



## 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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**The children have settled really well and are working really hard.**

**Reminder: We have an Inset Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

### Catholic Life of the School



In assembly this week we focussed on the feast of the Epiphany. Jesus is revealed to the Wise Men after their long journey following the star. Discovering Jesus brought them great joy and they brought gifts to honour Him. After a period of guided meditation the children reflected on their gift to Jesus.

“they saw the child.... And they fell down and worshipped Him....they offered Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh”.

**Matthew 2:11**

# Grateful & Generous



As a School we focus on a set of Virtues each half term. The Virtues this half term are: **Grateful and Generous.**

These Virtues will be a focus in Class and Assemblies. The children will learn about the Virtues and be encouraged to use these Virtues whenever possible, and give examples of when they use them, and how they will impact on themselves and others. To be **Grateful** is the ability to be attentive to what happens in your daily life- our health, our family, shelter and security, enough to eat, plentiful clean water, your education etc. The children will be encouraged to be **Generous**- “The more you give, the more will be given to you”. **Luke 6:38.**

## Applications to Reception Class September 2025

Applications for Reception Class for September 2025 opened on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## After School Clubs

These resume on Monday. The Clubs remain the same as last term, you don't need to re-apply. Please collect your children promptly at **4.15pm.**

## **Diary dates 2024/25**

**These will be regularly updated:**

### **January**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January closing date for applications for children starting Reception September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January St Dwynwen's Day – children to wear red

### **February**

Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm Information meeting for parents of children in Year 6 attending the Llangrannog Residential Centre

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Inset Day. School closed to children. Half term begins**

### **March**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March children return to school after half term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday Lent begins

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March St David's Day Celebrations

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March individual and family school photographs  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March children in Year 6 attend Llangrannog Residential Centre  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March children in Year 6 return from Llangrannog Residential Centre  
 Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> Swimming course for Year 6 begins – 2 weeks  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm information meeting for parents of children in Year 5 attending the Manor Adventure Residential Centre

#### April

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Y6 swimming course finishes  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April Class 1, 2 and 3 Palm Sunday Assembly 3pm  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Class 4 Last Supper Assembly 3pm  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Class 5 The Agony in the Garden and Trial of Jesus Assembly 3pm  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April Class 6 Crucifixion of Jesus Assembly 3pm  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April Easter Raffle **and school closes for the Easter holidays at 3.30pm**

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April children return to school after the Easter holidays

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April Y5 children attend Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April Y5 children return from Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

#### May

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May school closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May Class photographs  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May National tests begin for Classes 3-6  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May National tests finish. **School closes for half term 3.30pm**

#### June

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June school closed to children for an Inset Day

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

#### July

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm  
 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 2024/25

**Friday February 21st 2025,**

**Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 *5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 28/4/25	Monday 26/5/25	Friday 30/5/25	Monday 21/7/25

## Term Dates 2025/26

<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 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>

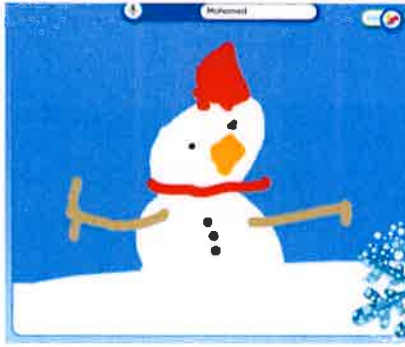


# Class One

This week in Class One we have been exploring the cold and frosty weather.



We dressed up warm and put our wellies on to explore.



We enjoyed doing snowman maths.

We used Jit 5 to draw snowman pictures.



In the garden we made our own ice art by leaving water outside to freeze overnight.



They looked amazing hanging in the garden the next day.





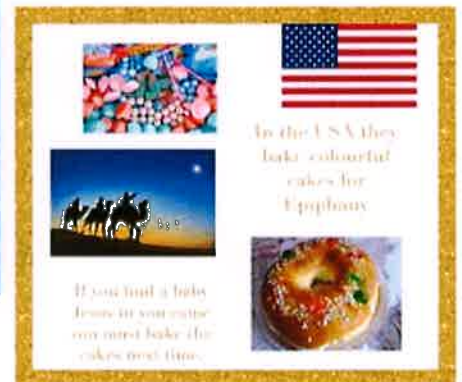
# Epiphany around the World



In class this week, we have been learning about Epiphany and how it is celebrated in different countries around the World. We created fact files using the app 'Pic Collage'.

**Epiphany is when Christians remember the day that the Three Wise Men visited Jesus in Bethlehem.**

In many states of the USA, Epiphany is celebrated by baking and eating 'King cakes'. They are brightly coloured and you might find a Baby Jesus inside!



In Spain, children find it difficult to get to sleep the night before Epiphany! Children leave their shoes outside in the hope that the Three Wise Men will bring gifts to fill them.

In Poland, Epiphany is a national holiday. Most major cities in the country hold big parades on 6th January. The parade features people dressed up as the Three Wise Men.

Children in Peru receive gifts from the Three Wise Men rather than from Santa. The night before the festival, children leave grass and water outside for the Wise Men's camels.





# Class 4



The children are really excited about our new class topic !

## The Romans are Coming!



Sin, sin, sin, dex, sin, Left, left, left, right, left, Watch out: the Romans are coming!

This half term, we will visit a Roman site and learn about aspects of everyday life in Roman times. We'll understand why the Romans came to Wales and order events on a Roman timeline. Studying the ancient site of Caerleon will help us to understand what life was like in a Roman fort. We'll develop the skills of a Roman soldier and learn about the life of Tadius, who lived at Caerleon 2000 years ago. We'll learn to read Roman numerals, taste a variety of Roman dishes and extend our vocabulary by learning Latin words. Our creative skills will improve as we make jewellery, mosaics and lamps, and we will design a Roman aqueduct. We'll also meet the Welsh hero, Caradog, and learn about his amazing story.

At the end of the project, we will share our learning with you. We'll look at the events that lead to the end of Roman rule and learn about the Roman legacy in Wales.

<b>Languages, literacy and communication</b>	Role play, research, diaries, glossaries
<b>Humanities</b>	The Romans in Wales, timelines, Roman army, life in Roman times, significant individuals – Caradog, the Roman legacy
<b>Science and technology</b>	Preparing foods, Roman crafts
<b>Humanities</b>	Roman forts, sketch maps
<b>Mathematics and numeracy</b>	Roman numerals, weighing and measuring, Capacity
<b>Health and well-being</b>	Competitive games
<b>Science and technology</b>	Roman inventions, aqueducts

### Help your child prepare for their project

The Roman world is fascinating. Why not visit a local museum to find out about Roman life in your area? You could also use mosaic tiles, small foam squares or paper to create a Roman mosaic design. Alternatively, visit the local library to find a range of story and information books about the Romans to read together.



# CLASS 5 WORLD WAR 2 CONTEXT

*Class 5 have started a new and fascinating context this week on World War 2. We started by learning about some of the main causes of WW2, made timelines of the main events leading up to WW2 from 1933-1939 and then created picture collages from primary source materials.*

*Time line by Giorgio, collages by Layla-Ann and Abella.*



1933 January 30 - Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany. His Nazi Party, or the Third Reich, takes power and Hitler is essentially the dictator of Germany.



1938 March 12 - Hitler invades the country of Austria into Germany. Austria disappears as a country.



1936 October 25 - Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy form the Rome-Berlin Axis treaty.

7 March 1936 German troops invade the Rhineland

1936 November 25 - Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan sign the Anti-Comintern Pact. This was a pact against communism and Russia.

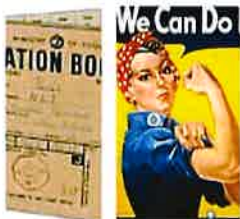
1937 July 7 - Japan invades China



March 15, 1939 - Hitler invades Czechoslovakia.

1939 September 3 - France and Great Britain declare war on Germany

1939 September 1 - Germany invades Poland. World War II begins



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# Class 6

## WW2



Classes 5 and 6 have just started studying WW2. We researched some basic facts to begin our exploration. We are looking forward to investigating this topic further.

### Who, When and Why?

World War II began in Europe, when Germany invaded Poland. Neville Chamberlain the British Prime Minister at the time, offered a peace treaty to Hitler and asked him to withdraw his troops from Poland but he failed to comply.

Great Britain and France responded by declaring war on Germany on September 3 1939.

The war dragged on for six bloody years until the allies defeated the Axis powers of Nazi Germany, Japan and Italy in 1945.

### What and Where?

By the summer of 1941 Germany had invaded:

France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Yugoslavia and the USSR.

Hitler wanted to create what he thought was the "best" and strongest race – and to the Nazi Party, this excluded certain groups, such as Jews and those with physical and mental disabilities.

**The group most heavily targeted by the Nazis were the Jews**

Around six million Jewish people were killed during World War 2 in one of history's most terrible events – the Holocaust. Racist in his views, Hitler

blamed Jewish people for Germany losing **World War I** and claimed they were dangerous to German people and society.

Around the same time that Germany fought for power in Europe, Japan wanted to control Asia and the Pacific.

In 1937 (before World War 2 had officially begun) under Emperor Hirohito, Japan attacked China, bringing the two nations into years of conflict.

The US didn't join the war until 1941, when Japan attacked the United States at their Naval Base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii. On 8 December 1941 (the very next day), the US declared war on Japan and, in turn, its German allies.

Some countries remained 'neutral' in World War 2.

These countries were: Spain, Sweden and Switzerland – who chose not to join either side.

The Germans surrendered on 8 May 1945.

The most famous battles in WW2 were the Battle of Stalingrad and the Battle of Berlin.

The people who supported Great Britain the most were the United States.

