



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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3rd October 2025

Welcome Mass

This will take place on **Wednesday October 8th 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

The children really enjoyed their cycling sessions, they will continue the course in November.



Help needed

We have a small group of very dedicated volunteers who help with the hot dogs and drinks at the disco. They could do with a few extra people to join them. Please give your name and permission to forward your phone number to the group to Miss Jenkins in the Office.

The Rosary

During October we pray the Rosary:

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The Rosary is a special prayer used by Christians. It used to be called Our Lady's Psalter because it is really a journey with Mary through the life of Jesus. It has twenty steps or decades. To pray a decade you say one 'Our Father', ten 'Hail Marys' and one 'Glory Be'

The repetition of the prayers is a way of freeing yourself from busy thoughts and fixing your attention on Jesus just as Mary, his mother, often would have done. The twenty steps are made up of five joyful, five sorrowful and five glorious times in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In 2003 Pope John Paul II invited the Church to pray five Mysteries of Light. These are events in the life of Jesus when his disciples began to understand who he was.

The Baptism of Jesus: "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

The Wedding-feast at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you."

The proclamation of the kingdom in the sermon on the mount:

"Blessed are ..."

The Transfiguration: "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him."

The gift of the Eucharist at the last supper: "This is my Body. This is my Blood."

The Mysteries of the Rosary

'Mysteries' are events in the life of Jesus which we need God's help to understand.

Joyful

Annunciation

Visitation

Nativity

Presentation in the Temple

Finding in the Temple

Mysteries of Light

Baptism of Jesus

Marriage Feast of Cana

Proclamation of the Kingdom

The Transfiguration

The Gift of the Eucharist



Sorrowful

Agony in the garden

Scourging at the Pillar

Crowning with thorns

Carrying the cross

Crucifixion and death

Glorious

Resurrection

Ascension

Coming of the Holy Spirit

Assumption

Crowning of Mary

Disco Tickets

Disco Tickets are available via ParentPay, they are **£3.00**. Your tickets will be sent home with your child after you have paid for them online. We also keep a list of the children who have paid, and we check the children off the list as they come into the entrance; this is essential for fire regulations. We have two separate discos as there are too many children for one disco. Tickets will go on sale Monday 6th October.

Class 1, 2 and 3



Spooky Disco
Tuesday 21st October 2025
4.15pm-5.30pm
Hot Dog and Drink provided.



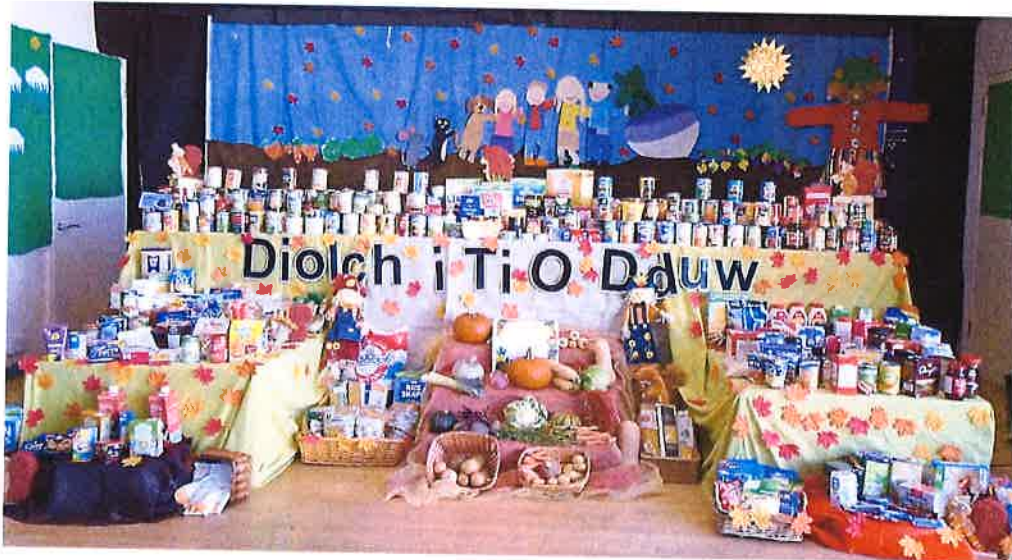
Class 4, 5 and 6



Spooky Disco
Wednesday 22nd October 2025
4.15pm-5.30pm
Hot Dog and Drink provided.



Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning



This will take place on **Thursday 16th October at 10.00am**. The event will be led by the children in **Classes 1, 2 and 3**. We hope to see many parents at the event. As usual we would be grateful if you could donate items for the Reaching Out Foodbank in Ely. The Coffee Morning will take place directly after the Harvest Festival- all monies raised will be sent directly to **Macmillan Cancer Care**.



The Foodbank have requested the following items:

noodles	tinned fruit	rice
tinned vegetables	dried milk	flour
sugar	tea, coffee, cocoa	cereals
cooking oil	jam/marmalade	packet soups
tinned soup	pasta	biscuits

Please start sending the food in as soon as possible. All food needs to be sent in by **Wednesday October 15th**, this will enable us to set up the food display prior to the Assembly. The Coffee Morning will follow straight on from the Assembly. **Many thanks in anticipation of your support.**

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 24th October

Friday 13th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

Diary Dates 2025+26- these will be updated regularly

October

Wednesday October 8th Welcome Mass 10.30am in the Hall

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

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

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

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 1+2

Wednesday 10th December Class 3+4 Play

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

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

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

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

Sunday June 13th children make their First Holy Communion 9.30am at Holy Family Church

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

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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

This week we have been learning about Creation. We listened to the scripture passage about how God created our wonderful world for us to share.



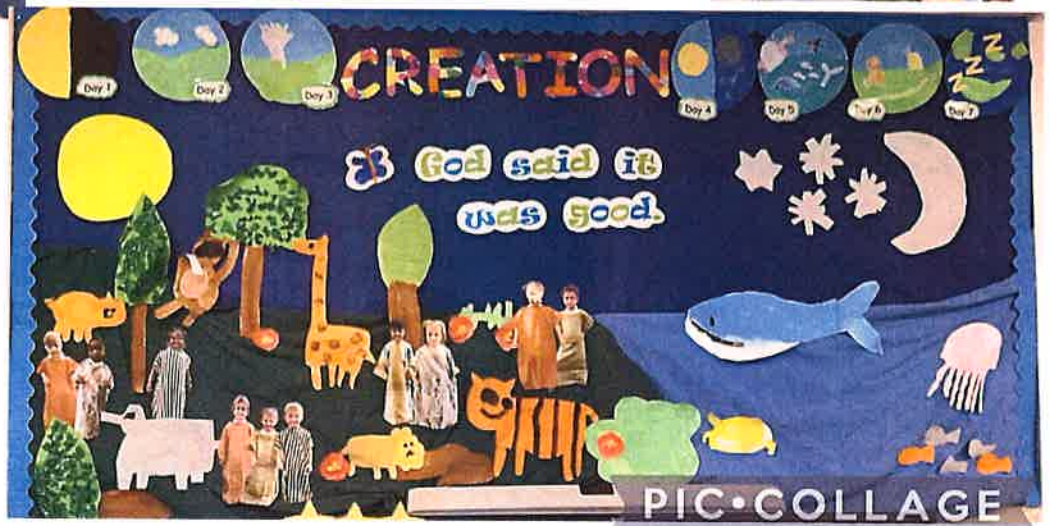
We completed activities to remind us of what God created each day.



We went cloud and bird watching in the garden.



We created a beautiful Creation display.

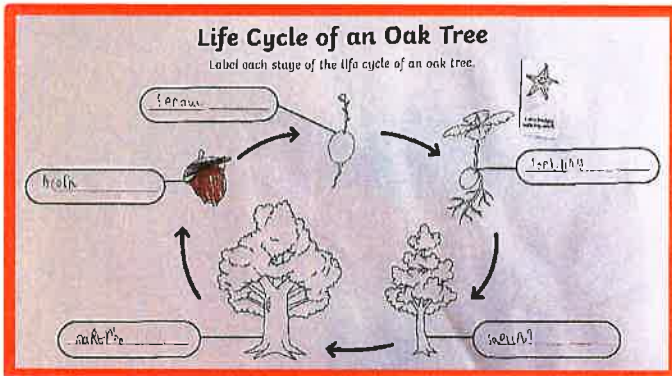




Class 2



Another busy week for us all in Class 2. On Monday our friend Onion came to visit and asked us to help him collect acorns for his friend Cyril the Squirrel. Goodness me what a lot of delicious looking acorns we found under the enormous oak tree.



Onion was curious to know how a little acorn can grow into such a big tree. We made Life Cycles of the Acorn to explain what happens to Onion.



We collected so many acorns that there were too many even for Cyril Squirrel to eat, so we used them to help us in creating amazing number sentences.



Class 3

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We also discussed the emotions which Shani portrays in her paintings.



In Class 3, we have been inspired by the work of artist Shani Rhys James and have used acrylic paints to create our own self-portraits.

quiet

thoughtful

scared

nervous

worried

lonely

We brought Shani's portraits to life using the app 'ChatterKid', imagining what they might be thinking or feeling; giving a voice to the artwork.



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Class Four



Here we are with our 'Edible Garden' crops.

Sweetcorn, spring onions, coriander, tomatoes, lime. We chopped, we mixed and we tasted our delicious salsa.

Here are some fascinating facts about our Sense of taste.

"Our taste buds respond to different types of taste... sweet, salty, bitter or sour. Some of our taste buds disappear as we get older. Taste was an important sense for survival many years ago. Most poisonous things are bitter so our taste buds react and stop us from eating or drinking harmful things."

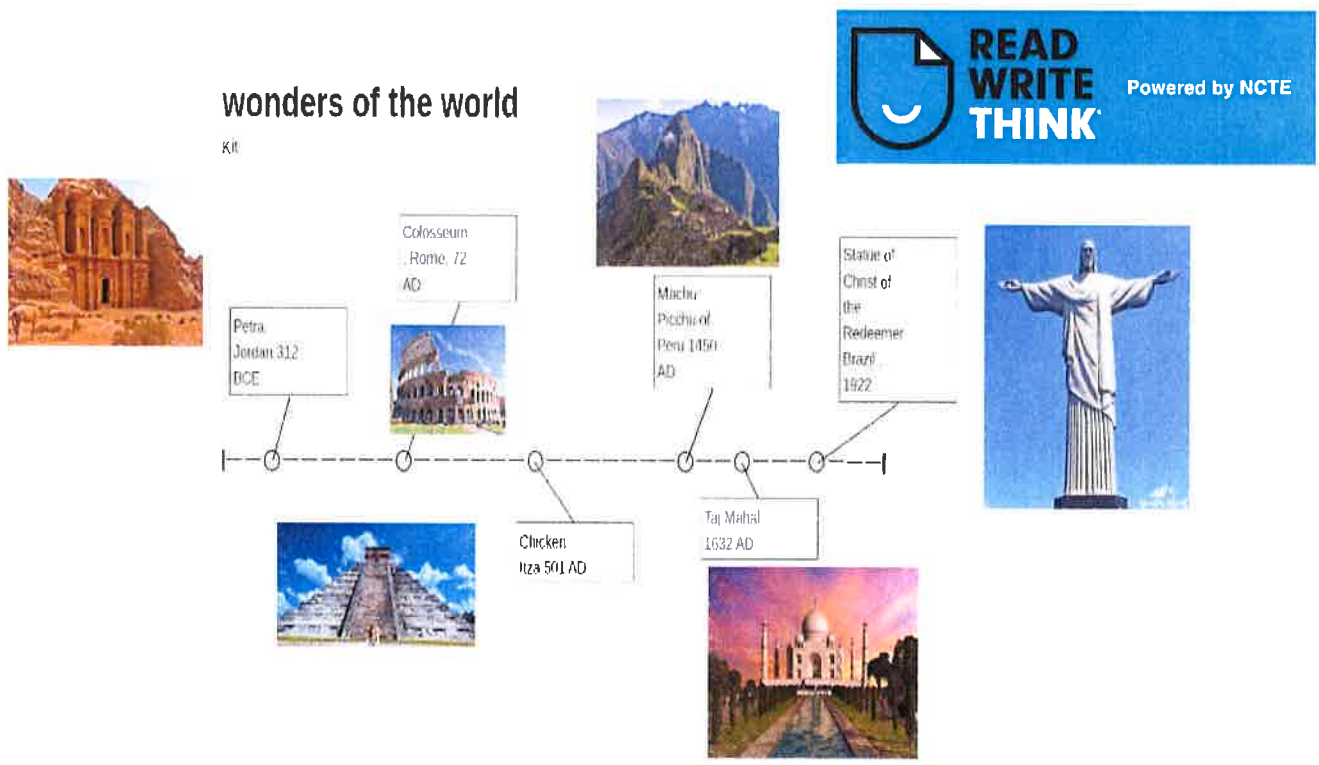
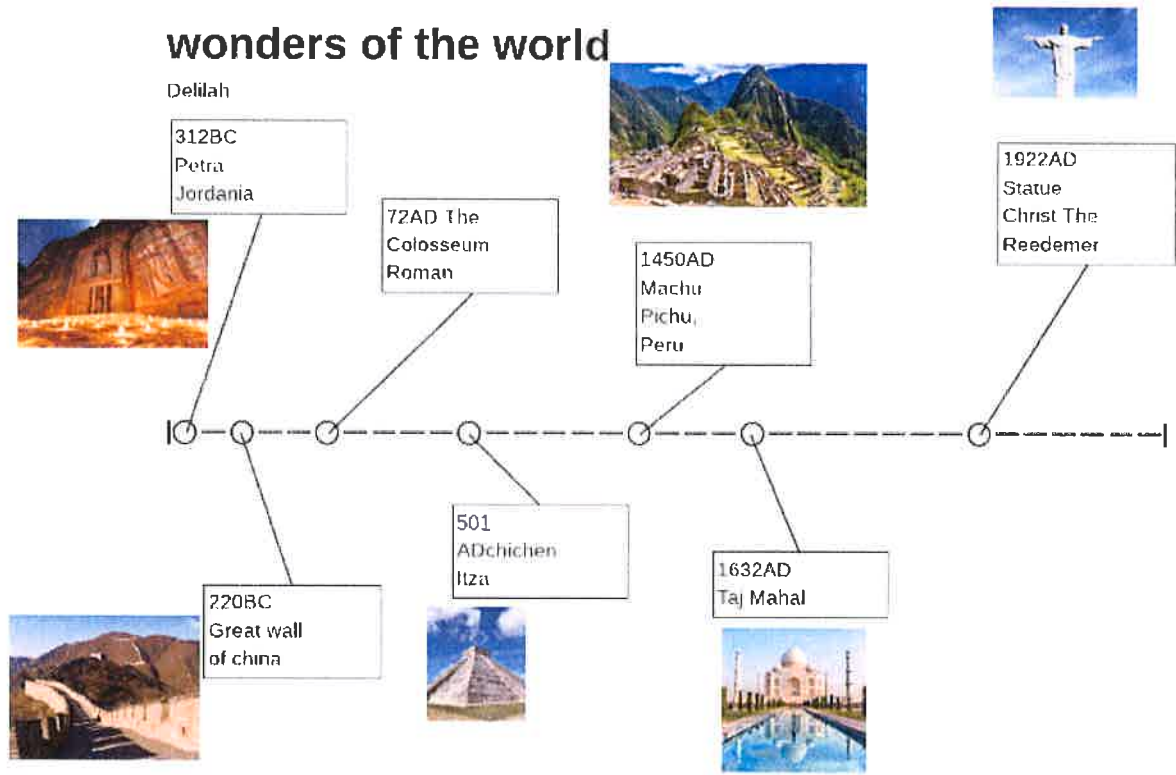


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Creating timelines in Class 5

In our context studies, we have used our numeracy and computer skills to place the dates of the completion of the man - made wonders of the world on a timeline using <https://interactives.readwritethink.org/timeline>. Here are 2 examples from Chelsea and Kit:



European Languages Day 2025

Class 6

Spain



Spain is located in south western Europe. Spain shares its borders with France and Portugal. The capital city of Spain is Madrid. The president of Spain is, Pedro Sánchez. The king of Spain is called King Felipe VI. In addition to Castilian Spanish, Spain also recognizes Basque, Catalan, and Galician as official regional languages. The population of Spain is 48 to 49 million people. The most popular destination in Spain is currently Madrid. The largest cities are: Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Zaragoza, Málaga, and Murcia. The Spanish capital of Madrid ranks as the most visited tourist destination in the country, with 9,900,897 tourists in 2024. Popular Spanish cultures include the passionate art of Flamenco, lively festivals like La Tomatina and San Fermín (the Running of the Bulls)



Interesting Landmarks

Some popular Spanish landmarks are the iconic, unfinished Sagrada Familia basilica in Barcelona, the historic Alhambra palace and gardens in Granada, and the Mezquita-Cathedral of Córdoba with its forest of columns. Other key landmarks are the Royal Palace of Madrid, the Roman Aqueduct of Segovia, the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, and the modern City of Arts and Sciences in Valencia.

The stunning coast
line of Valencia



Popular Traditional Spanish Food

Popular Spanish foods include staples like Paella (a rice dish), Tortilla de Patatas (Spanish omelette), and Gazpacho (a cold tomato soup). Other favourites are [Croquetas](#) (creamy croquettes), [Patatas Bravas](#) (potatoes with spicy sauce), [Jamón Ibérico](#) (cured ham), and Churros (fried dough pastries). Many dishes can be enjoyed as [tapas](#), which are small plates served with drinks.



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