



## 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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Weekend Mass times- Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am

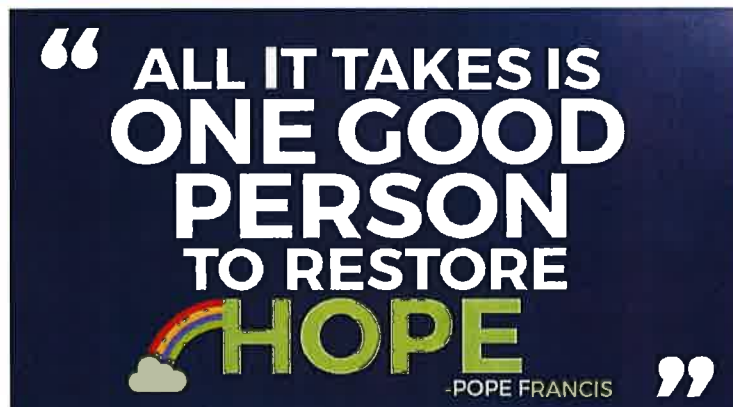
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31st January 2025

### Catholic Life of the School

On Wednesday we began our journey as pilgrims of hope. During this Jubilee year we are taking action to build a fairer world.



## 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.**



### **Diary dates 2025**

**These will be regularly updated:**

#### **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**

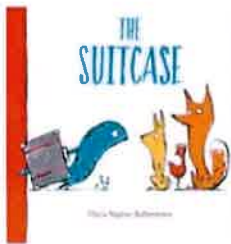
### Term Dates 2024/25

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





On Monday we had an assembly to launch our Schools of Sanctuary week. We thought about the importance of making people feel welcome in our school community.

# CLASS ONE



We read the story 'The Suitcase' by Chris Naylor - Ballesteros. The story is about the importance of showing kindness to people. We looked inside the suitcase and found a tea cup and a picture of home. We completed activities based on helping the characters feel welcome and safe in their new home.



We designed tea cups reflecting our personalities to share tea with our new friend and built him a new home in our garden. In the suitcase, we placed things that are important to us and that make us feel safe and at home.



We shared the story 'Welcome' by Barroux and talked about how we can welcome others and show kindness. We made cards and a sign with all of the ways we will welcome people.



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## Class 2



This week Class 2 shared the story of a little girl called Mariya. She had to leave her home and all her belongings because it was not safe for her to stay in her own country. We discussed the feelings of the characters in the story and photographed what these feelings could look like.



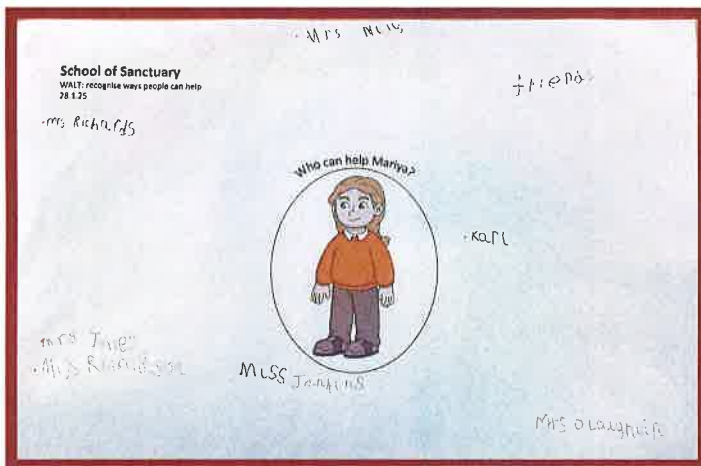
happy



lonely



sad



We are working towards making Holy Family a School of Sanctuary, we know this means we need to help children who are new to Holy Family. We thought of the different types of people in our school who are helpful to us and the ways that they help us.

We also learned about some people who started lives as refugees from their home countries and have achieved fame in their lives.



Jacob wrote:

Sir Mo Farah was a refugee from Somalia. He travelled to London. Sir Mo Farah does the Mobot. Sir Mo Farah beat everyone he raced.

Rita Ora is a famous singer. Rita Ora is a famous dancer. Rita Ora travelled to London from Yugoslavia. She was a refugee.

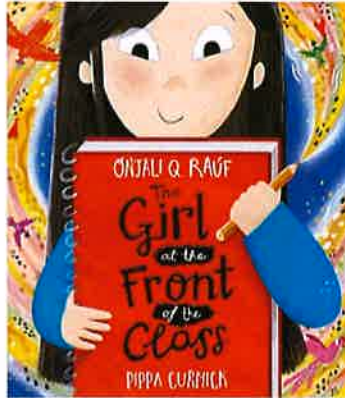




# Class 3

## 31.01.25

In Class 3, we have been reading the book 'The Girl at the Front of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf and Pippa Curnick. This story opened up our minds to refugees who come to our country because their country is not safe enough for them to stay and live.



We thought about Layla in the story and how she was feeling. We learnt that Layla was feeling sad, lonely, and very upset because she had to leave her family and friends behind and come to a new country. She felt scared and remembered that her home had been destroyed and all of her toys had been destroyed too. We felt sad and worried for Layla.



We brainstormed ideas of ways we would welcome Layla if she was to join our class. We came up with ideas such as make her laugh, be kind to her and ask her to join in with our games on the playground. We could ask her to read a story with us in the reading corner of class or paint a picture in the creative area. There are so many ways which we could help someone like Layla who has left her home to stay safe.



We researched famous people who were refugees. We discovered that Judith Kerr, the very famous author of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', left Germany at the age of 10 years old because her family didn't feel safe because of the Nazi's. Check out Freddie and Oscar's Pic Collage with facts all about this discovery!



We each wrote a letter to Layla to help make her feel welcome. We included the ideas which we brainstormed in our groups. We empathised with Layla to show that we understand that she might feel sad, lonely and scared but we want to be her friend and help her feel happy, excited and have fun while she is staying here.





# Class Four.



**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35**

As a school, we are working towards becoming a School of Sanctuary. A School of Sanctuary is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for those seeking sanctuary. This could be people whose lives were in danger in their own country, who have troubles at home or are just looking for a space of safety.

As a Catholic school, we are called to put our faith into practice and by becoming a School of Sanctuary, we will be doing exactly that. We will be a school that helps its pupils, staff and wider community understand what it means to need sanctuary and extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community.

It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all. The children researched some famous people who needed sanctuary in their time of need.

Sienna and Lana

**Fact: Anne Frank died when she was only 16!**

**Fact: Anne Frank left her country because of the hate for Jews**

**Fact: Anne Frank fled from Germany to Amsterdam**

**Fact: Anne Frank died in 1945**

**Fact: Anne Frank was born on 12th of June 1929**



**Fact: Anne Frank came from Germany the country of Frankfurt**

**Fact: Anne Frank was born in 1929**

**Fact: Anne Frank spoke Dutch and German**

**Fact: Anne Frank achieved keeping a diary of her experiences**



**Anne Frank**




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Rita Ora is 33 years old

Her languages is Albanian

Rita Ora fled Kosovo with her parents aged one, following the persecution of Albanians in her home country.

Rita Ora's hobby is fishing




Her dad is a doctor

Rita Ora has two siblings

She lived at Kosovo with her family then she had to move

Rita Ora was born in November 21st 1990

**Rita Ora**




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Sienna and Luna

**Fact: Judith Kerr died at the age of 95 and in 2019**

**Fact: Judith Kerr was born on the 14th of June 1923**

**Fact: Judith Kerr moved from Germany because she wanted to escape the Nazis**



**Judith Kerr**



**Fact: She received an OBE for services to literature and holocaust education 2012**






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# Schools of Sanctuary launch week in Class 5

In class 5, we have learned about asylum seekers and refugees. We researched famous refugees such as Bob Marley and Gloria Estefan and made fact files, databases (from a spreadsheet) and acrostic poems on sanctuary. Here are examples from Scarlett and Layla-Ann:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	PICTURE OF PERSON	NAME	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF ASYLUM	YEARS LIVED	FAMOUS FOR
2		Camille Pissarro	Danish West Indies	France	75	ARTIST
3		Lucien Freud	Berlin, Germany	London	88	ARTIST
4		Michael Marks	Slonim, Belarus	Britain	48	BUSINESS
5		Sir Alec Issigonis	Izmir, Turkey	Malta	81	DESIGNERS
6		Lakshimbhai Pathak	Kenya, India	Britain	29	BUSINESS
7		Bob Marley	Nine mile, Jamaica	Miami	36	MUSICIAN
8		Gloria Estefan	Havana, Cuba	USA	67	MUSICIAN
9		Wyclef Jean	Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti	Newark, New Jersey	55	MUSICIAN

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1	PICTURE OF PERSON	NAME	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF ASYLUM	YEARS LIVED	FAMOUS FOR
2		Camille Pissarro	US Virgin Islands	Danish-French-Jewish	10 July 1830 – 13 November 1903	Artist
3		Lucien Freud	Berlin, Germany	UK	8 December 1922 – 20 July 2011	Artist
4		Michael Marks	Slonim, Belarus	Russian Poland	June 1859 – 31 December 1907	Business
5		Sir Alec Issigonis	Izmir, Turkey	Malta	18 November 1908 – 2 October 1988	Business
6		Bob Marley	Nine Mile, Jamaica	Miami, Florida, US Miami, Florida, US	6 February 1945 – 11 May 1981	Musician
7		Gloria Estefan	Havana, Cuba		1 September 1957 - now	Musician
8						Artist

# Rita Ora



## Childhood

Rita Ora is a British singer, songwriter, television personality, and actress. She was born 26 November 1990. In 1991 (when she was only 1 years old), Rita's family were forced to leave their home for fear of persecution. At that time in Yugoslavia, Albanians were being unfairly treated and killed.

Her parents left behind everything they knew and moved Rita, Don (her brother) and Elena (her sister) to London to keep them safe. Rita's mother was a psychiatrist and her father an economist. They had to start all over again and learn a new language to bring their children up in a new country. Rita grew up in Notting Hill, in West London, and attended a performing arts school, Sylvia Young Theatre School. At the age of 13 she got her first acting role in series called 'Brief'. Soon after she appeared in the British film, *Spivs* (2004).

## Adulthood



Rita always had a passion for performing and often did open sessions around London. In 2008, she auditioned for *Eurovision: Your Country Needs You* on BBC 1 but later on pulled out of the competition as her manager said it was a bad idea. Shortly after, Ora signed a recording deal with Roc Nation. This was following a cameo appearance in Jay Z's video for "Young Forever" (2009). She worked very hard on her music and soon released videos online in 2012 she featured on a single which went to number one and later that year her first album 'Ora' also debuted at number one.

Ever since then she has gone on to famously write records and release lots more music becoming an award-winning singer and performing worldwide. As well as her recording career, Ora has served as a judge on television talent shows, including *The X Factor UK* (2015) and *The Masked Singer* (2020-2024) Rita has also appeared in films (*Descendants: The Rise of Red*), and designed clothing and accessories in collaboration with different brands like Calvin Klein and Adidas.

## Legacy/Impact

Rita Ora has supported UNICEF UK since 2013, with a particular interest in her work with refugees.

She has spoken publicly about her family's history, and their shared determination to make things work despite their past challenges. Alongside her continued success, she makes time to connect with those who continue to struggle in the face of persecution and displacement. In April 2019, Rita visited UNICEF programmatic work in her native Kosovo. She was made a UNICEF UK Ambassador upon her return, in reflection of her passion, dedication and commitment to driving positive change for children in greatest need around the world.

