



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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Estyn Interim Visit

Our Estyn one day interim visit took place on Tuesday. Two HMI Inspectors were with us for the full day. The focus of the inspection was progress on our two recommendations:



1. Provide opportunities for all teachers to share their curriculum knowledge and expertise with colleagues.
2. Improve opportunities for pupils to influence the school's plans to develop provision.

They observed teaching in all classes several times, spoke to children, scrutinised books, met with myself, teachers and children. They also looked at data to ascertain the progress that the children are making. The visit went well, the children as usual were an absolute credit to the school. The results will be published in a two paragraph letter on the Estyn website on **October 14th**. The letter will only comment on the progress of the recommendations, it is not a full report.

Reading Meeting for parents of children in Reception (Class 1)

You are invited to attend a meeting about how we teach reading and how you can help your child at home. The meeting is on Thursday 25th September at 2.30pm in the Hall.



Year 6 Cycling Course

This begins on **Monday September 29th** and lasts for 4 days. Please return all consent forms to the Office. **The children cannot take part without official written consent.**



School uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled, particularly Jumpers and Fleece. Thank you.

Sharing success

If your child achieves something we can celebrate, either email a photograph or the child can bring in their certificates, trophies etc. We will publish the good news in the Newsletter.

Attendance

Attendance Matters

Attendance Percentage	Days at School	Number of Absences		
100%	190	0	Well Done	Best chances of success.
95%	180	10		
90%	171	19	'We are Worried'	Poor Attendance—Less chance of success
85%	161	29		
80%	152	38	'We are Seriously Concerned'	Very Poor Attendance—Serious impact on education and reduces life chances.
75%	143	47		

If your child is unwell please telephone the School the first morning of their absence; we have a dedicated telephone line where you can leave a message. If your child is unwell in the morning but then perks up, please bring them into school, they will then get their afternoon mark.

Lateness

This has become a problem again, in all of the Classes. School begins at 8.55am, therefore all children must be on site for that time. 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 must get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register must be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Ms Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills must 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.
6. 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 enable your child to start school at 8.55am. Persistent latecomers are now being referred to the School Attendance Officer and could result in a referral to Social Services.

Inset days 2025+26

Friday 24th October

Friday 13th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

Diary Dates 2025+26- these will be updated regularly

September

Thursday 25th September 2.30pm Meeting for parents in **Reception** to learn about how to help your child learn to read

Friday 26th September European Day of Languages

Friday 29th September- Thursday October 2nd Y6 Cycling training

October

Wednesday 15th October Shw' mae Day- children to wear red, white or green

Thursday 16th October 10am Harvest Festival led by **Class 1, 2 and 3**, followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 17th October Show racism the red card day- children to wear red

Friday 24th October Inset Day- school closed to children

Monday 27th October half term begins

Friday 31st October half term ends

November

Monday 3rd November children return to school

Monday 10th November- Friday 14th November Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 17th November- Friday 21st November 'Open your eyes Week'- Careers week for Y6

Wednesday 19th November Parental Consultation Evening

Wednesday 26th November Parental Consultation Evening

December

Wednesday 3rd December 2pm Christmas Play Class 1+2

Thursday 4th December Christmas Play Class

Wednesday 10th December Class 3+4 Play

Thursday 11th December Class 3+4 Play

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December Christingle Carol Service

Friday 19th December Disco

Friday 19th December school closes for the Christmas holidays

January

Monday 5th January children return to school

February

Friday February 13th Inset Day school closed to children

Monday 16th February half term begins

Friday 20th February half term ends

Monday 23rd February children return to school

Friday 27th February- celebrating St David's Day- children to wear traditional costume or red

March

Monday 16th March Y6 Residential visit to Llangrannog

Wednesday 18th March Y6 return from Llangrannog

Monday 23rd March Class 1,2 and 3 present Palm Sunday 3pm

Tuesday 24th March Class 4 present The Last Supper 3pm

Wednesday 25th March Class present The Trial of Jesus and Garden of Gethsemanae

Thursday 26th March Class 6 present the Crucifixion

Friday March 27th Easter Raffle

Friday 27th March school closes for the Easter holidays

April

Monday 13th April Children return to school after the Easter holidays

Monday 13th April Year 5 children residential to Manor adventure begins

Monday 13th April Year 6 2 week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure begins

Wednesday 15th April Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure

Friday 24th April Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure

Wednesday Class 5 Parental Consultation Meeting

Thursday 30th March Classes 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 Parental Consultation Evening

May

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th May Class 5 Parental Consultation Meeting

Thursday 7th May Classes 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 Parental Consultation Evening

Friday 22nd May school closes for Half term

Monday 25th May half term begins

Friday 29th May half term ends

June

Monday 1st June Inset Day School closed for children

Tuesday 2nd June children return to school after half term

Wednesday 17th June Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June Sports Day if the weather is poor on the previous date

July

Monday 6th July Class 5 and 6 Play

Tuesday 7th July Class 5 and 6 Play

Tuesday 14th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 17th July school closes for the summer holidays

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

Term Dates 2026/27

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1/9/2026	Monday 26/10/2026	Friday 30/10/2026	Friday 18/12/2026
Spring Term	Monday 4/1/27	Monday 8/2/27	Friday 12/2/27	Friday 19/3/27
Summer Term <small>* May Day Bank Holiday 3/5/27</small>	Monday 5/4/27	Monday 31/5/27	Friday 4/6/27	Tuesday 20/7/27



CLASS ONE



WE LOVED READING THE SUPERTATO BOOKS THIS WEEK. WE COMPLETED LOTS OF GREAT ACTIVITIES TO HELP FIND THE MISSING VEGGIES.



WE MADE MASHED POTATOES AND SCOOPED THE PEAS IN THE OUTDOOR KITCHEN.

WE MADE OUR OWN DELICIOUS MASHED POTATOES WITH MRS WONNACOTT.



WE MADE JELLY AND THERE WAS AN EVIL PEA IN IT!

WE LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.



WE OPENED A VEGETABLE SHOP IN OUR GARDEN AND COUNTED OUT POTATOES.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been doing lots of interesting activities all on the theme of Happiness. We met a friend who lives in the School Woodland. His name is Onion and he was feeling very sad. We helped Onion to learn what happiness is and things that we can do to help ourselves feel happy. Our activities included making Happy Music in The Happiness Hut, making a Happy Place in the sand tray, creating Happy Potions in the water tray, smiley faces from playdough and many more! We also filled a Jar of Happiness full of our ideas of happy activity ideas to help Onion be able to find his happiness.

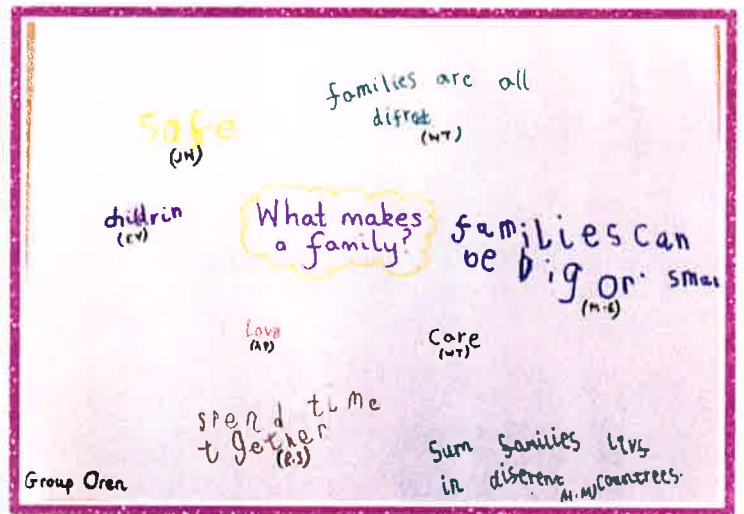
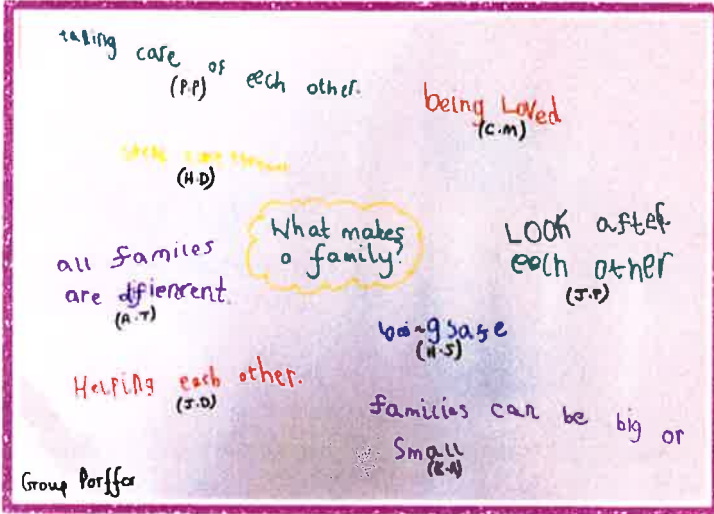




Class 3



This week in Class Three we have started our new context topic Family Album. We have been talking about our families. We thought about 'What makes a family?'



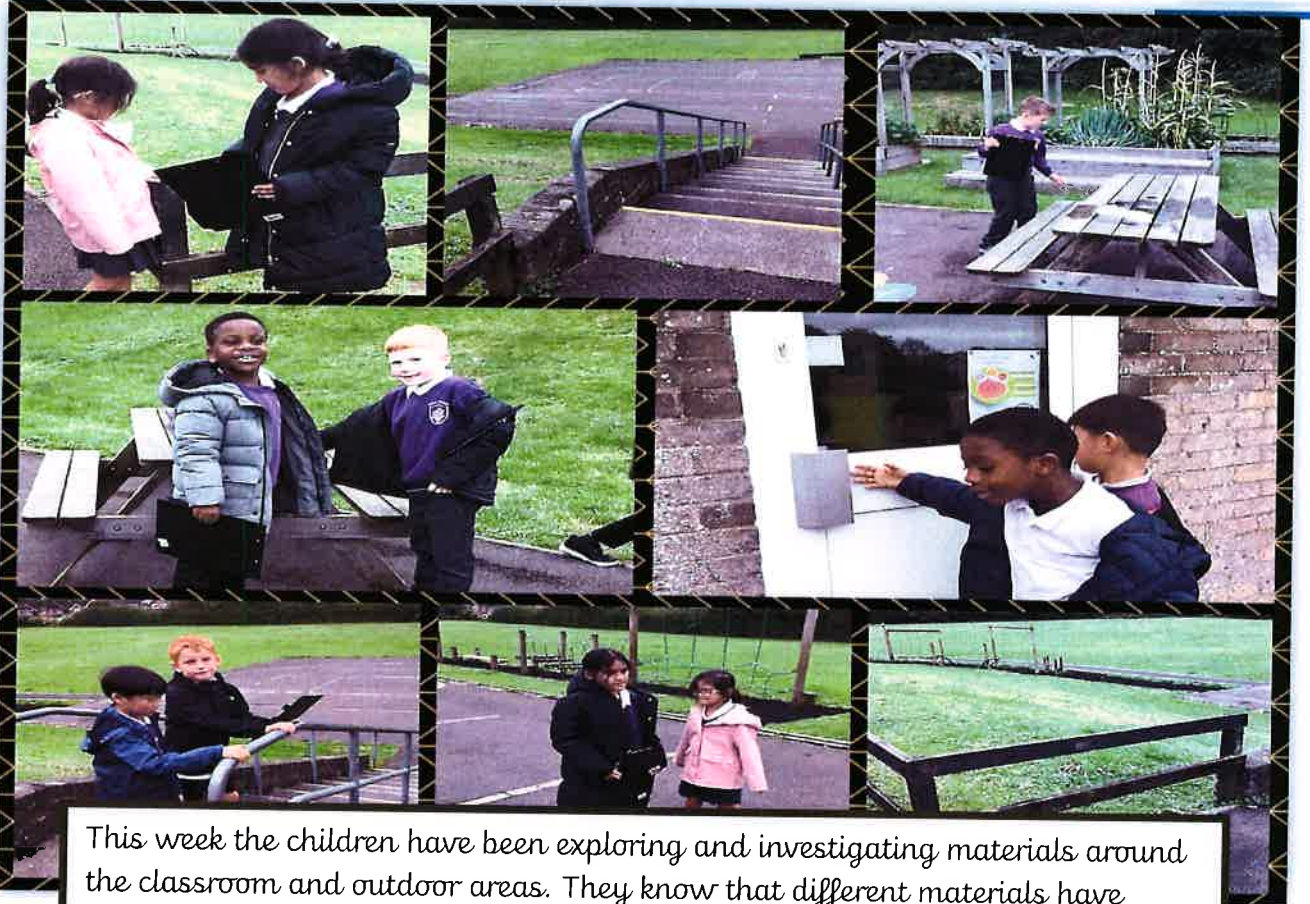
In Welsh we read the story 'Teulu Tomos'. We are beginning to learn the names of family members in Welsh. We created a family tree for Teulu Tomos.



In maths we have been developing our number skills by estimating, counting and ordering numbers.



Class Four.

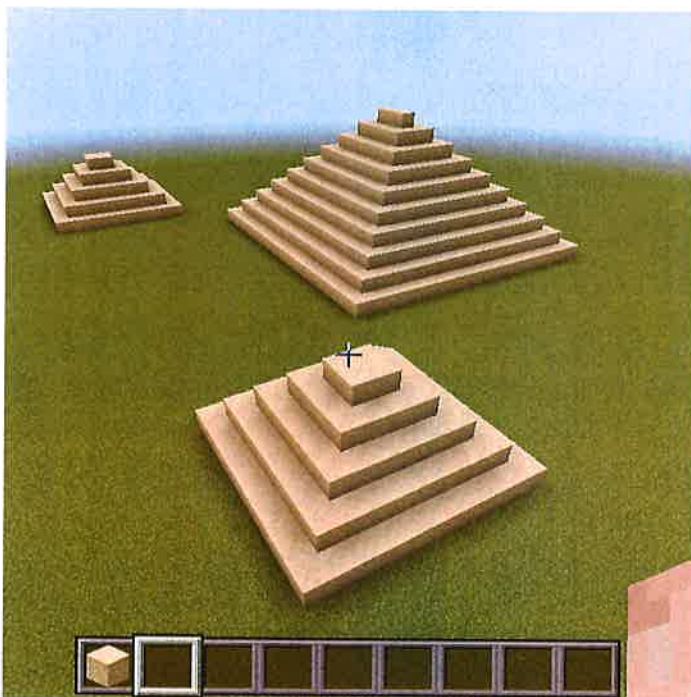
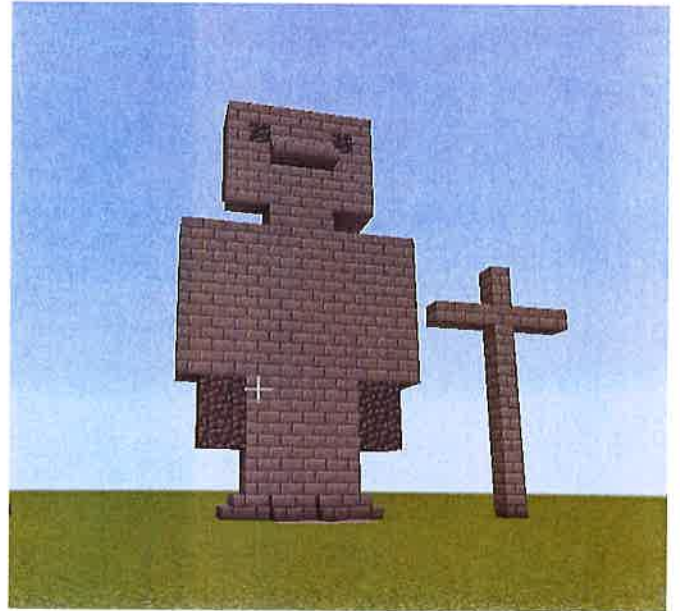


This week the children have been exploring and investigating materials around the classroom and outdoor areas. They know that different materials have different properties and that these properties affect their use. They have learnt some new scientific vocabulary and have used a variety of formats to show their understanding.



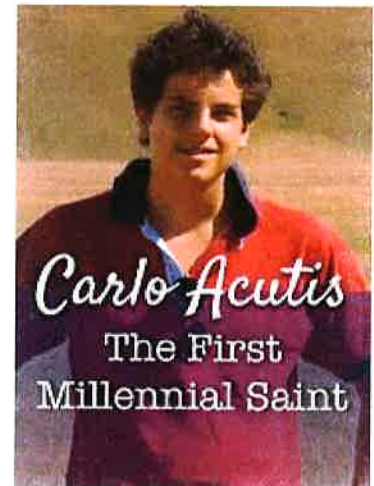
CLASS 5 – wonders of the world context

We have made some great Minecraft builds of some of the wonders of the world – such as the pyramid, the Great wall of China and the statue of Christ the Redeemer. Here are some examples:



CLASS 6

We have been learning about Carlo Acutis. He is the first millennial Saint recognised by Pope Francis for his love for technology and faith. He is called the "Patron Saint of the internet" [After carrying out research, we wrote a biographical account.](#)



Introduction

Carlo Acutis was born on 3 May 1991 in the UK, London. His parents were Andrea Acutis and Anotonio Salzano. He died on 12 October 2006. He devoted his whole life to Jesus and Eucharist.

Youth

Carlo was born in London, UK. His parents were from Italy and had to move to Milan, Italy due to work. Carlo spent the remainder of his life in Milan. Where he taught himself to programme developed a love for God and Technology. He passed away when he was only 15 in Milan, Italy due to leukaemia (blood cancer). Carlo Acutis was an Italian Catholic who became known as the "cyber saint" for using his computer skills to document Eucharistic miracles online and spread the faith.

Why is he on the news?

He is famous on the news because Carlo Acutis is famous for being the first millennial to be canonized as a saint in the Catholic Church. He is known as "God's influencer" and the "patron saint of the internet" for using his technology skills to create a website all about God and his miracles, and he showed holiness by combining a deep love for God with a digital lifestyle.

What does it mean to be beatified and canonised.

To be beatified is to be recognized by the Catholic Church as a special person after a person's life has been courageous, often with one confirmed miracle attributed to their actions, allowing them to be respected by lots of people.

Canonization is the final step, declaring that person a Saint and allowing global honour.

What did he do to achieve this great honour within the Catholic Church?

Carlo made websites to remember people of the Eucharist and performed two miracles. He cured a boy from pancreatic problems after the mother prayed to his body. He also cured a woman from a coma after her mother prayed to him.



Why is he a modern-day witness for Christ

Carlo is considered a modern-day witness because he used his talents and technology to bring together the Christian faith which is why he is a saint. He worked for the dignity of the human person through life. Believed in justice for all and cared for God's creation and worked for family and community that is why he is a saint.



Last words and other quotes.

The last words of Carlo Acutis are "Mom, don't be afraid. Since Jesus became a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don't need to run away from it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in eternal life." Some other quotes that Carlo Acutis quotes are "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven" and "Our goal must be the infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever". Carlo was happy to die and be with God for eternity.

God's Influencer

Biography By Rishi and Jacob T

"Sadness is looking at ourselves, Happiness is looking towards God". - Carlo Acutis