itself and surrounding areas were bombed in the process.

How many soldiers were killed in ww2 from Cardiff

On the 2nd January 1941 at night-time, more than 10 German fighter jets flew over Cardiff and dropped bombs for more than 10 hours in total. After the attack was over, 165 people had been killed and more than 400 wounded and 350 homes destroyed. During this attack Llandaff Cathedral suffered damage to a high, extensive level which then caused its roof and chapel to collapse.

Below are some images of the affects of bombing around Cardiff.

WALT: Research WW2 in and around Cardiff



WHITLEY BAY STREET



ST. AGNES ROAD

How many children were evacuated from Cardiff/Wales?

110,000 children from London/ England were evacuated to Wales in the north-side of Cardiff during World War 2. Children from the age of five upwards were allowed the opportunity to leave the city.

How many air raid shelters were available?

Wales had around 1.2 million air raid shelters all around the country. Bombs were dropped more than 100 times mostly throughout the months. Air raid shelters are mostly found in basements, gardens, backs of schools, cellars and underpasses. The only disadvantages were that air raid shelters were easily flooded. The three air raid shelters types are:

- Anderson shelters
- Brick-built shelters
- Morrison shelters (For public use only)

Why was Cardiff Docks such a target?

WHITCHURCH AIR RAID
SHELTER FOOTAGE

