



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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Priest in charge: Father Solomon

Weekend Mass times- Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am

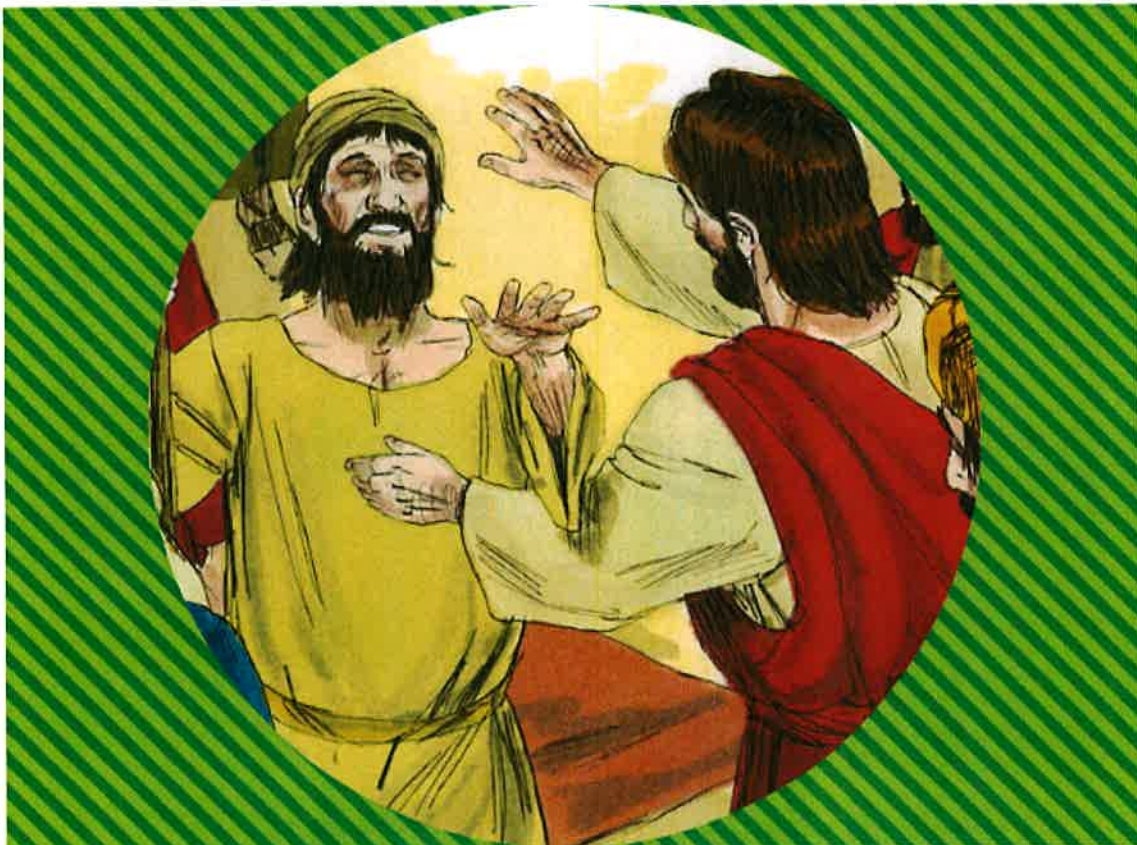
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28th March 2025

Catholic Life of the School

Jesus cures the blind man. The blindman said "Lord I believe", and he worshipped Him." We were reminded that we are believers, and we need to strengthen our relationship with him during the season of Lent.



School Mass

Father Solomon will celebrate Mass with us here on **Wednesday April 2nd at 10.30am**. We hope to see many parents in attendance.

Holy Week Assemblies

Each Class/Year group will act out a **short** representation of an event from Holy Week, parents are welcome to attend:



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

Tuesday 8th April 3pm The Last Supper **Class 4**

Wednesday 9th April The agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and The Trial of Jesus- **Class 5**

Thursday 10th April 3pm- The journey to Calvary and the Crucifixion – **Year 6**



Parental Consultation Evenings

Thanks to all those parents who attended Parents evening. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books and celebrating their progress.

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

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.

A red banner with white and yellow text. On the left, it says 'GADEWCH I NI ROI PRESENOLDEB NŴLARY TRYWYDD IAWN LET'S GET ATTENDANCE BACK ON TRACK'. Below this is the hashtag '#PobDyddYnBwysig' and the website 'www.caerdydd.gov.uk/presenoldebnyrsgol'. On the right, there are three photos of children in school uniforms. Below these is the hashtag '#EveryDayMatters' and the website 'www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance'. At the bottom right, there are logos for 'STRONGER TOGETHER' and 'CARDIFF COUNCIL'.

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 Personnel our Supply Teacher agency, will provide some Easter Eggs. As always we need donations from yourselves. The raffle tickets will be on sale from **Monday 31st March.**

Diary dates 2025

April

Wednesday 2nd March Mass at 10.30am in the Hall

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

Monday 7th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St David's Cathedral

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

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
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



In our Religion work we have been learning about the events of Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and crowds came out to greet him waving palm leaves. We have painted pictures, written sentences and acted out the events.



We loved acting out the events in the garden.

Eva



Sidhroopa



Kali-Rae





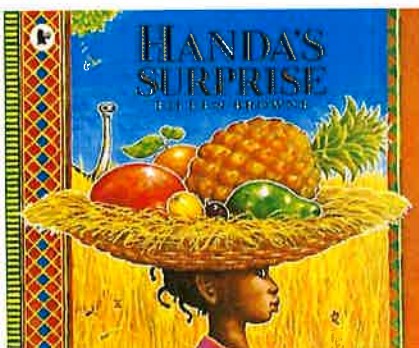
Class 2

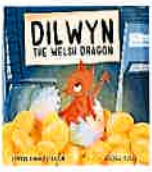


Ibn Battuta was another famous explorer we have enjoyed finding out about. He lived over 700 years ago, he was born in Morocco. He set off to go on Pilgrimage to Mecca, but spent the next 24 years exploring all over Africa and Asia - some of the time he went exploring on a camel! We located some of the important places that he went on a map of the area.

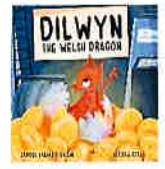


We have also loved sharing the story of Handa's Surprise. We shared our favourite parts of the story and explained why we like them. We also loved role playing the story in the outdoor classroom and constructing huts for Handa and her family.





Class Three



In Class Three we read the story of 'Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon'. Dilwyn was born at the Royal Mint in Llantrisant and the staff decided to raise him there. One day two robbers broke in and attempted to steal money from the Royal Mint. Dilwyn the Dragon saved the day! We wrote newspaper articles to report the break in. Here are Yousif's and Tim's for you to enjoy.

HOLY FAMILY TIMES

14th March 2025

Breaking News

DRAGON HATCHES AND SAVES THE MINT



A great Welsh dragon called Dilwyn born at The Royal Mint has saved the day. Last night, Dilwyn was asleep but suddenly two robbers came and Dilwyn was luckily on the roof asleep. Dilwyn woke up to the robbers and he swooped from the roof with a big loud "ROAR!"

Dilwyn breathed fire at them because they took the money from the vault but after that the robbers dropped their coins. They ran away with burnt bottoms. Dilwyn the dragon was rewarded for doing that.



Yousif

HOLY FAMILY TIMES

14th March 2025

Breaking News

DILWYN'S RESCUE WITH FIERY BREATH



An amazing Welsh dragon called Dilwyn born at The Royal Mint has saved the day. Last night, Dilwyn woke up and spotted two robbers. The robbers were trying to steal the money from the vault. Dilwyn woke up and swooped from the roof with a furious "ROAR".

The robbers dropped their stolen coins and ran away with burnt bottoms from Dilwyn's fiery breath. Dilwyn received a reward for his brave effort.



Tim

We used Adobe Express to generate images to go with our newspaper reports using AI. We wrote detailed descriptions of what we wanted our dragons to look like and then they were generated for us.



Elwyn



Manhaa



Ollie



Freddie

Class Four.

THE BIG LENT WALK



For our Lenten Fundraising event this year Class Four have decided to complete a "Morning Mile" for two weeks leading up to the end of term.

We are asking parents, friends, family members and neighbours to sponsor your child. They will walk a total of ten miles in the two week period! The morning mile will start on Monday 31st March and finish on Friday 11th April.

The children will bring home a sponsor form today.

Could we please ask that the sponsor money is brought to school by the last day of term.

Many thanks for your continued support.



THE BIG LENT WALK

Recording French conversations in Class 5

Class 5 have learned about animals in French. We wrote conversations collaboratively in Google Docs then practised our accents before recording. We added the mp3 voice recordings to a slideshow. Here are 2 examples from Ruby-Rose and Layla-Ann and Tim and Jacob:

WALT use sentence patterns to have a conversation about pets

Ruby: Bonjour, Comment ça va?
Layla: Bonjour, ça va super bien parce que je suis calme. Et toi ?
Ruby: Ca va bien parce que je suis pas stressée
Layla: Je m'appelle Layla - Ann. J'ai onze ans. Mon anniversaire est le vingt-quatre décembre.
Ruby: Je m'appelle Ruby-Rose. J'ai dix ans. Mon anniversaire est le vingt-neuf mai.
Layla: As-tu un animal?
Ruby: Oui, J'ai un grand poisson blanc et jaune qui s'appelle Astro.
Ruby: As-tu un animal?
Layla: Oui, J'ai un grand mouton rose et vert qui s'appelle bear.
Ruby: Au revoir
Layla: Au revoir



Jacob: Bonjour, Comment ça va?

Tim: Bonjour, ça va super bien. Et toi?

Jacob: Très bien parce que je suis détendu.

Tim: Je m'appelle Tim. J'ai dix ans et mon anniversaire est le juin dix-huit.

Jacob: Je m'appelle Jacob. J'ai dix ans et mon anniversaire est le février quatre

Tim: As-tu un animal?

Jacob: oui, j'ai un petit lapin blanc et poisson bleu qui s'appelle Rocky et Jonathan. As-tu un animal?

Jacob: As-tu un animal?

Tim: oui, j'ai un grand pingouin rouge et bleu et chien marron qui s'appelle Ire et Shine.

Jacob: au revoir.

Tim: au revoir.



Class 6

WALT: create a spy thriller.

SC

- ★ **Third person, past tense**
- ★ **Use appropriate time connectives to begin paragraphs**
- ★ **Use of adjectival/ adverbial phrases**
- ★ **Use sentences for emphasis and effect**
- ★ **Use a range of complex accurate punctuation**
- ★ **Use a range of complex connectives.**



The Evil Doctor Who Would Rule the World!

Alex Rider, a boy of 13, was a spy working for MI6. MI6 have sent Alex to a dangerous boarding school in France, Paris. This school is in a deserted castle called Point Blanc. Point blanc is a school for troublesome boys from rich and famous families.

The castle was dark and gloomy and was surrounded by white snowy mountains. Around the school was a moat infested with electric eels and lionfish. If you were to fall in this moat you would be killed almost instantly. In the centre of this moat was a massive draw bridge leading to the entrance. There were snow-capped mountains in the distance. Surrounding the castle were guards with heavy guns. Security was extremely tight. The atmosphere was eerie and there was an uneasy calm. The castle was very isolated and dangerous and was only really accessible by helicopters. Alex's mission was to stop a dangerous project called Gemini from succeeding. At the time nobody knew what it was. Will Alex succeed and stop this project from succeeding?

Alex Rider arrived in the evening. The castle was dark, sad and gloomy. He went up to a crooked room with a bright fireplace, where a mischievous figure sat in a deck chair. He turned his head slightly to face Alex. It was Doctor Grief, the owner of the school and the person who MI6 believed to be running the Gemini project. Dr Grief's face lit up and his red eyes illuminated the room. His body looked like all the bones were broken and his skin was as thin as paper and his head rough and bald. Alex was terrified and after a short conversation he was taken to his room which was old, dirty and also crooked. He was exhausted, so within a blink of the eye he fell asleep. When he woke up he went down the hallway and met Bob Jolly and Gary Gym. Alex introduced himself to try to make friends who possibly

could help him succeed in his mission. Later on, in the day at their break time they talked about Dr Grief and the Gemini project and Alex was able to discover what it was. It was an AI powered machine that could turn any living being into a robot. He had to stop this, but at that moment, he didn't know how.

Eventually Alex, with the help of his new friends decided to try and destroy this AI robot, but they had to get past Dr Grief first. As they were creeping past the Doctor's room Bob was spotted by Dr Grief. As they ran Dr Grief Shouted as loud as he could "GET THEM!" The guards chased after them; Alex had to think fast. Alex Screeched "HIDE!" They ran faster. They came across a swift sharp corner. They kept running as fast as they could and their hearts were beating with fear and dread. They eventually found a wardrobe used for lost property. They quickly hid inside and managed to stay safe until things settled down again. Dr Grief however, was now aware that the Gemini project could possibly be under attack. Alex and his friends Bob and Gary were discussing what their next move should be. They knew that the heart of the Gemini project - the AI robot was in the basement. "That's where we must go!" Alex said. So off they went to a dark creepy basement where the heart of the Gemini project was held.

They eventually began to make their way to the basement but it was not that easy for they had to creep around the corridors and be as silent as they could. Eventually they arrived and they could see that Dr. Grief was there, working on the Gemini project speaking to a machine. Dr. Grief left the room using some sort of a small secret exit. Alex knew it was now or never so he jumped straight into action. He made his way towards the AI robot; he was right there. He had to destroy it now! With a smile on his face. Alex hacked into the system. He set a self-destruct timer on Gemini for 10 minutes. He managed to evacuate all the boys from Point Blanc remembering to keep Dr Grief in. Time was ticking and Alex was the last to escape with under 30 seconds left. He then heard a huge explosion and the AI robot and the whole Gemini project had been destroyed. He had accomplished his mission from MI6.

The Gemini project was part of a plan to take over the world with Dr Grief as the main leader but this had now been destroyed. Within the nick of time MI6 came to save Alex and all the troublesome boys. They arrived in an enormous black jet and they soon fled.

Alex Rider went back to MI6 and he was congratulated by all of the team. Alex was now ready to tackle his next mission.

