



**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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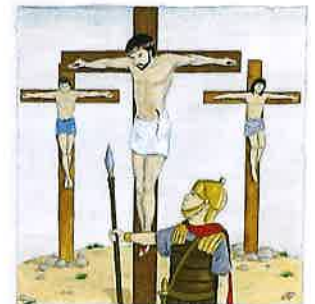
Happy Easter!!!!!!

Mass Times for Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum

	Holy Family	St. Mary's
Palm Sunday 12th/13th April	6.00pm Saturday and 9.00am Sunday	11am and 6pm
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	7.00pm
Good Friday	3pm	3pm
Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil	No Mass at Holy Family Church	7.30pm
Easter Sunday	9.30am	11am



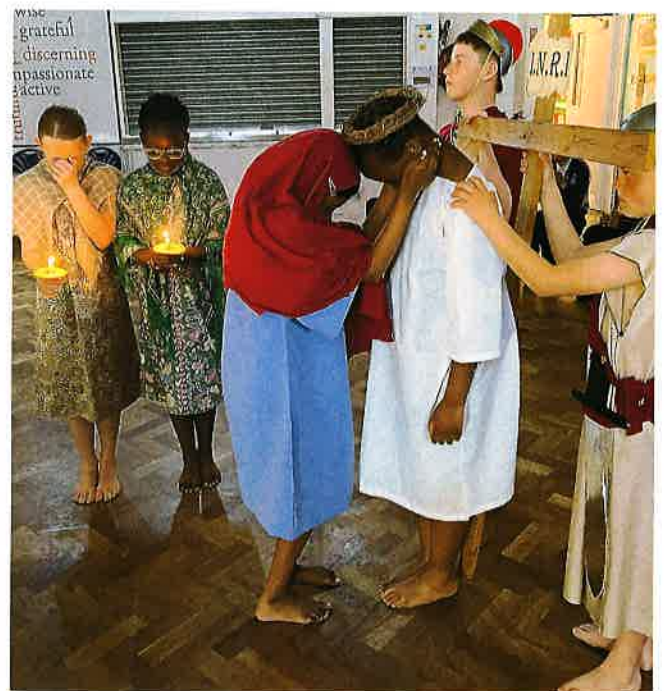
**We wish all our children, families
and friends a very happy and holy
Easter. We look forward to
seeing you all again on Monday
April 28th.**



Catholic Life of the school

Over the last week we have seen all of the Classes lead us through the events of Holy Week Class 1, 2 , and 3 Palm Sunday, Class 4 The Last Supper, Class 5 The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and The Trial of Jesus, and Class 6 the journey to Calvary and the Crucifixion. They reminded us of the happy and tragic events leading to the death of Jesus. The children's re-enactment of the events will lead to long standing memories for all.





V.E. Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

This will take place on Thursday 8th May,. To celebrate this special day we are having a special picnic lunch provided by Cardiff Catering. The menu for that day will be:

- Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich.
- Finger Slice of Pizza
- Sausage Roll/Vegan Roll

Jelly and Mandarin Oranges
Shortbread Biscuit.

There will not be an alternative choice of a hot meal that day. If you don't want your child to have this option **you will need to provide a Packed Lunch.**

It would be lovely to see the children wearing **red, white, blue**, or a combination of those colours to celebrate this special event.



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.



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

This was a great success. Thank you for all of your very generous donations. We received 128 Easter Eggs. We raised around **£220**. The money raised from this raffle will be used to buy playground games equipment, skipping ropes, balls etc. A group of children will choose from a catalogue what to buy after the Easter holiday.



Manor Adventure Residential Visit

The children will be leaving for Manor Adventure at **Midday on Monday 28th April**. The children will have lunch before they leave school. Luggage needs to be dropped off at school as they come into school in the morning. The children **do not** need to wear uniform that day.

Rags to Riches

We are expecting another collection from Rags to Riches at the beginning of May. Please bring in your donations the first week after the Easter holidays. Thank you.

Diary dates 2025

April

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 V.E. Day Picnic Lunch

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 5th June Class 4 Assembly 3pm

Thursday 12th June Class 2 Assembly

Thursday 19th June Sports Day

Monday 23rd June Transition Day 1 at Corpus Christi High School for children transferring to Year 7 in September

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

Monday 30th June Transition Day 2 at Corpus Christi High School for children transferring to Year 7 in September

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

Foundation Phase Palm Sunday



The Donkey Owners



The Narrators



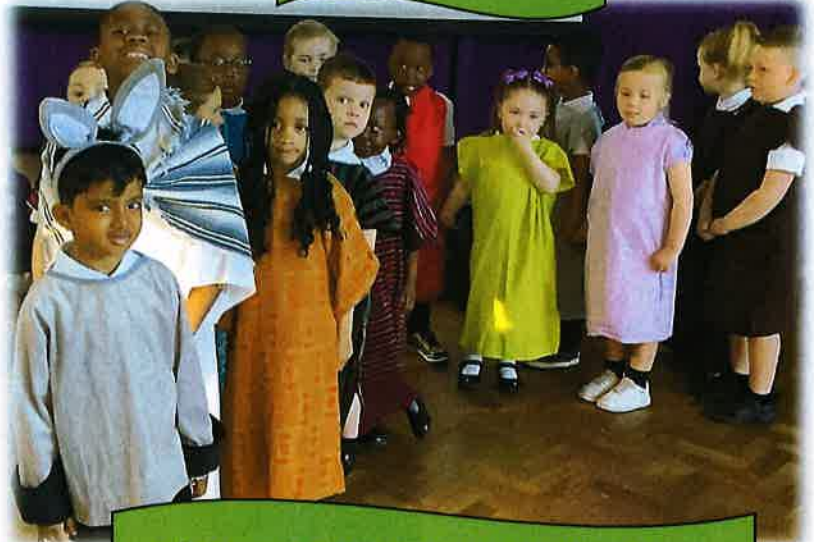
The Donkey



Jesus and His Disciples



The Spies



The Crowds Cheered and Waved Palm Leaves



Class Four

This week we presented our class assembly "The Last Supper". The children did very well. A huge congratulations to Henos for learning all his lines.

We have now completed our ten mile walk in ten days for our Lenten fundraiser. Many thanks to you all for the sponsor money which will be going to Cafod.

Have a lovely Easter break!



MICRO:BIT CODING IN CLASS 5

In class 5 we have created algorithms using Microsoft's make code editor to create programs that turn a micro:bit in to a mini device with different functions. These functions include: dice, a sunlight sensor, a compass, a step counter and a music player! We will use the micro: bits extensively next term when we will complete a new unit of learning in robotics.



A step counter!



A compass watch!



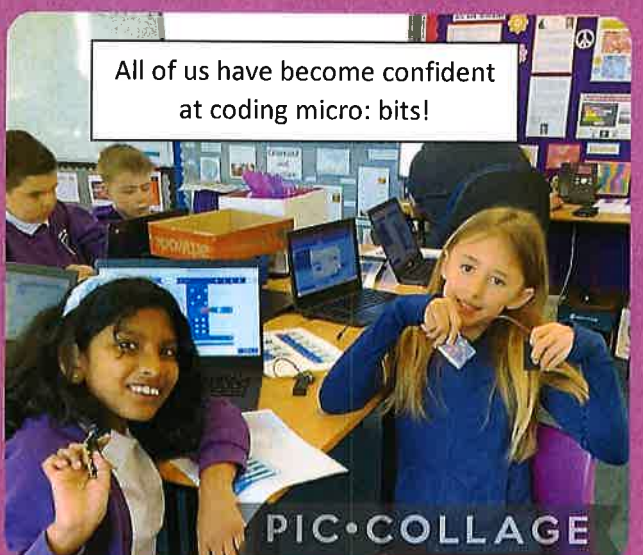
A dice game!



Digital and coding leaders help when needed.



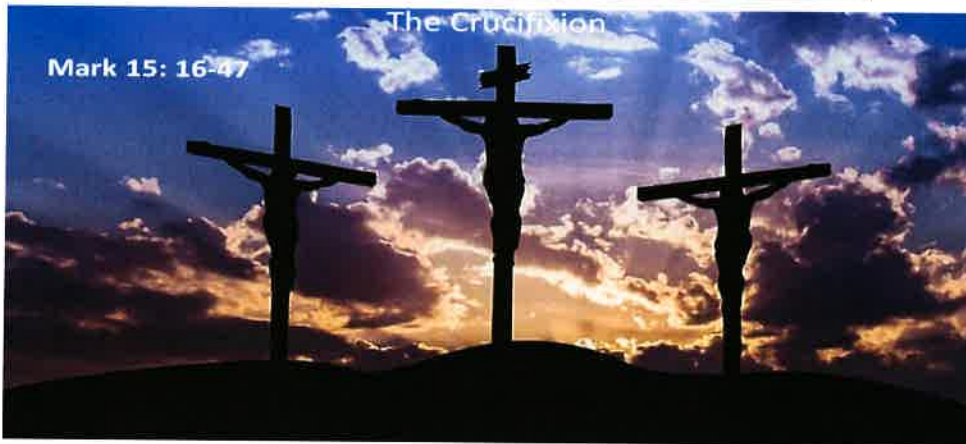
Everyone becomes independent through repeated practice and challenge.



All of us have become confident at coding micro: bits!

CLASS 6

The Crucifixion (Mark 15:16-47)



Community Learning Event

Cardiff and Vale College
Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro

Wednesday 30th April
4.30 pm-6.00 pm

Cardiff West High School

Scientific Fun

Puzzles & Games

Children's Activities

DJ Workshops

Crafts

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Cardiff and Vale College
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