



## 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

During this half term as a school, we are focusing on the Virtues of **Faith-filled** and **Hopeful**. A **faith-filled** person needs to have faith in themselves, and faith in their communities. They use this faith to contribute to the common good. **Hope** grows out of faith and love. When we have strong faith and love today, we have hope for tomorrow.

## Faith-filled and Hopeful



This week in Assembly we learned about God as our holy and righteous Father. "I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. **John 17:26**



### 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.**

**Diary dates 2025**

### **June**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

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

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 Assembly

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 and 3 visit to Barry Island

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June reserve Sports Day if weather is poor on June 19<sup>th</sup>

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

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

## **Inset days Autumn 2025**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**3 further days- dates to be decided.**

## **Term Dates 2024/25**

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

## **Term Dates 2025/26**

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



# Class 1

## 06.06.25



We were super excited to welcome the chicks to Class 1 this week!



We practised our number bonds within 10, using eggs and nests to make these number bonds.



We have written in our chick diaries each day. We have watched the chicks hatch out of their eggs and turn into 'cute' fluffy chicks!



We have been getting creative, making paper plate hens and play dough chicks.



We enjoyed making a card to wish the church happy birthday and a party hat with tongues of fire.



We learnt that Pentecost is the birthday of the church.



We have been talking about how we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus and be a good friend.



PIC-COLLAGE





# Class 3



This week in Class 3 we have been learning about rock pools. We have researched all about the sea creatures that live in rock pools.

We found out lots of interesting facts!



Starfish push their stomach out of their mouth to eat.







(Frances)

Octopuses have blue blood when they are not in the water.

(Raven)



We created databases using J2 data. Here is Freddie's:

Name	Picture of sea creature	Where will you find them in a rock pool	What size are they	How many species are there	What do they eat	Amazing fact
Barnacles		⚡ They are found on rocks on the upper part of	Barnacles measure between 2cm to 15cm.	There are over 1000 species of barnacles.	They feed on plankton and algae.	They have no heart.
Jellyfish		⚡ Jellyfish are found on top of rocks in rock	Jellyfish measure from a few centimetres to over	There are over 2000 species of jellyfish.	They feed on plankton, fish, shrimp and	They use their mouths to squirt jets of wa
Octopus		⚡ Octopus are found in rock pools at low tide.	Octopus measure from 2.5 centimetres to 5 metres.	There are around 300 species of octopuses	They feed on lobster, shrimp and crabs.	Octopus have three hearts and nine brains.
Sea Anemones		⚡ Sea Anemones can be found attached to rocks.	Sea Anemones measure from a few millimetres to 1.5 metres.	There are over 1000 species of sea anemone	They feed on plankton and small fish.	They have no heart, brain or blood.
Crabs		⚡ Crabs can be found under rocks and in crevices.	Crabs measure from under 1cm to 4 meters.	There are over 7000 species of crabs.	They feed on seaweed, worms, clams and shrimps.	They can lose a limb to escape a predator.
Limpets		⚡ Limpets are found attached to the side of rocks.	Limpets measure 4cm.	There are 3 species of limpets in the uk.	They feed seaweed and algae.	They hang on tightly to rocks when the tide is out.







# Class 4



Well done to the children on their beautiful assembly about The Eucharist. The children sang and delivered their lines clearly and confidently. They made links between "The Miracle of the Loaves", "The Last Supper" and "The Mass" that we celebrate every week.





## ROBOTICS AND CODING IN CLASS 5

Class 5 have been programming Kitronik MOVE robots in our science and technology lessons. We used Microsoft's micro:bit *make code* editor to program the robots to act like a police car. We created algorithms that would move and turn the robot, flash blue and red LED's, sound a siren, measure distance from an object using sensors and avoid objects.

