



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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29th November 2024

Feast Of Christ the King -International Mass

We had a wonderful turnout for the Mass. Many thanks to the families that attended. We received many compliments about the children's reading and singing ability. Thank you to Father Solomon for making it such a fabulous celebration.



On Wednesday morning Father Solomon celebrated Mass with us at the school. The intention was for Father Maguire, it was a very uplifting Mass. Father Maguire was prayed for in the Bidding Prayers:

We pray for all your good and faithful servants who have died; in particular we remember our Parish Priest Father John Maguire. May they enjoy the peace and joy of God's glorious kingdom in heaven.

Lord Hear Us – R/ Lord graciously hear us.

1st Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent

This weekend marks the **first Sunday of Advent**; the children are learning about the importance of preparing for the arrival of Jesus.



An Advent Prayer to share with your child

In his love Jesus has filled us with joy
As we prepare to celebrate His birthday
So that when He comes
He may find us watching in prayer
Our hearts filled with wonder and praise

The Advent Wreath

Most churches have at the heart of their worship an Advent wreath. The origins of the evergreen wreath are ancient and probably pagan, but there is a symbolism with the wreath and its five candles that is useful in retelling the Christmas story.



The first purple candle will be lit this weekend- **The Prophets' Candle**, symbolising hope.



The circle of greenery reminds us that God is eternal, the Alpha and Omega without beginning or end, and of the hope we have in God, of newness, renewal and eternal life.

The candles symbolise the light of God entering the world through the birth of Jesus, and the four outer candles represent a period of waiting, perhaps the four centuries between the prophet Malachi (the last book in the Old Testament) and the birth of Jesus. Whilst the light from the candles reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives it also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others.

The centre candle is white and is called the Christ Candle. It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve or Day where there is a service on these days.

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.



Lateness

This has become a problem again, in all of the Classes. School begins at **8.55am**, therefore all children must be on site for that time. 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 must get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register must be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Ms Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills must 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.



- 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 enable your child to start school at 8.55am. Persistent latecomers are now being referred to the School Attendance Officer and could result in a referral to Social Services.

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		

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.



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.**

School uniform labelled

Please ensure all uniform is labelled, particularly Jumpers and Fleeces. 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:

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



With Mrs Stanford-Stroud we have been sorting 2D shapes by the number of sides they have.



Owl Babies!



We have been busy getting our Navity display ready.





Class 2

This week we have been learning about ordinal numbers and how they show the position of something. We used this learning when we were sequencing the order of the planets from the Sun. We matched the ordinal numbers to the positions of the planets from the Sun. Did you know that Planet Earth is the 3rd planet from the Sun?

We have also been painting the planets to create a Class Display. We look forward to sharing the finished display with you.



WALT: use ordinal numbers. 28.11.24

We worked in our groups to sequence the order of the planets.



CLASS THREE

Freddie

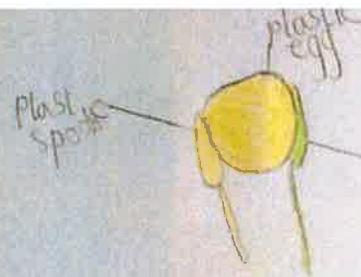
Jonathan



Guitar



Vanorha



Raven

This week in Class 3 we have been designing our own musical instruments as part of our Beat Band Boogie topic.

Charlotte



Manhaa



We can't wait to make them next week.

Dakota



Ollie



Class 4

As part of our Road Trip to Japan topic, the children have been researching Japanese "Anime" style. Anime is characterised with exaggerated features from the neck upwards. The facial features are usually large and very expressive with vibrant colours.

Here are some characters created by the children.

Anime



鬼は外、福は内



CREATING POP ART IMAGES IN CLASS 5

Class 5 have been learning about pop art in our Gallery context. Many of the class really liked the bright, iconic works of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. We made some Warhol-inspired self-portraits ourselves using Adobe Express (for the background removal) and www.opartstudio.nl. Here are some examples:



Your Daily Goss!!★

Is it safe?

By Heleen and Ava K



An alien has been spotted by a 10-year-old boy named Owen Jones. He found him in the park at around 9;30 when he saw a light and heard an explosive bang, which terrified him. He hid under the slide and as he sat breathing heavily as he was so frightened. After waiting for a few moments, he decided to slowly come out from under the slide and he suddenly saw what appeared to be an alien! To his surprise the alien didn't attack him, instead he waved at him which led to the boy being confused, yet still astonished. He ran to his mother and explained the story.

A local teacher, Dan Simms also witnessed the incident, and this is what he reported, "I can't describe it... it was amazing. The Alien saw me and waved.' At first Dan was believed to be terrified but then he became excited at the prospect of using the alien in a school project. Dan thought that this alien was friendly, so he walked over and shook the alien's hand. The alien returned the gesture and as a result this alien doesn't appear to be threatening in the first instance.

A local resident called Emily Widgery was very concerned; she thought of the alien as an intruder. She also stated that he had ruined their park and had come to scare their children. What if there is more? Can we trust it? Will it harm us? These were just some

of the questions going through her mind.



A local doctor examined the alien, and she said "I can seriously say there are no signs of any illnesses. However, I think we should be careful. We are dealing with an unknown being from another world which may present some health threats to humans in the future."

The police inspector has examined the scene and asked some eyewitnesses what happened, they still have some police on the case, carrying out further investigations.

What will the outcome of this rare sighting be?

Is the alien a friend or a foe?



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Dydd Llun, Rhagfyr 2il – *Ysbyty'r Barri*
Heol Colcot, Y Barri, CF62 8YH - 3:30pm-5:30pm

Dydd Llun, Rhagfyr 9fed – *Canolfan Iechyd Tredelerch*
Ffordd Barmouth, Tredelerch, Caerdydd, CF3 3LG - 3:30pm-5:30pm

Dydd Mercher, Rhagfyr 11eg – *Canolfan Iechyd Butetown*
Plas Iona, Butetown, Caerdydd, CF10 5HW - 3:30pm-5:30pm

Dydd Llun, Rhagfyr 16eg – *Ysbyty'r Barri*
Heol Colcot, Y Barri, CF62 8YH - 3:30pm-5:30pm

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DECEMBER CATCH-UP CLINICS NASAL SPRAY FLU VACCINE APPOINTMENTS ONLY*

Monday, 2nd December – *Barry Hospital*
Colcot Road, Barry, CF62 8YH - 3:30pm-5:30pm

Monday, 9th December – *Rumney Health Centre*
Barmouth Road, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 3LG - 3:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday, 11th December – *Butetown Health Centre*
Plas Iona, Butetown, Cardiff, CF10 5HW - 3:30pm-5:30pm

Monday, 16th December – *Barry Hospital*
Colcot Road, Barry, CF62 8YH - 3:30pm-5:30pm

***To book an appointment, please ring 02920 907661/664**

