



## 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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January marks the start of a Jubilee Year; a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church.



#### **THE BIBLICAL ORIGINS OF JUBILEE**

*Watch a video or read the transcript below.*

2025 is a Year of Jubilee! The word 'Jubilee' comes from the Hebrew word for a ram's horn, which was blown to announce the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible.

In the Old Testament, the Jubilee Year was a time of renewal and celebration. Debts were cancelled, people could rest, and because crops weren't planted even the land was able to rest. It was also a time of freedom: prisoners and slaves were freed, and land was given to those who didn't have any. It was known as the year of the Lord's favour.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to bring the justice and freedom of the Jubilee. Inspired by his example, we can share in his mission to create a world of justice, peace and love.

Now we celebrate a Jubilee every 25 years. It's still a very special, holy year of forgiveness and mercy, a time to reset, to renew our relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It is an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are. Pope Francis says: "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally

The official image for the Jubilee has been painted by an Ethiopian artist Mulugeta Araya. There is an explanation of the imagery below:



The icon portrays Jesus faithfully in the Northern Ethiopian tradition and is full of meaning:

- 1 The crowd gathered to listen to Jesus includes men, women and children. Old and young. Their body language shows they are engaged with the Word of God. Their eyes are fixed on Jesus. The people are hungry for this truth.
- 2 Jesus looks out into the world. His gaze encompasses all people, not just this crowd, and his teaching is for all time.
- 3 The woman with a stick at the front shows Jesus' concern for those who are often overlooked in our society, such as the elderly, the vulnerable and those living with a disability.
- 4 The golden halo shows that Jesus is divine and the Son of God.
- 5 Jesus' right hand is raised to show he is teaching.
- 6 This man holds a leather bag used to carry and protect the Holy Bible in Ethiopia.
- 7 The words of the Scripture are written in Ge'ez, an Ethiopian liturgical language.
- 8 The rainbow is a symbol of hope and of God's covenant with all people bridging the Old and New Testaments, and which will lead to liberation.
- 9 The brick wall shows the separation between God's house - the Synagogue and the outside world. Jesus has come into an open space where the crowds can gather together on equal terms. Here the Good News and the Jubilee liberation are for the whole world.

We will officially launch the Jubilee year on Wednesday afternoon in Assembly.

## 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

### **Diary dates 2025**

**These will be regularly updated:**

#### **January**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January St Dwynwen's Day – children to wear red

#### **February**

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Class 5 and 6 visit Cardiff Castle

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February Class 4 visit Caerleon

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February Class 6 Assembly 3pm

**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

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March Class 3 Assembly 3pm

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May Class 4 Assembly 3pm

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 12<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 Assembly

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**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Class 1 Assembly 3pm

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**

**Friday February 21st 2025,**

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

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

#### **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

<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 ♥♥♥♥

On Friday we celebrated Saint Dwynwen's Day in school. We wore red and did lots of activities. We listened to the story of Saint Dwynwen in class and made cards and gifts for the people that we love.



We practised our welsh and wrote messages in our cards.



Dydd Santes  
Dwynwen  
Hapus!



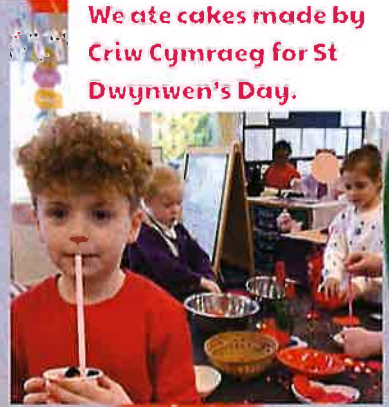
Remember  
to say 'Dw  
l'n caru...'

**Class 2**

**24.01.25**



We made love-heart toast and jam.



We ate cakes made by Criw Cymraeg for St Dwynwen's Day.



We used toilet rolls to paint love hearts.



We made 'love potion' drinks.



Dw in caru fy mam.



**Class 2**  
celebrating St  
Dwynwen's Day

Dw i,n caru caru fy mam.



We drew pictures of people we love using Jit5. Then we wrote 'Dw i'n caru...' which means 'I love...' in Welsh.

Dw in caru fy ffrind Charlie.



Dw in caru fy ffrind Chaniel.



# CLASS 3

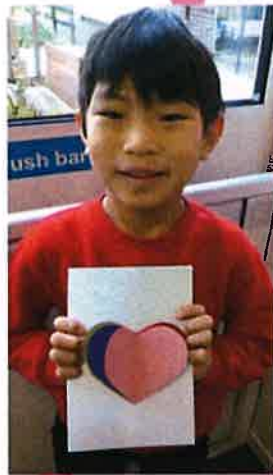
In Class 3 we have been celebrating Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen.



We enjoyed creating heart pictures in the style of Kandinsky using oil pastels.



We made cards, special drinks for Dwynwen and love spoons.



We wrote about the people we love using our Ymadrodd yr Wythnos. We used WordArt to display our work.







# Class Four



The Romans are Coming!



Many thanks to Mr. Hayes who gave the children a taste of life as a Roman soldier this week. The children got a chance to see the uniform, hear commands in Latin and learn so much more about the Roman Army. They are looking forward to our class trip to The Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February where they will experience some fantastic workshops and a tour of the Roman Baths and Amphitheatre. A consent letter has been sent out this week.





# CLASS 6



**We have been working hard, completing our homework tasks. We are really enjoying studying WW2. We have created some typical air raid shelters. These were vital during WW2, as they provided safety for civilians from bombs. From 1939 – 1945 many homes had them in their back gardens. Shelters like these saved so many lives.**

