



Rhwydwaith Ysgolion
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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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22nd November 2024

Feast Of Christ the King -International Mass

On **Sunday 24th November** at the 9.30am Mass, our children will be leading the Ministries. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible from our school in attendance. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Hall.



Applications to Reception Class September 2025

Applications for Reception Class for September 2025 opened on Monday 11th November. You now need to apply online for a place at Holy Family via the Cardiff Council website, School admissions section. The closing date is **13th January 2025**. Here is the link to the Cardiff Council website:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/Applying-for-a-school-place/Primary-school/Pages/default.aspx>

Please contact the Office if you need any help.



Year 6 Cycling Course

This begins on **Monday December 2nd** and lasts for 4 days. Please return all consent forms to the Office. The children cannot take part without official written consent.



School Mass

Mass will be celebrated in the Hall on **Wednesday 27th November at 10.20am**. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Solomon, and the intention of the Mass is Father Maguire.

Christmas Plays 2024

Class 1 and 2 will perform the Nativity:



Class 3 and 4 will perform the Nativity:



Class 5 and 6 will perform their Play in June.

Class 1 and 2 performance dates are: Tuesday 3rd December and Wednesday 4th December at 2pm

Class 3 and 4 performance dates are: Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December at 2pm.

A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold for each performance. We can only allow 100 people in the audience due to fire regulations. All seating as usual will be unreserved. Tickets for the Plays are £2 each, payable via Parent Pay.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please telephone the school the first morning of their absence; we have a dedicated telephone line where you can leave a message. If your child is unwell in the morning but then perks up, please bring them into school, they will then get their afternoon mark.



Attendance Matters

Attendance Percentage	Days at School	Number of Absences		
100%	190	0	Well Done	Best chances of success.
95%	180	10		
90%	171	19	'We are Worried'	Poor Attendance—Less chance of success
85%	161	29		
80%	152	38	'We are Seriously Concerned'	Very Poor Attendance—Serious impact on education and reduces life chances.
75%	143	47		

School uniform labelled

Please ensure all uniform is labelled, particularly Jumpers and Fleece. Thank you.

Sharing success

If your child achieves something we can celebrate, either email a photograph or the child can bring in their certificates, trophies etc. We will publish the good news in the Newsletter.

Diary dates 2024/25

These will be regularly updated:

November

Sunday 24th November International Mass at Holy Family Church 9.30am

Wednesday 27th November School Mass celebrated by Father Solomon **10.20am**

December

Monday 2nd December Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Training- 4 days

Tuesday 3rd December Class 1 and 2 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 4th December Class 1 and 2 Christmas Play 2pm

Tuesday 10th December Class 3 and 4 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 11th December (morning) Class 1 and 2 Sleeping Beauty pantomime at Bridgend College

Wednesday 11th December Class 3 and 4 Christmas Play 2pm

Tuesday 17th December Class 5 and Class 6 visit the National Museum of Wales

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch for the children

Thursday 19th December Christingle Carol Service 9.30am

Friday 20th December Christmas Disco for the children- in the afternoon. School closes for the Christmas holidays 3.30pm

January

Monday 6th January Inset Day school closed to children

Tuesday 7th January children return to school

Monday 13th January closing date for applications for children starting Reception September 2025

Friday 24th January St Dwynwen's Day – children to wear red

February

Tuesday February 11th Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February Valentine Disco. Classes 1, 2, and 3 4.15pm-5.15pm. Classes 4, 5 and 6 5.30pm-6.45pm.

Friday 21st February Inset Day. School closed to children. Half term begins

March

Monday 3rd March children return to school after half term

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday Lent begins

Friday 7th March St David's Day Celebrations

Monday 10th March World Book Day

Monday 17th March children in Year 6 attend Llangrannog Residential Centre

Wednesday 19th March children in Year 6 return from Llangrannog Residential Centre

April

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

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 19th June Sports Day

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

July

Tuesday 8th July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Wednesday 9th July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Thursday 17th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass and Assembly

Monday 21st July Inset Day – school closes for the summer holidays

Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday February 21st 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

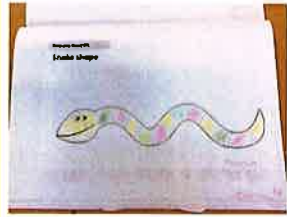


Class One

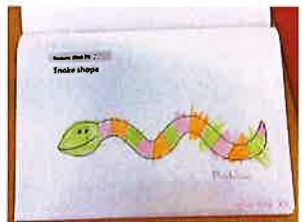
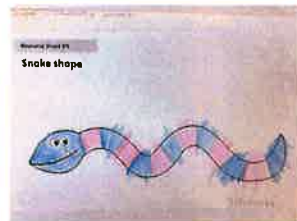
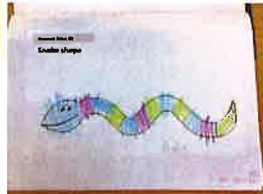
We have been developing our repeating patterns during our maths lessons with Mrs Stanford-Stroud.



We practised naming 2D shapes and created rockets.



Here are some examples of our repeating colour patterns.



This week we have been learning about Hanukkah the Jewish Festival of Light.



class 2

This week Year 1 worked together to create a booklet to help others learn about the importance of Prayer and How to Pray. The knowledge and ideas shared by the children was outstanding. They were very proud to share their work with Mrs Mills and the children in Reception.



How To Pray



How to Pray



By Year 1



Why do we pray?

- We pray because Jesus taught us to pray and He is our Saviour.
- We pray for people who have died.
- We pray for people who are sick and poorly.
- We pray to ask God to help us be kind to our friends.
- We pray to say thank you to God.
- We pray to say sorry if we do something wrong.
- We pray to ask God for things we need.



Remember:

- You are one of God's children
- God loves us and helps us to pray
- God is our Father
- Follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
- God is Holy
- Forgive people who have done something wrong



How to Pray

- We join our hands.
- We make the Sign of the Cross –
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- We need to close our eyes to help us concentrate on our prayers.
- We bow our head when we say the name Jesus to show respect.



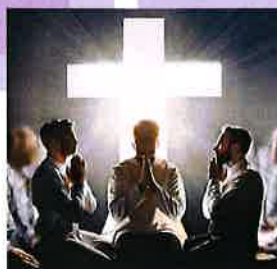
Prayers we know

- Hail Mary, full of grace
- Our Father
- Alleluia
- Morning Prayer
- Prayer before our dinner
- Thank you for our food prayer
- Home time prayer
- Bed time prayer



Different types of prayers

- Hymns we sing
- Litany Prayer
- Meditation
- Thank you Prayers
- Sorry Prayers
- Psalms



CLASS THREE



We played our drums at the end.



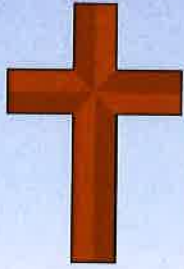
We worked together to stretch the balloon over the container. It was tricky!



We secured the balloon with elastic bands.



This week in Class 3 as part of our Beat Band Boogie context topic we have been following instructions on how to make a balloon drum.

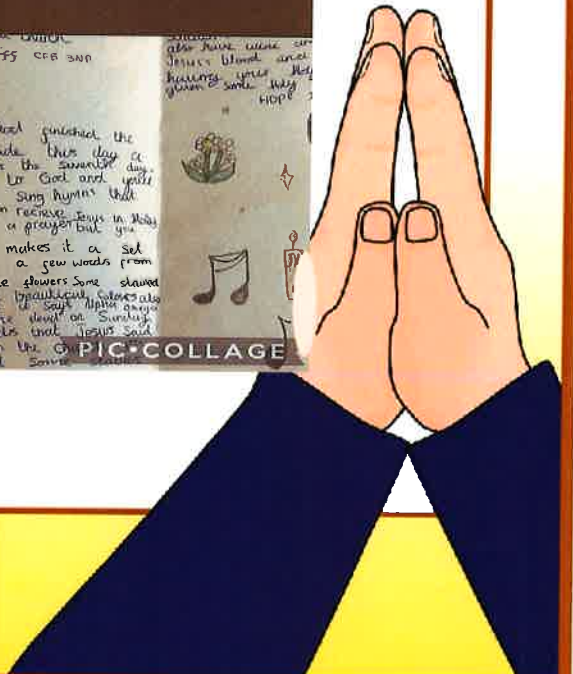
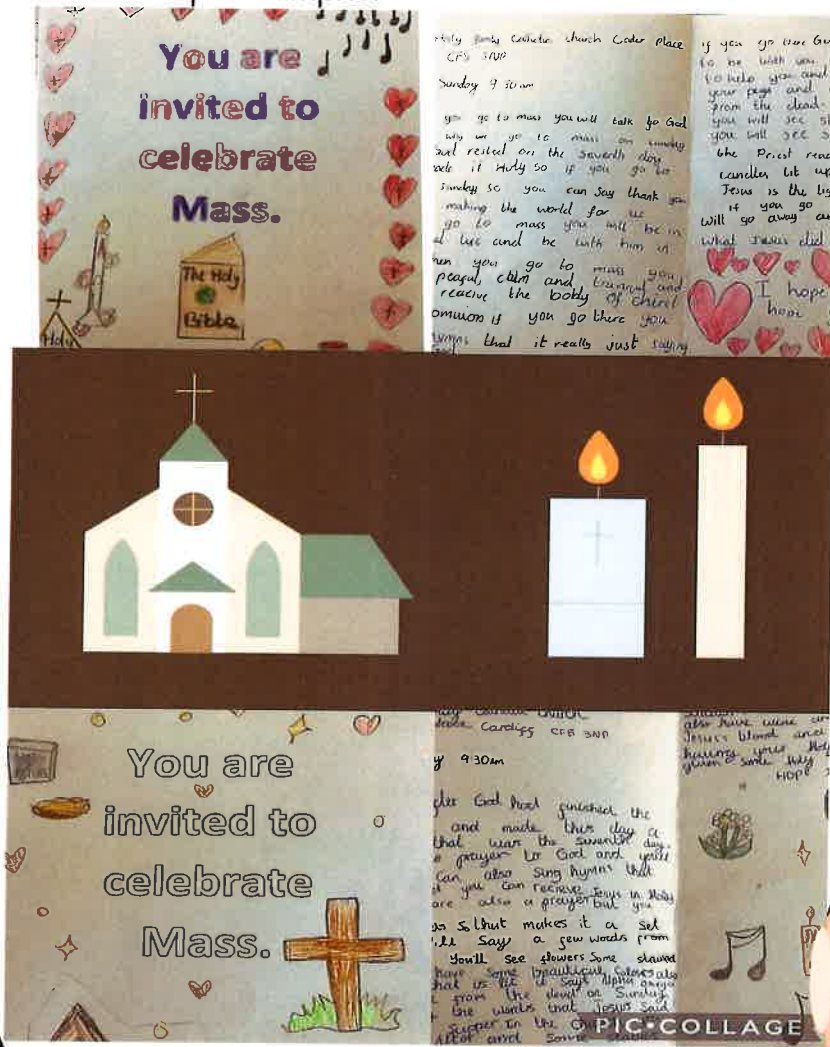


Class 4

As part of our "Prophecy and Promise" topic for Religion, the children have been talking, asking and answering questions about their experiences of different liturgies and the Mass. They can recognise that Sunday is a holy day for Christians and make links with the story in Genesis 1:1-24.

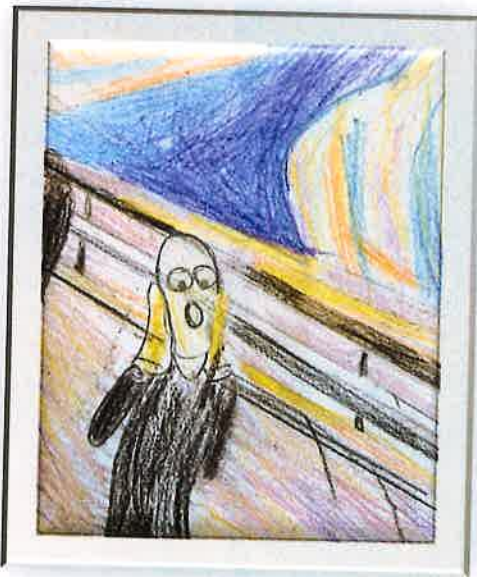
Their task was to write an invitation to a non-Christian explaining why we go to Mass.

Here are some super examples:



GALLERY CONTEXT IN CLASS 5

Class 5 have been learning about different styles of art and the most successful or famous artists. We reproduced some of their masterpieces. Here are some examples from Harley, Agnes, Mason, Emily and Logan:



Science and Technology

Class 6 have developing some useful Information Technology skills. They used a spreadsheet to build a database on their classmates using Google Sheets. They created field headings along with dropdown menus to give multiple choice answers. Finally, they collated the class data and patiently, persisted with their data entry skills.



1	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	FIELD 5	FIELD 6	FIELD 7	FIELD 8
2	NAME	AGE	EYE COLOUR	HAIR COLOUR	BROTHER	SISTERS	HOME	FUN FACTS
3	AK	10	Green-blue	Auburn	0	1	Terraced	Plays football
4	HW	10	Blue	Brown	1	0	Semi	Has no pets
5	LR	11	Blue	Dark bro...	1	1	Flat	Has 3 cats
6	ADB	10	Dark brown	Black	1	0	Semi	Has a dog
7	KN	11	Dark brown	Dark bro...	2	2	Semi	Is really good with Legos
8	JOK	10	Dark brown	Dark bro...	0	2	Terraced	Hates fish
9	TS	10	Green-bro...	Brown	1	0	Semi	Plays football
10	HA	11	Dark brown	Black	2	0	Maisonette	Good with acting & dancing
11	MB	9	Brown	light bro...	0	1	Semi	Has a hamster
12	AR	9	Brown	Dark bro...	0	1	Terraced	Supports FC Barcelona
13	AN	10	Dark brown	Black	1	3	Terraced	Likes fish
14	JT	10	Brown	light br...	0	1	Semi	I like winter
15	BD	10	Blue-green	Dark bro...	1	2	Semi	Hates fish
16	SJ	10	Brown	Dark bro...	1	1	Semi	Loves art
17	MG	10	Blue	Blonde	0	2	Terraced	Good at cooking
18	MGR	9	Brown	Dark bro...	0	1	Terraced	Favourite food is patsa
19	FE	10	Black	Black	0	0	Semi	Supports Liverpool
20	ES	9	Brown	Black	0	0	Flat	I like coding
21	MC	11	Dark brown	Brown	3	1	Terraced	Loud and funny
22	AG	9	Brown	Black	1	1	Terraced	Likes gymnastics
23	EM	9	Brown	Black	0	1	Semi	enjoys playing sports
24	DP	9	Brown	Brown	0	1	Semi	has one cat
25	TM	9	Blue	Brown	1	0	Terraced	supports Liverpool FC
26	OB	9	Blue	Brown	1	0	Terraced	plays drums
27	JH	9	light-brown	Brown	0	1	Terraced	supports ManUnited FC
28	AM	10	Brown	Brown	0	1	Flat	likes sausage dogs
29	CJ	10	Blue	Blonde	1	0	Maisonette	Supports Liverpool

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