



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

In this week's assembly the children were helped to understand the significance of Jesus' Baptism. We explored the symbols of Baptism and we took part in a guided meditation to invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts.



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.

Be on time



at five to nine

St Dwynwen's Day

To celebrate this special day on Friday January 24th the children can wear red, and they will take part in activities in their Class



Diary dates 2025

These will be regularly updated:

January

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.

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

Thursday 20th February Class 6 Assembly 3pm

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

Tuesday 11th March individual and family school photographs

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

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

Thursday 20th March Class 3 Assembly 3pm

Monday March 24th Swimming course for Year 6 begins – 2 weeks

Monday 24th March 3.30pm information meeting for parents of children in Year 5 attending the Manor Adventure Residential Centre

April

Friday 4th April Y6 swimming course finishes

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

Wednesday 7th May Class photographs

Thursday 8th May Class 4 Assembly 3pm

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 12th June Class 2 Assembly

Thursday 19th June Sports Day

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

July

Thursday 3rd July Class 1 Assembly 3pm

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 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

This week in Class One we have been reading the story of The Gingerbread Man.



We ordered key word sentences to retell parts of the story.



In Maths we have been finding pairs to 5 using the Gingerbread man's buttons.



We loved our independent challenges around the class.



We decorated gingerbread houses with Mrs Wonnacott. They looked brilliant!



Class 2



This week we have been continuing our Context for Learning called 'Polar Explorers'. We have done some fabulous research about penguins and have learned some very interesting facts. We recorded the things we learned onto a PicCollage before writing our own Penguin Fact Files.

Penguins eat fish.

The daddy penguin looks after the egg on their feet.

They use their flippers to swim.

They slide on their bellies on the ice.

They sound like a donkey when they call their friends.

Penguins

They are birds but they can't fly.

They use their feathers to keep them warm.

They live in a cold place.

Baby penguins are called chicks.

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PIC•COLLAGE

There are 20 types of penguins.

They swim in the water to catch the food which is fish.

It looks like they are flying in the water but they are swimming.

They hatched from eggs sometimes 2.

They waddle when they walk.

Their wings are called flippers.

They like to swim in water.

They can't fly.

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PIC•COLLAGE



Penguins eat fish.

The dad takes care of the eggs.

Facing penguins on their back to reach back to see if they know their ice.

They swim in the water but it looks like they are flying.

Penguins can live for up to 20 years.

They are black and white with an orange beak.

There are different sizes of penguins.

They have flippers.

Penguins lay eggs one at a time.

Penguins live in the antarctic.

They live in colonies.

They hunt for their fish.

Penguins can slide on ice it's called tobogganing.

Baby penguins are called chicks.

Triangle and square group 13/01/25

The eggs are white.

They sound like donkeys it's called a bray.

Penguins lay eggs

PIC•COLLAGE

During Class Worship we thought about the problems the penguins and other polar animals have because of the effect of humans on their homes. We prayed that God would help us to look after them.



Class Three

This week in Class Three we have been learning about The Preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus' Baptism. We learnt that Baptism is a sign of forgiveness and that John the Baptist as a prophet called people back to God by encouraging them to say sorry.

In class we looked closely at the scripture from Luke 3:2-6 and 10-17 and explored the words of John the Baptist.

Turn away from your sins and be baptised, and God will forgive your sins.



Don't take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay.



Don't collect more than is legal.



We then learnt about The Baptism of Jesus. We listened carefully to the scripture in Luke 3:21-22 and then acted out the scene with our friends. *"And as he was praying, Heaven was opened²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*



Scan the QR code to watch our Videos!



CLASS 5 CODING – SENDING MORSE CODE SIGNALS WITH MICRO:BITS

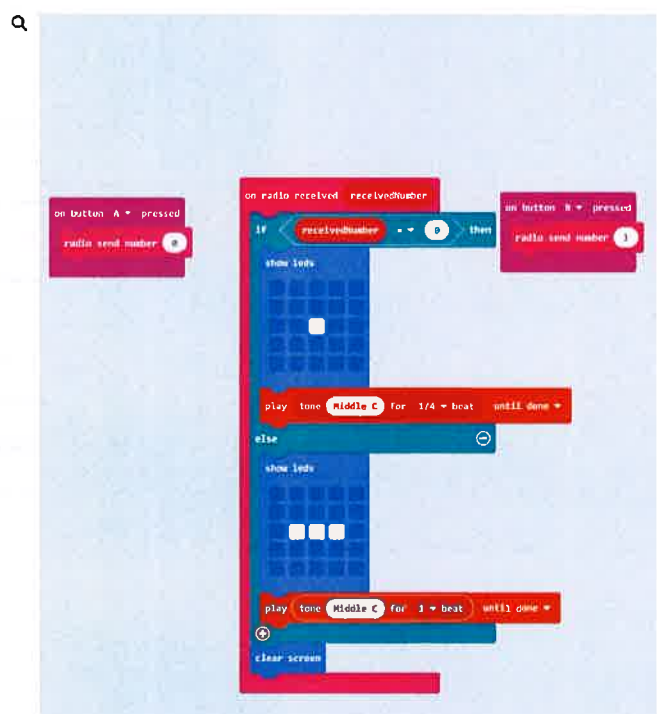
In class 5, we have learned about how Morse code was used to send messages during WW2. We coded micro:bits in pairs to send and receive wartime secret messages using the **radio function**. We wrote the dots and dashes down and then translated the messages using the Morse code alphabet.



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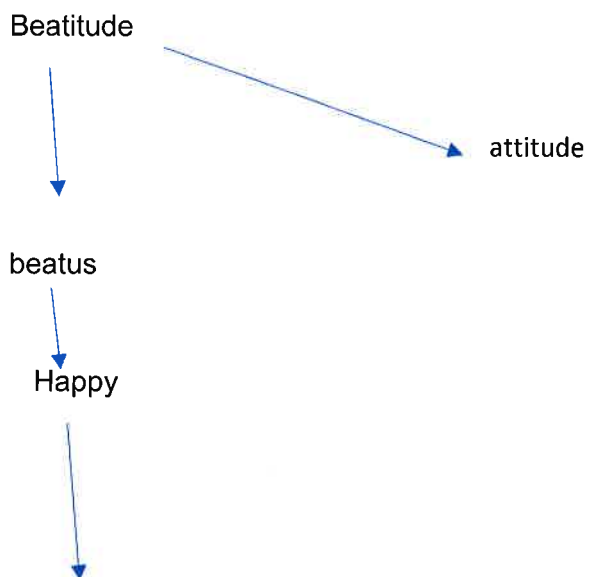
Pressing button B sent a dash to the other micro:bit and a longer beep sound.



Class 6



Class 6 have been learning about the Beatitudes and how they modernise the Ten commandments. We reflected on each Beatitude and how they guide us in our everyday life. Jesus tells his followers important messages about what makes a life blessed. We illustrated each Beatitude and used 'Inshot' to create a video on the Beatitudes.



- Mourn (sad loss)**
- Meek (quiet and gentle)**
- Merciful (forgiveness)**
- Peacemaker (righteousness)**
- Righteousness (justice)**
- Poor in spirit (those who don't have faith)**
- Comforted (made to feel comfortable)**
- Pure in heart (people who are pure and good)**

THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND
FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME.
REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN,
FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE
BEFORE YOU.

MATTHEW 6:3-12

