



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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16th May 2025

Maisy Milk Assembly

On Monday the children had an Assembly about the Maisy Milk Rosary for Peace, from the Action for the Church In Need charity.



The children were encouraged to pray the Rosary and to donate any spare change to the Action for the Church In Need charity. They will collect the change in the mini milk containers that they brought home on Monday. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

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.



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

May

Monday 19th 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

Inset days Autumn 2025

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October

3 further days- dates to be decided.



Class One



This week in class one, we have been really busy. We have been looking at the story Oliver's Vegetables. We chose our favourite vegetable and we made our own collages, and used them to make a pictograph.



We used tissue paper to make our vegetables.

Carrots are our favourite.

We bought our favourite vegetables in our farm shop.

We retold the story of Pentecost. We put on our costumes, and thought of how the disciples felt, and everything they did.



The disciples were sad and lonely.



Suddenly the wind blew and flames touched their heads.



Eva



Krystal



The Windblow The flames went on The Disciples

They went out and told everyone the Good News.



PIC•COLLAGE



Class 2



This week we have started preparing for Sports Day and practising taking part in different types of races including sprint, egg and spoon and sack race. We have been having lots of fun cheering each other on and enjoying the fresh air.

SPORTS DAY

In Maths we have been learning about tens and units, we used arrow cards to show how 2 digit numbers are made up of tens and units. Then it was Eyes Down for Place Value Bingo!!



We have also been hard at work in the Edible Playground. We donned our gloves to tackle the weeds around the fruit bushes and planted beans, pumpkins and sweetcorn. The seeds we planted for the pumpkins and sweetcorn were collected from produce grown last summer.





Class Three



We celebrated Diwrnod Seren a Sbare by designing masks, creating Seren a Sbare puppets and using ChatterKid to add voices to the Seren a Sbare comic.



In our R.E lessons we have been learning about Pentecost. We used pastels to create vibrant Pentecost pictures.



Class Four.

Our Religion lessons this week have focussed on the mystery of God as a Trinity. We heard Matthew 28: 16-20 where Jesus appears to his disciples and calls them to make disciples of all nations "*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*". These are the words used at our Baptism and so each time we make a sign of the cross we are reminded that we are children of God.

We learned the hymn "God's Spirit is in my Heart", a prayer that expresses our belief in the Holy Spirit and the children made prayer cards.

These are Kit and Ivy-Rae's examples.

Glory Be.

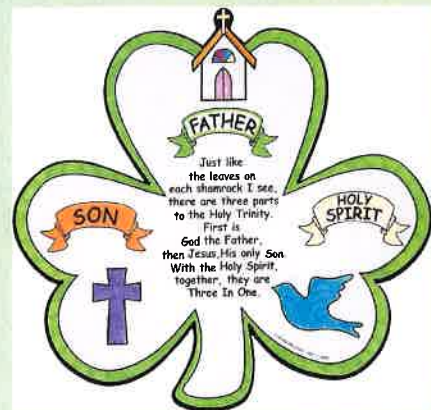
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Amen.



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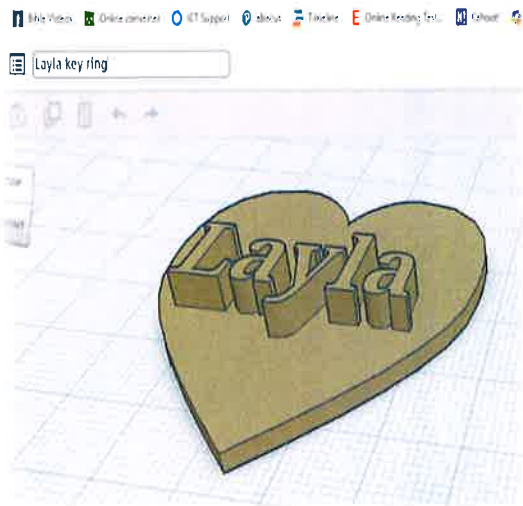
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Amen.

CAD – 3D printing in class 5

In science and technology, we have designed and created 3D models for our Computer Aided Design lessons. We used the website TINKERCAD to design: key rings, door name plates and drink coasters. We then printed the designs on the 3D printer, drilled holes using a hand drill and attached split rings to the key rings.



CAD – 3D printing in class 5





CLASS 6

WELSH RIVERS



RIVER TAFF:

- The River Taff is located in south-Central Wales.
- The River Taff is 67 km long.
- The mouth of The River Taff is in Cardiff Bay.
- The River Taff is most famous for its name being Taff which in Welsh means Welshmen.
- The River Taff has an abundance of fish such as: salmon, trout, eels, otters and kingfishers.



RIVER SEVERN

- The River Severn is located in the Southwest of Great Britain, specifically in Wales and England.
- The River Severn is 354 Km long
- The mouth of the River Severn is at the Bristol Channel.
- The depth of the River Severn can vary, reaching depths of 30 metres.



RIVER TEIFI

- The River Teifi is located in Wales, specifically in Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire.
- The River Teifi is 122 Km long.
- The deepest point of the River Teifi is 455m
- Salmon, trout, otters and various bird species live in and around this river.
- The River Teifi is famous for exceptional fishing, particularly for salmon and for sea and brown trout.



RIVER WYE

- The River Wye is in the Cambrian Mountains, Pumlumon, in Mid Wales.
- The River Wye is 250 km long.
- The mouth of the River Wye is the Severn



Estuary in England.

- The deepest point is about 15 metres.
- The River Wye is suffering from a heavy form of pollution.
- The River Wye is most famous for its stunning scenery, rich wildlife, and historical significance

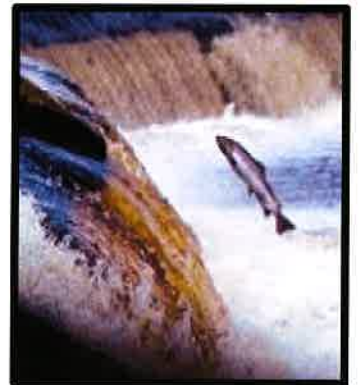
RIVER USK

- It is located in south West Wales.
- It is 120 km long
- The mouth of the Usk begins in Newport
- It is full of salmon, trout, shad, lampreys and eels.



RIVER DEE

- The River Dee is located in North Wales and runs into England.
- The River Dee is 112 km long.
- The mouth of the River Dee is the Dee Estuary.
- The River Dee is only a shallow river being on average 4 metres deep.
- The River Dee has lots of life including salmon, lamprey, and freshwater pearl mussels.
- The River Dee is most famous for its exceptional Salmon fishing.



RIVER CONWY

- The River Conwy is located in Northern Wales.
 - The River Conwy is 43 km long.
 - The River Conwy's Mouth is the Irish sea.
 - It is up to 15 meters deep in places.
 - The River boasts a wide selection of fish and birds such as: salmon, sea trout, and brown trout.
- In addition to fish, the river is also a habitat for birds, insects, and mammals like otters.

RIVER RHYMNEY

- The River Rhymney is located in South Wales.
- It is 48 km long.
- Its mouth is the Bristol Channel.
- Its deepest point is 23 km deep.

