



**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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26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Welcome Mass**

This will take place on **Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am**. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Solomon. It would be lovely to see as many parents/ grandparents as possible in attendance

**Sacramental preparation sessions**

These will take place during the Spring and Summer Term. Your child needs to be baptised and at least in Year 3 to take part in these Sacraments. Please contact the Office if you have not received a registration form.

**Year 6 Cycling Course**

This begins on **Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### **Inset days 2025+26**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### **Diary Dates 2025+26- these will be updated regularly**

#### **September**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September- Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Y6 Cycling training

#### **October**

Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> Welcome Mass 10.30am in the Hall

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

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October Show racism the red card day- children to wear red

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October Spooky Disco Classes 1, 2 and 3 4.15pm- 5.30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Spooky Disco Classes 4, 5 and 6 4.15pm- 5.30pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October Inset Day- school closed to children**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October half term begins**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October half term ends**

#### **November**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November children return to school

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Anti-Bullying Week

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November Parental Consultation Evening

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November Parental Consultation Evening

## **December**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2pm Christmas Play Class 1+2

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Play Class

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Class 3+4 Play

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Class 3+4 Play Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Advent Mass 10.30 in the Hall

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Carol Service

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Disco

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December school closes for the Christmas holidays

## **January**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January children return to school

## **February**

Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> children make their first Sacrament of Reconciliation 10am at Holy Family Church

**Friday February 13<sup>th</sup> Inset Day school closed to children**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February half term begins**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February half term ends**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February children return to school

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

## **March**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March Y6 Residential visit to Llangrannog

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Y6 return from Llangrannog

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Class 1,2 and 3 present Palm Sunday 3pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Class 4 present The Last Supper 3pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Class present The Trial of Jesus and Garden of Gethsemane

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Class 6 present the Crucifixion

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Raffle

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March school closes for the Easter holidays**

## **April**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April Children return to school after the Easter holidays

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April Year 5 children residential to Manor adventure begins

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April Year 6 2 week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure begins

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure

Wednesday Class 5 Parental Consultation Meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March Classes 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 Parental Consultation Evening

## **May**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May Class 5 Parental Consultation Meeting

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May Classes 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 Parental Consultation Evening

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May school closes for Half term**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May half term begins**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May half term ends**

## **June**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Inset Day School closed for children**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June children return to school after half term**

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> children make their First Holy Communion 9.30am at Holy Family Church

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day if the weather is poor on the previous date

## July

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

In Class One this week we have been enjoying the lovely sunshine. We went out on the bikes and made a superhero obstacle course.



We had great fun exploring the hedgerow and we found some delicious blackberries. We used them to make a tasty crumble!



To celebrate European Day of Languages we made flags and practised saying hello in different languages.





## Class 2

This week we shared the story of The Leaf Thief who stole the leaves from the trees. It turned out that the thief was in fact the wind, blowing the leaves off the trees. All week we have been finding out about what happens during the Autumn time. We went on an Autumn Walk to look for signs of Autumn in the school grounds, we explored the symmetry of leaves, we helped squirrel rescue the stolen leaves from the water and sorted Autumn images in the sand.





# Class Three



This week in Class Three we have been continuing with our Family Album context. We created recipes for a special family. We spent time thinking about the 'ingredients' needed for a special family and used WordArt to display them.



We then wrote our special family recipes. Here are some of them:

First, mix in one teaspoon of trust.  
Next, stir in a bowl of love.  
Then, add a pinch of fun.  
After that, sprinkle two cups of care.  
Finally, add a lot of happiness.

Kayleb

First, mix in one teaspoon of respect.  
Next, stir in a bowl of fun.  
Then, add a pinch of laughter.  
After that, sprinkle two cups of care.  
Finally, add a lot of love.

Enjoy spending time with your special family!

Jacob

Today in class we have been celebrating European Day of Languages. Through our pupil voice session the children decided they would like to learn about Portugal and learn some Portuguese.



Portugal

## We made flags!



We ate Pastel de nata at snacktime.



We counted to 10 in Portuguese!



## Class Four

This week we have an excellent example of Religion work presented using Docs by Ire and Tim.

WALT: Understand that Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity.

God the Father is the Creator of the universe.

Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity.  
All three were there in the beginning and will always be with us.

God the Son.  
Jesus is "The Word".



"Yn enw'r Tad a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glân.  
Amen".

God the Holy Spirit.

"The Spirit of God was moving over the water."  
Genesis 1

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was  
with God." John 1

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES, CLASS 5

On Friday, we learned about different languages. We have learned to say hello in more than 10 different languages (Polish, Swedish, Arabic, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Ukrainian etc.), created word art images from this and played language games in which you had to listen to languages and work out which language was spoken from a choice of 5. You can try these games here:  
<https://edl.ecml.at/en/Games/Which-language-is-it>  
<https://edl.ecml.at/en/Games/Language-detective>



# CLASS 6

We have been identifying and locating the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Following a pupil voice session, we then chose a wonder for further exploration.

<u>Natural Wonder</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Great Barrier Reef	Queensland, Australia
<b>The Grand Canyon</b>	<b>Arizona, USA</b>
Mount Everest	Nepal Border
Northern Lights	Arctic/Antarctic regions
Parícutin Volcano	Mexico, Uruapan
Victoria Falls	Zambezi River
The Harbour of Rio de Janeiro	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## THE GRAND CANYON

### Where is The Grand Canyon?

The distance from London Heathrow to Arizona, USA is 8555 km or 5315 miles and it is located in Northern Arizona. The easiest way to travel to Arizona is by plane. It costs approximately £570 for return plane tickets from London to Arizona.



### What will you see?

Whilst exploring the beautiful Grand Canyon you can see the amazing sites of glorious ditches, curves and sways of massive holes and canyons which are a LOT bigger than you think! At the Grand Canyon you could also see old ruins of villages, stone paintings, Tusayan Ruins and museums. The paintings belong to the Anasazi people, who occupied the region between 700 and 1400 AD. The Village and stone structures belonged to The Havasupai. You can learn lots about their history and culture on your visit to this amazing natural site.



**THE GRAND CANYON**

### What can you do?

In Grand Canyon National Park, you can hike on rim and inner-canyon trails. You can enjoy scenic drives, take a mule trip, go on a Whitewater rafting trip, ride the Grand Canyon Railway, or experience a helicopter tour for breath-taking aerial views of the area.

### Further Interesting Facts

- It's 277 miles long, up to 8 miles in width and over a mile deep.
- It formed about 5 to 6 million years ago.
- It was first found by European explorers.
- It was named by John Wesley Powell.
- You can fit 13 Eiffel Towers within the Grand Canyon.

