



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

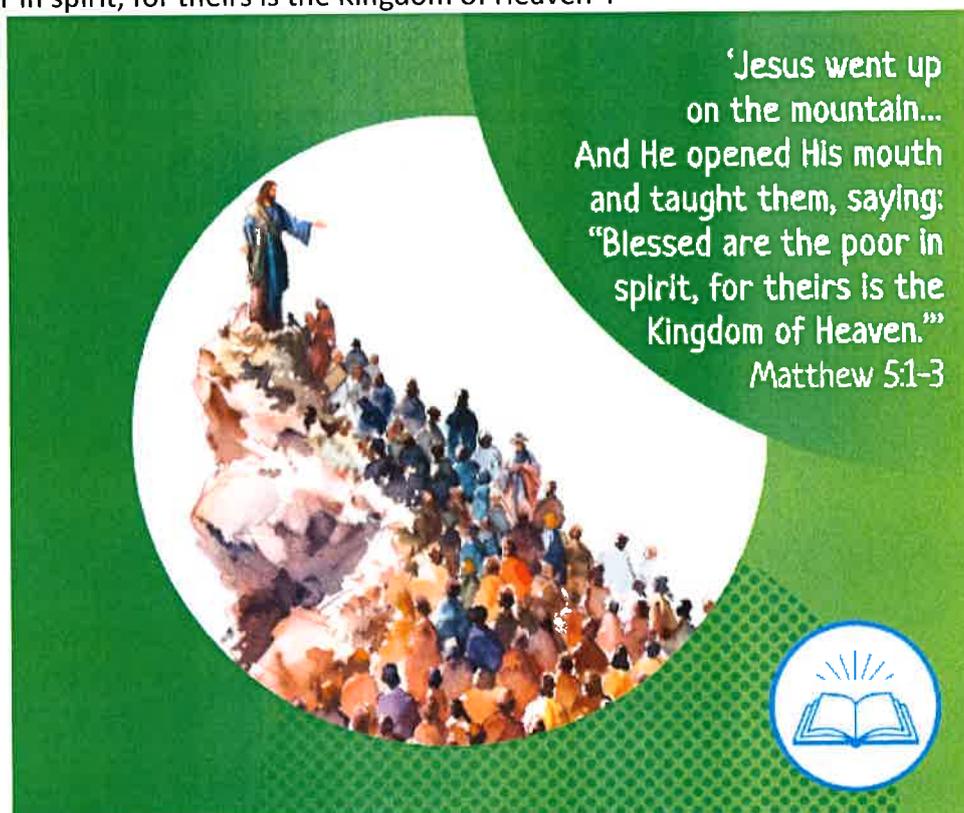
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7th November 2025

Catholic Life of the School

This week in Assembly the children listened to the Gospel of Matthew- The Beatitudes – "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven".



Learned and Wise

As a school we focus on a set of Virtues each half term. The Virtues this half term are:

Learned and Wise.

These Virtues will be a focus in Class and assemblies. The children will learn about the Virtues and be encouraged to use these Virtues whenever possible, give examples of when they use them, and how they will impact on themselves and others. To be learned is to be able to find God in all things. When we are wise, we seek ways to use our learning for the common good.



Children in Need

Friday 14th November will be a non-uniform day to support Children in Need. A donation of £1.00 per pupil is the suggested donation. You can pay your donations via Parent Pay. The Children in Need site suggests wearing something spotty for Pudsey, alternatively they can wear their pyjamas and dressing gown! Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Parental Consultation Evenings

These will take place on **Wednesday 19th November** and **Wednesday 26th November**. An email has been sent so that you can book appointments for your preferred date; we will do our best to accommodate families on the same evening.

Sickness reporting

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 13th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

Diary Dates 2025+26- these will be updated regularly

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 in school during the afternoon

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 Gethsemane

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 6 2 week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure begins

Wednesday 29th April **Class 5** Parental Consultation Meeting

Thursday 30th April 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

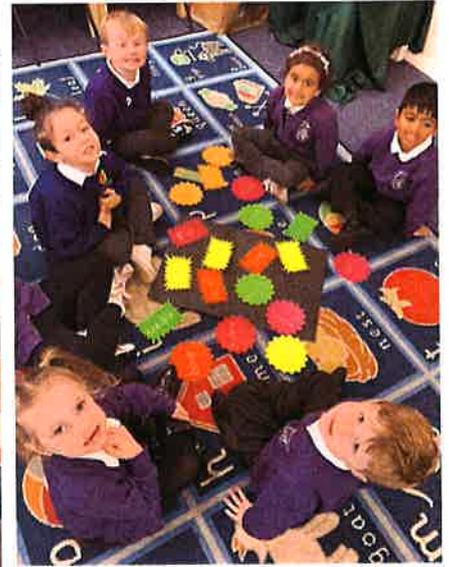
Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 1/9/2025	Monday 27/10/2025	Friday 31/10/2025	Friday 19/12/2025
Spring Term	Monday 5/1/26	Monday 16/2/26	Friday 20/2/26	Friday 27/3/26
Summer Term <small>*4/5/26 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 13/4/26	Monday 25/5/26	Friday 29/5/26	Monday 20/7/26

Term Dates 2026/27

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

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING BONFIRE NIGHT IN RECEPTION. WE HAVE BEEN THINKING OF FIREWORK WORDS AND CREATING OUR OWN AMAZING POEMS. WE HAD GREAT FUN EXPLORING LINES AND PATTERN IN OUR FIREWORK PICTURES.



WE PRACTISED OUR COUNTING SKILLS BY ADDING STARS TO THE FIREWORKS AND FORMING OUR LETTERS.



WE HAD GREAT FUN MAKING FIREWORK SOUNDS!



ON WELLY WEDNESDAY WE MADE OUR OWN LEAF SPARKLERS USING BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN LEAVES.



Class 2



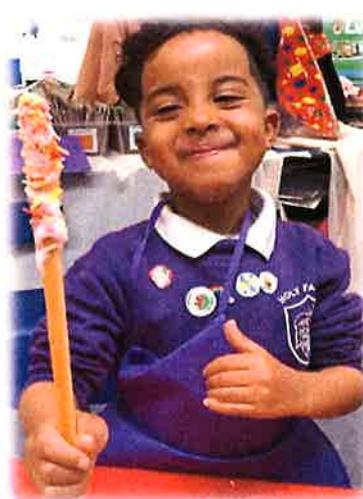
This week we had a lovely surprise when our friend Onion brought us a lovely gift to say thank you for helping him find his happiness a few weeks ago. The gift was a basket full of daffodil and tulip bulbs ready to plant now for a colourful springtime garden.

We set off to the garden shed and kitted ourselves out ready for our planting. Then we carefully panted the bulbs making sure that we put them into the soil the right way up!

We look forward to sharing the flowers in our springtime garden with you next Spring.



Fireworks and Bonfire Night have been filling us with great excitement this week and we loved using our senses to plan and write about Bonfire Night, as well as make our own delicious edible sparklers.





CLASS 3



In Class Three this week we have enjoyed completing different activities around the theme of Bonfire Night. We worked together to explore different firework themed onomatopoeia words and then wrote poems using the words. In Expressive Arts we created firework themed dances and we used Scratch Jr to create our own animations.



Boom, pop, fizz! Boom, pop, fizz!
I see the sparkling fireworks dancing in the night sky.

Pop, crackle, fizz! Pop, crackle, fizz!
I smell the yummy hot dogs and smoke coming from the bonfire.

Grwp Glas

Zoom, crash, bang! Zoom, crash, bang!
The fireworks zoom into the sky exploding – bang, bang bang!

Sizzle, pop, fizz! Sizzle, pop, fizz!
The sparklers are shining in the dark.

Harry

Zoom, bang, crash! Zoom, bang, crash!
I see a rocket flying in the dark sky.

Fizz, sizzle, crackle! Fizz, sizzle, crackle!
The sparklers twinkle in my eyes.

Pop, bang, crash! Pop, bang, crash!
I hear the fireworks screeching away.

Hulubhai

Boom, bang, zoom! Boom, bang, zoom!
I hear a rocket zooming though the dark sky.

Pop, fizz, whizz! Pop, fizz, whizz!
I feel the warmth on my hands from the bonfire.

Sizzle, fizz, crackle! Sizzle, fizz, crackle!
I see the twinkling sparkler in my hand.

Paige

In our P.E session we created firework dances with our partner using ribbons.



Tudor portraits, class five

In our context studies this week, we have created timelines of important events during the Tudor period, researched facts about the Tudor monarchs and drew their portraits. Here are some great examples:



Class 6 (Black History Month)

Rosa Parks (Biography)

Synopsis:

Name: Rosa Parks

D.O.B: 4.2.13

D.O.D: 25.10.05

Place of Birth: Alabama - USA

Famous For: Racial activist

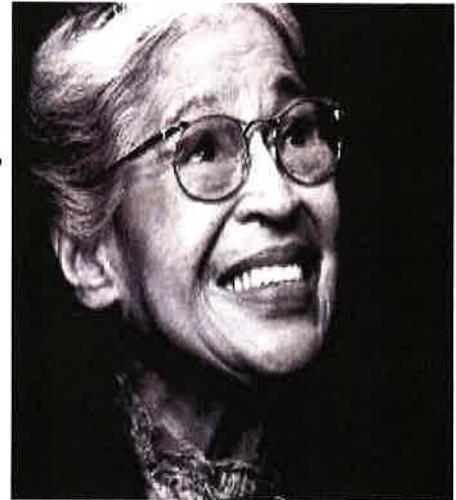
Childhood:

Rosa Parks had a childhood marked by racial segregation and hardship in the Jim Crow South, though her early years also included farm life and a love for learning. She lived with her grandparents on a farm, helped with chores, and often accompanied her grandfather to town, where she first noticed the injustices of segregation firsthand. She faced discrimination at school and unfortunately had to leave her studies early to care for sick family members.

Adulthood:

Rosa Parks is famous for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a bus. This incident caused great controversy at the time, and she was arrested as a result. This incident marked the launch of what was to become a life of continuous activism.

Rosa Parks moved to Detroit in 1957 due to job loss and harassment following her arrest. She then began working



for Congressman John Conyers, co-founding the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development, and receiving numerous awards like the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Despite facing financial and health hardships, she remained a dedicated civil rights advocate, supporting others and remaining active in organizations like the NAACP until her death.

Death and Legacy:

Rosa Parks died of natural causes at the age of 92 on October 24, 2005, in Detroit, Michigan. Her legacy is that as a result of her work, she had become a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement, remembered for her courage in sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott and as a powerful symbol of resistance against racial injustice. After her death, she received a national tribute with a public viewing in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, a rare honour usually reserved for presidents. She was buried in Detroit.

Interesting Facts:

An interesting fact is that Rosa Parks wasn't the first person to refuse to give up her bus seat in Montgomery; a 15-year-old named Claudette Colvin was arrested for it nine months earlier.

Rosa said: **"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in"**

The quote means that the person was not physically tired but was emotionally and mentally exhausted from constantly having to submit to unfair rules and discrimination.

