



## 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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4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Catholic Life of the School

On Wednesday morning Father Solomon celebrated Mass with us. He reminded us to be faith-filled and hopeful during this season of Lent



In Assembly this week we listened to the Gospel of John describing Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. We said our Jubilee prayer to finish the Assembly.



**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

**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 7<sup>th</sup> April 3pm Palm Sunday **Class 1, 2 and 3**
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 3pm The Last Supper **Class 4**
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April The agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and The Trial of Jesus- **Class 5**
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 3pm- The journey to Calvary and the Crucifixion – **Year 6**



**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.



**GADEWCH I NI ROI PRESENOLDEB**  
**NÔLARY TRYWYDD IAWN**  
 LET'S GET ATTENDANCE  
**BACK ON TRACK**  
**#PobDyddYnBwysig**  
[www.caerdydd.gov.uk/presenoldebnyrysgol](http://www.caerdydd.gov.uk/presenoldebnyrysgol)

**#EveryDayMatters**  
[www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance)

STRONGER TOGETHER  
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### 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

Many thanks for your donations. The raffle will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are on sale for 20p each.



### **Diary dates 2025**

#### **April**

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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St David's Cathedral

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

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



**AT FITZALAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
LECKWITH ROAD, CANTON, CF11 8AP.

**STARTING SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2025**

**(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))**



<b>Group 1</b>	<b>9:00am – 10:00am</b>	<b>Ages 4 - 6</b>
<b>Group 2</b>	<b>10:00am – 11:00am</b>	<b>Ages 7 - 8</b>
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>11:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Ages 9 - 12</b>

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY SATURDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. **QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING FORMER CARDIFF CITY & INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER TONY CAPALDI**. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB police checked. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through fun and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) **every child will receive a merit trophy and course certificate**, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of **excellent facilities including the large indoor sports hall and outdoor pitches**.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT FITZALAN + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1/2/3) to 07856 315 637**

*Tony Capaldi (Head Coach) Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)*

**EASTER FOOTBALL FUN CAMP - MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**AT ST.ILLTYD'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (NEWPORT ROAD, CF3 1XQ)**  
10am-3pm (BOYS + GIRLS AGES 4-13)

The course is for 4 days from 10:00am – 3:00pm and children must bring a packed lunch and drinks from home every day. On Thursday at 2:00pm there is a trophy presentation when all players receive their awards. The cost of the camp is £80. We also offer £20 DISCOUNT (£60) for the second and subsequent children in the same family. Single days are charged at £25 for any children who cannot attend all 5 days. **ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST ONE TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE.**

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT 'ST. ILLTYD'S CAMP' + CHILD'S NAME + AGE to 07856 315 637**

YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFORMATION BY TEXT THEN REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS MADE ON THE FIRST MORNING OF THE COURSE



**Gwasanaethau  
Chwarae Plant  
Children's  
Play Services**



**STRONGER  
FAIRER  
GREENER**



# Local Play Session

Come and join us for Easter holiday fun at

## Fairwater Leisure Centre

### CF5 3LL

## Wednesday 16th /23rd April

### 3:30-5:25pm

### Ages 5-14

Scan the QR code to register  
your child.



\*This document is available in Welsh\*

\*All of the open access play sessions are designed with children aged 5-14  
in mind. \*



**Prosiect Gwyliau Gwaith Chwarae  
Playworks Holiday Project**



# Class One



This week we have been learning about the events of the Last Supper. We used the words that Jesus spoke to his Disciples. We acted out the events and wrote about it as part of our Holy Week story.



This is my body.  
Take it and eat it.



This is my blood.  
Take it and drink it.



Do this to remember me.

**Mahmoud**



Jesus shared a special meal  
with his friends. He had the  
bread and had the wine.

Isabelle

Joshua

**Krystal**





## Class 2



This week we have focused on the events of The Last Supper. We have learned that Jesus said some very important words during The Last Supper that are still used in the Mass today. On Wednesday when we had Mass in school with Father Solomon we listened very carefully to be able to hear those words being said when he held up the bread and the wine. We worked together to create our own videos retelling the events of The Last Supper.



Finally we wrote our own accounts of what Jesus did at the Last Supper and what he said to His disciples. Jacob wrote...

*Jesus said to the disciples I am going to suffer and die. Jesus is going to die! They were having the Last Supper in Jerusalem and Jesus said "Go and follow that man. That building is where we will have our Last Supper. I am going to die and suffer! They ate bread and Jesus said, "This is my body. This is my blood." Jesus held up the bread and said this is for you. He made a promise He was going to always be with them, but the 12 disciples were confused.*





# Class Three

In Class Three we have been focussing on the events of Holy Week in our religion lessons. Last week we focussed on the crucifixion and death of Jesus. We looked closely at the scripture and used it to write news reports for Newsround on the crucifixion. Here is Freddie's news report:

Good afternoon,



It's Friday and my name is Freddie Lewis. Welcome to the news. We start today with some sad news. Jesus the Messiah has died! Jesus was arrested and taken to the Skull where he was crucified with two criminals. Jesus said to the people "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." People stood watching and the rulers even sneered at him. The soldiers came up and mocked him. Above Jesus there was a sign which read, this is the king of the Jews. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon when the sun stopped shining. The curtain in the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice "Father into your hands I commit my spirit." When Jesus had said this, he breathed his last breath and died.

Thank you for watching Newsround.



**Easter Vigil**

Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Vigil mass is a joyful celebration.

There are four parts to the mass:

- Service of Light
- Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Liturgy of Baptism

The service of light: We remember that Jesus is the Light of the World. The priest lights the Paschal candle.

Liturgy of the Word: There are more readings than normal.

Liturgy of Eucharist: People receive Holy Communion.

The water will be laid to rest.

1 of 2

This week we have been thinking about the events of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus. We looked closely at the Easter Vigil and the joyful celebrations that take place in church at Easter. We created fact files using Pic Collage all about the Easter Vigil. Raven, Nathan and Riley created this one.



# Class 4

04.04.25

We have been doing some really exciting ICT work in Class 4 recently! We have been learning about databases using a fantastic tool called J2 Data via HWB.

Name	origin	Appearance	special powers
Hydra	Lake of Lerna	Water monster with many heads	Grows back two heads if attacked
Cerberus	Kingdom of Hades. The Underworld where soul after	Three headed dog	Serpent for a tail
Leprechaun	Irish folklore	Human looking but very small	Mends shoes and enjoy playing jokes
Basilisk	Folklore from many different European cultures.	A venomous creature	Venomous breath that can kill you .



This allowed us to develop our research skills and categorise information. We looked at the names, origins, appearance and special powers of Mythical Creatures. We found it fascinating!



Name: Basilisk  
origin: Folklore from many different European cultures  
Appearance: A venomous creature  
special powers: Venomous breath that can kill you

Name: Leprechaun  
origin: Irish folklore  
Appearance: Human looking but very small  
special powers: Mends shoes and enjoy playing jokes



Take a look at some of the information we gathered, about the Mythical Creatures, in our table and forms.



Name: Cerberus  
origin: Kingdom of Hades. The Underworld where souls go  
Appearance: Three headed dog  
special powers: Serpent for a tail

Name: Hydra  
origin: Lake of Lerna  
Appearance: Water monster with many heads  
special powers: Grows back two heads if attacked

# WW2 EVACUEE DIARY WRITING IN CLASS 5

*In our WW2 context studies, we have learned about the experiences of children who were evacuated from cities and large towns to the safety of the countryside during the Blitz. Here is an example from Layla – Ann:*

Monday 5th December 1940,

Dear Diary,

Today was unforgettable. First one woke up and saw a suitcase on the floor. Today I was going to be evacuated to Pontardawe. I dressed, got my bags and also my mickey mouse then set off to the train station. I was awfully sad because we are going to a stranger's house. It was good to go on a steam train. We went to the train station and met the teacher Mrs Jude. She took the register and got us on the train. The train ride was not too long - but it wasn't short either. It got me thinking about my family and my friends and how one will not see them for a long time. I started to cry.

The train stopped and we were told to sit on some chairs. Some families started to look at all the children. We started to get anxious. What if I was picked last? Then a nice woman came in..... She picked me to come with her! She asked me what my name was and I said that my name is Dorothy. She said I could call her Auntie Marlene. She held my hand all the way to her cottage - They lived on a farm- and I saw a man who said his name was Royston Brown. They showed me the parlour (with the wireless), the kitchenette, the pantry, my bedroom.

They showed me around the farm. They said to me that in the morning we will wake up at 4:30AM or 5:00 AM. They said this was because of the noises of the birds and animals. Uncle Royston said that he was a farmer and Auntie Marlene said she liked to bake. Auntie Marlene asked me what I liked to do before the war. I told her I liked to go to the park and liked to draw. She asked if I wanted to go to the park later before we had dinner. Speaking about dinner we get to have more than one egg because they have chickens. We had chicken - it was AMAZING.

My new family is the best. When the war is finished I might come see them again one day.

Still jolly worried for the future because my parents are still in Cardiff. What if the Jerrys invade? One is jolly scared.

Well have to go to bed now, time for my nightwear, candle and hot water bottle.

That's all diary, will write again soon,

L.A.R.

P.S: Made a friend at the park. Her name was Daisy.

P.P.S: Why are gas masks called Mickey Mouse? Why are the Germans called Jerrys? Why are British people called Tommies? Why are the Americans called Yanks?

# Welsh Poetry

Class 6 have been writing collaborative Welsh rhyming poems about their interests. They have skilfully used 2, 3 and 4 syllable words after compiling a word bank of their Welsh vocabulary based on their themes. They enjoyed performing their poems to their class.

## Mynegu Hoffter

Dwi'n hoffi bwyta pysgod.

Dwi'n dwlu ar bwyta jeli.

A dwi'n dwlu ar afal.

Ond dw i'n dwlu ar bisgedi.

A dwi'n hoffi sglodion.

Dw i'n mwynhau bwyta siocled.

Ac mae cyw iâr yn lyfli.

Ond oren, dim i fi.

Dwi ddim yn hoffi mefys. A dwi ddim yn hoffi caws.

Ac mae cyw iâr yn ych a fi.

Ond mae hyfen iâ yn gas da fi.

Mae selsig yn ofnadwy.

Ond mae lolli yn ofnadwy.

