



## 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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13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Catholic Life of the school

This weekend 8 pupils from Holy Family School (plus 2 from the Parish) will make their First Holy Communion. This a culmination of 10 weeks of after school preparation lessons. The children have been a pleasure to work with.

Please remember these children in your prayers:

**Tobias, Luna, Samuel, Khloe, Chelsea,  
Ethan, Oscar and Cameron.**



### Sports Day

The weather forecast is looking good for next week, so fingers crossed Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. The event will begin at 10am to give the grass time to completely dry out. The gates will be open just before 10am. There will be limited seating, so please don't bring extended family. The children will all have an opportunity to enter a race, and receive a medal if they achieve 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **The judges' decision is final, parents see the race from a very different angle to those stood directly behind the finish line.** Please ensure that your child wears a T- Shirt with short sleeves not a Vest Top, and is wearing Trainers. We hope it will be a fabulous morning!



## Year 5 and 6 Play Summer Play

Due to some children with main parts in the Summer Play having Transition Days that clash with our Summer play dates we have rescheduled the dates. The dates are **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2pm** and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm**

## Early pick ups at the end of the day

There are an increasing number of children being collected early from school in the afternoon. School finishes at 3.30pm, unless you have a medical appointment children should not be collected early.

## 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.



Be on time



at five to nine

**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.**

## June

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Transition Day 1 at Corpus Christi High School for children transferring to Year 7 in September

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 Assembly

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 and 3 visit to Barry Island

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

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June Transition Day 2 at Corpus Christi High School for children transferring to Year 7 in September

## July

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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St David's Cathedral

Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Thursday 10<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

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

### **Inset days Autumn 2025**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**3 further days- dates to be decided.**

### **Term Dates 2024/25**

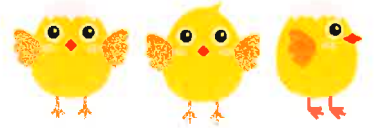
<b>Term</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Half Term begins</b>	<b>Half Term ends</b>	<b>Term ends</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Monday 2/9/2024</b>	<b>Monday 28/10/2024</b>	<b>Friday 1/11/2024</b>	<b>Friday 20/12/2024</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Monday 6/1/25</b>	<b>Monday 24/2/25</b>	<b>Friday 28/2/25</b>	<b>Friday 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>

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<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 continued to observe and care for our chicks. Mrs Wonnacott helped us to clean them out and feed them. We were really lucky and we got to hold them. They were soft and fluffy.



We made chick life cycles and painted chicks in the creative area.



Isabelle

Sidhroopa



Millie



Madison

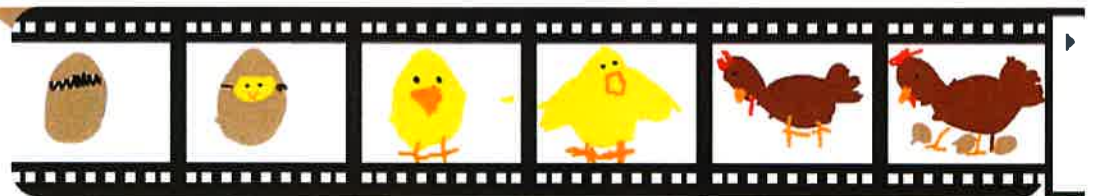


Ayla

We have been creating an animation of the life cycle of a chicken.



Background



We drew the different stages of the life cycle on blank slides using the Jits Animation on Hwb.

## Class 2



As part of our Land Ahoy topic we have been thinking about materials that things are made of. This week we have investigated the difference between things that are made by people and things that are found in nature.



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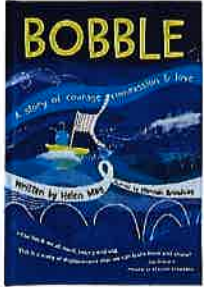
PIC-COLLAGE

We have also been practising our green finger skills in the Edible Playground. We planted out seedlings of tomatoes, pumpkin, marrow, and cabbage. Of course, there was more weeding to do - Where do all these weeds come from?





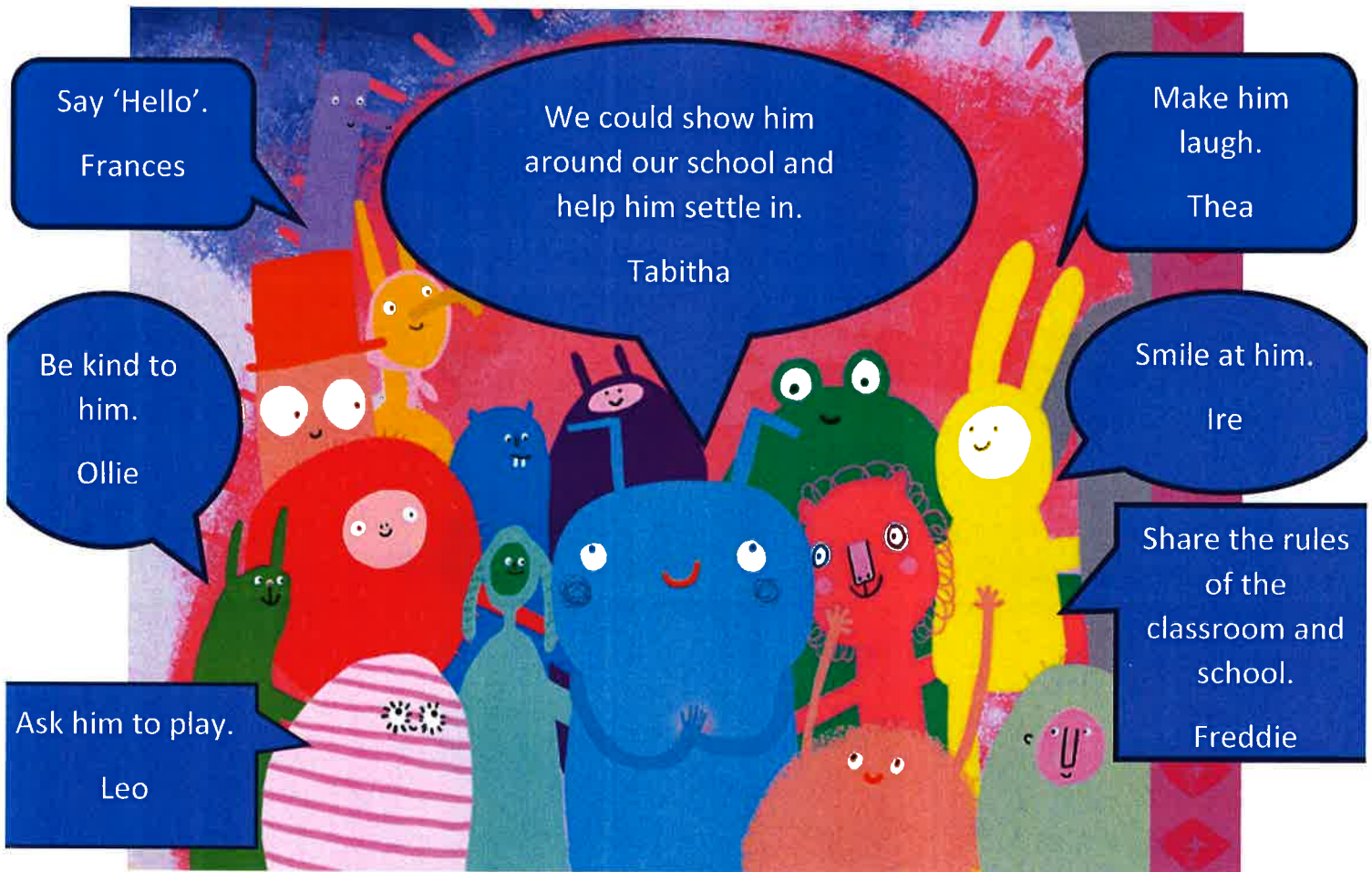
Today in Class 3 we took part in activities for 'A Day of Welcome'. A Day of Welcome is an annual day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary.



We listened to the story 'Bobble' by Helen May. Bobble had to leave his home as it wasn't safe for him to stay. He travelled by boat looking for a safe and welcoming place. Bobble wasn't made to feel welcome at the start but that didn't stop him from helping those in need when danger struck. Through acts of kindness friendships developed and Bobble and his new friends found a safe place to live.



We imagined that Bobble joined our class. We thought about what we could do and say to make Bobble feel welcome in Class 3.



We created our own colourful creatures to represent us. Here are some of our creatures:



# Class Four

## Volcanic Eruptions.

Volcanoes erupt when magma, molten rock and gas, rises to the Earth's surface and escapes through cracks or vents.



They can also form over mantle plumes, which are hot areas of rock within the Earth.



The most recent significant volcanic eruption occurred in Fagradalsfjall, Iceland, starting on November 20 2024



The oldest volcano in the chain is the inactive volcano Meiji, which is 85 million years old.



The word “volcano” comes from the Roman word “Vulcan” who was the ancient Roman god of fire.

*Researched and written by Henos.*

# INTERNET DANGERS IN CLASS 5

Class 5 have been learning about internet dangers. We learned about risks, threats, ownership, fakes, data-bleed, data harvesting and digital footprint amongst other things. Here is a terrific example:

Emily, Abella, Megan, and Mila

[if you want to know more, click me!](#)

## Malware

"Mal" is French for "bad" (très mal), and software is an app you can download or a program—the meaning of "malware" is bad software. Malware is when someone tries to steal your private details (bank account details), or another example of malware is when someone tries to spread a virus on a computer and threatens you for money to stop the virus (they can stop the virus from happening or just escape from the scene). This is called **ransomware**.



Megan, Mila Abella and Emily

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## Apps

Apps are great! Some of them are free and very fun! Until they are not. Have you ever wondered how apps get so much money? This is because companies will pay the programmer to include their adverts inside the app! Sometimes, the app developer will give away your personal information and data to sell it! This is also another reason why they have so much money to produce and advertise their app! They will give you emails trying to sell you products. Google and Facebook / Meta collect and sell information about users!

Most of these apps collect your data and sell it!



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## Deep Fakes

Deep Fakes are AI-generated videos that mimic people to make it look and sound exactly like the real person and have been used to damage people's reputation for something they never actually said or did. You only need to upload an image of you as well as you speaking for just 3 seconds. Deepfakes can be very fascinating, but there is a much darker side to them. Imagine being framed for saying something racist about someone? Not only would that make you upset, but it would also come to other people's attention. It can be misinformation about politics, opinions, and even fraud. This danger is not spoken about enough, as it can make us question every single piece of content.



Megan, Abella, Mila, and Emily

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## Copyright ©

How would you feel if someone stole your work as well as ownership and took credit for it **without** permission? You would be very unhappy and feel that it is unfair. There is a way to prevent it: copyright. Copyright is where you can get a patent for your drawing, brand, songs, etc.! If they somehow violate the patent, you could sue them based on the item they copied. It gives creators legal control of what they **own**. When you do violate this, it is not just copying; it is plagiarism.



# FAMOUS WORLD RIVERS

## Class 6

### River Nile

Location-flows across 11 countries in Africa.

Mouth-Mediterranean Sea.

Delta-Egypt.

Depth-8-11 metres.

Length-6,650 miles.

The Nile River is most famous for being a critical source of life for ancient and modern Egypt.



### Mississippi River

Location-Central United States.

Mouth-Gulf of Mexico.

Delta-Gulf of Mexico.

Depth-61m.

The Mississippi River is famous for its immense historical significance, its role in American culture and literature.

### Amazon River

Location-The Northern part of South America.

Mouth-Atlantic Ocean.

Delta-a vast river delta formed by the Amazon River.

Depth-100m.

Length-6,400km.

Famous for-The Amazon River is famous for being the largest river system in the world by volume and area.

### Danube River

Location-Central and South-eastern Europe.

Mouth-Brigach and Breg rivers in Germany.

Delta-Danube Delta.

Depth-1-8 metres.

Length-2,857km.

Famous For-The second longest river in Europe.





### River Ganges

Location-Himalayan Mountains in India.

Mouth-Ganges Delta.

Delta-Ganges Delta.

Depth-33m.

Length-2,525km.

Famous For-The Ganges River is famous for its profound spiritual significance in Hinduism, where it's revered as a goddess.

### River Thames

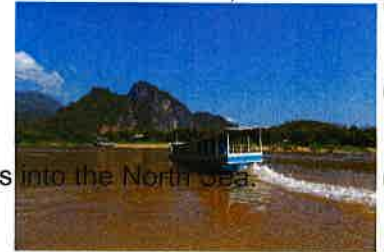
Location-Southern England.

Delta-The Thames does not have a traditional river delta where it empties into the North Sea.

Depth-20m.

Length-346 km.

Famous For-The River Thames is famous for being the lifeline of London, a source of inspiration for artists, and a place of historical significance.



### Congo River

Location-West - Central Africa.

Mouth-Atlantic Ocean.

Delta-The Congo River does not have a traditional delta.

Depth-220m.

Length-4,700km.

Famous For-The Congo River is famous for being the second-longest river in Africa.

### Mekong River

Location-Southeast Asia.

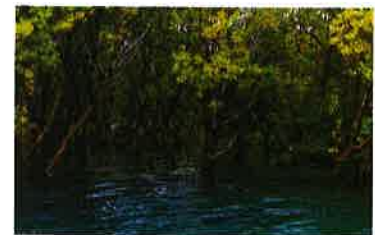
Mouth-Mekong River Delta.

Delta-Mekong River Delta.

Depth-90-300 feet.

Length-4,909km.

Famous For-The Mekong River is famous for its vast inland fishery.



I found the Mekong River the most interesting because it is Southeast Asia's longest river. In addition to this I also found it very interesting because it flows from the Tibetan Plateau in China through several countries before emptying into the South China Sea. The river is also known as the Lancang River in China. As well as this I found it interesting because it boasts the world's largest inland fishery. It accounts for up to 25 percent of the global freshwater catch and provides livelihoods for tens of millions of people.