



## 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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Priest in charge: Father Solomon

Weekend Mass times- Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am

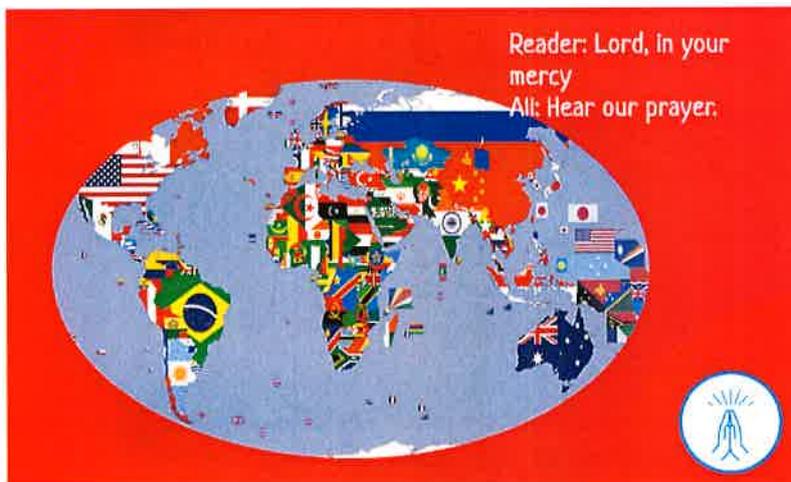
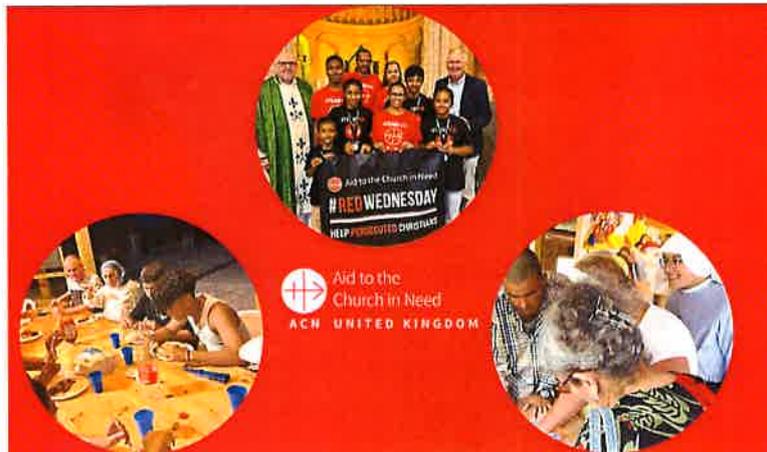
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21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

### Catholic Life of the School

In assembly this week, we talked about how we can always trust that God is with us in times of trouble. We can turn to God in prayer to help our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith. We wore red on Wednesday to support Action for the Church in Need (ACN), they support Christians around the world who are persecuted for practising their faith. We prayed for these Christians and talked about how lucky we are to be able to practise our faith.



## Feast of Christ the King -International Mass

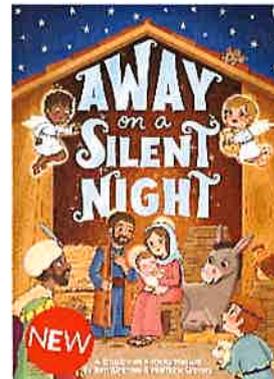
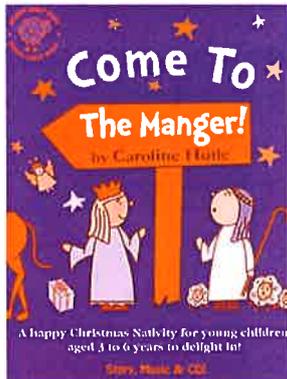
On **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at the 9.30am Mass, our children will be leading the Ministries. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible from our school in attendance. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Hall.



## **Christmas Plays 2025**

**Class 1 and 2 will perform the Nativity:**

**Class 3 and 4 will perform the Nativity:**



Class 5 and 6 will perform their Play in June.

**Class 1 and 2 performance dates are: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**Class 3 and 4 performance dates are: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.**

**A maximum of 80 tickets will be sold for each performance. We can only allow 80 people in the audience due to fire regulations. All seating as usual will be unreserved. Tickets for the Plays are £2 each, payable via Parent Pay from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Your tickets will be sent home with your child. We also keep a list of all tickets sold for fire regulations.**

## Applications to Reception Class September 2026

Applications for Reception Class for September 2025 opened on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. You now need to apply online for a place at Holy Family via the **Cardiff Council website, School admissions section**. The closing date is **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Here is the link to the Cardiff Council website:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/Applying-for-a-school-place/Primary-school/Pages/default.aspx>

**Please contact the Office if you need any help.**



## Parental Consultation Evenings

These will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** and **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Inset days 2025+26**

**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**

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 1+2

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 in school during the afternoon

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 Gethsemanae

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 6 2 week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure begins

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April **Class 5** Parental Consultation Meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 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

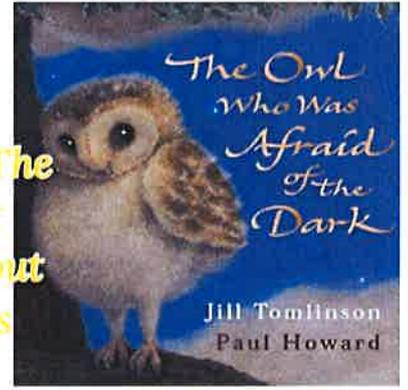
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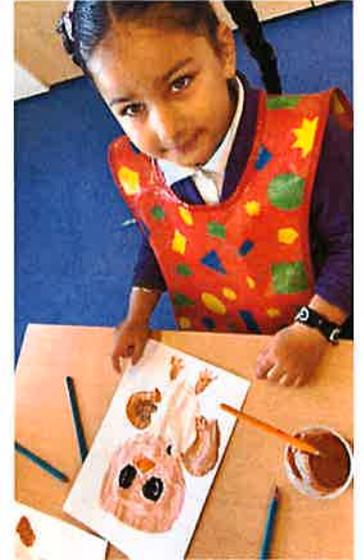
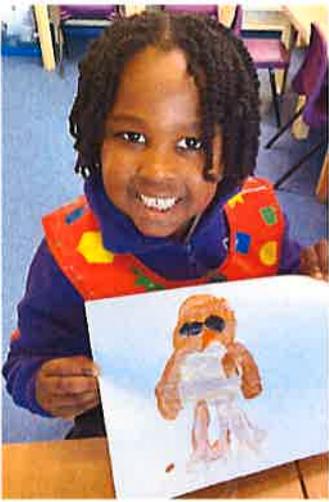


# Class One

This week in Class One we have been reading the story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We loved hearing about the little owls adventures in the night time. We talked about what happens at night and sorted day and night activities and sequenced our bedtime routines.



We had a challenge at the painting table to paint Plop, the owl from the story. We did these independently!



We painted other nocturnal animals that come out at night.



Liana



Archie

Alessia



Damian



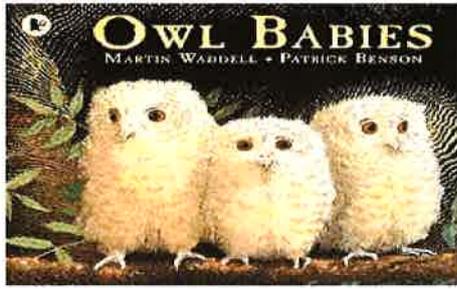
Arthur



Goodluck



We wore red on Wednesday for Red Wednesday.



## Class 2



This week we enjoyed sharing the story Owl Babies. We were very interested in learning more about owls, so we decided to do some research and create our own Owl Fact Files using the PicCollage App. Here are some of the amazing facts that we discovered.

Owls eat worms

Some owls live inside a tree

They have talons

Eloise and Lucien



They hoot



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Hunt at night



Owls are nocturnal

Owls sleep in the day

They eat worms and frogs



Krystal and Millie

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They hoot

They eat frogs



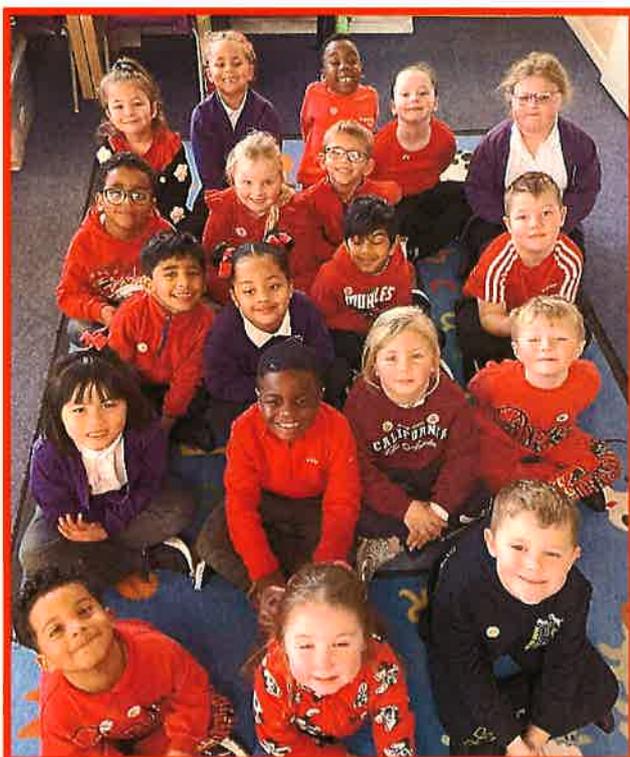
Owls eat worms

Owls eat rats



Joshua and Kyle

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**RED WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday we all wore something red for #RedWednesday. We thought about and prayed for people all over the world, Christians and people of other faiths who are being treated badly because of their faith. The colour red is used because it reminds us of courage and love, and also of the sacrifices some people make to follow their beliefs.

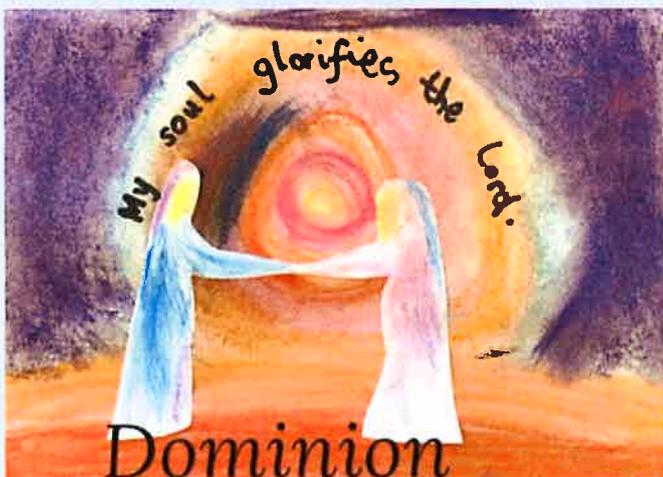
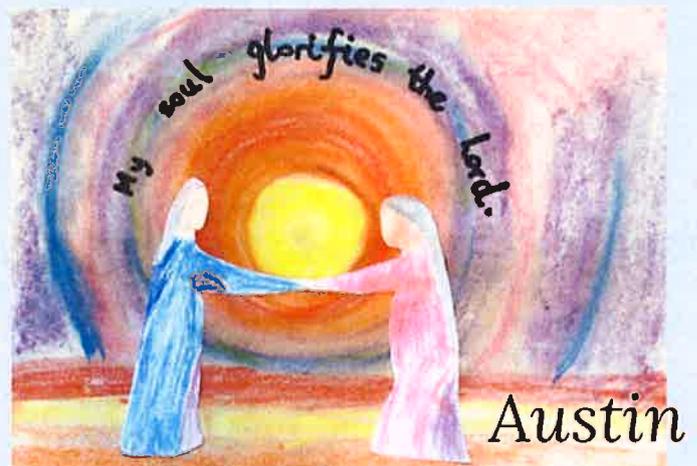
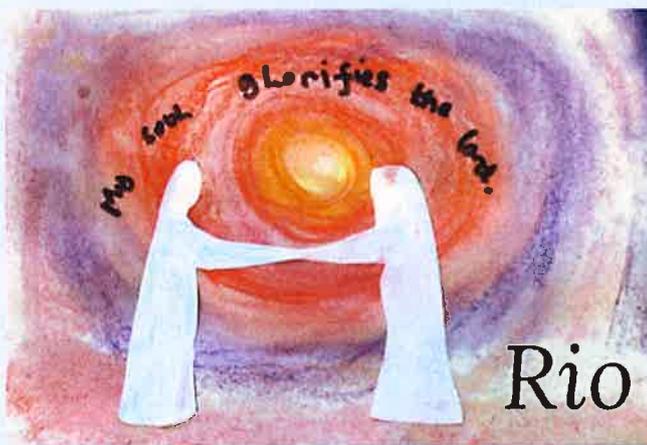
# Class Three

As part of our Religion work we have been listening to, reading, exploring and responding to 'The Magnificat'. It was Mary's prayer in which she gives thanks to God and prays for his just world to come.

We looked at different paintings depicting the Magnificat and then used pastels to create our own artwork in the style of Therese Quinn.



We looked closely at the colours and blended the pastels carefully. We worked from the centre of our paper to create the circle effect.





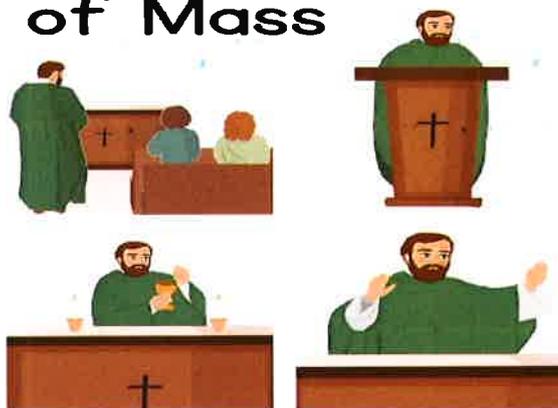
# Class Four.



Over the last couple of weeks the children have been learning about the structure and order of Mass. They know that on Sunday Catholics gather to celebrate Mass and listen to the words of the Holy Scripture. They know that the Liturgy of the Word includes readings from the Old and New Testament and have learned some of the actions and responses used when we celebrate Mass.

## The different parts of Mass

- Introductory Rite:
- Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Concluding Rite



*The first reading is usually from the Old Testament and the second reading is from the New Testament.*

*The Gospel is either from Luke, Matthew, John or Mark.*

*The priest reads from the Bible and it always goes in the same order.*



*The liturgy of the word.*



*The priest said "The Lord be with you and the response is "And with your spirit."*

*The priest said "Lift up your hearts" We respond with we lift them up to the Lord.*



*The priest said "The word of the Lord" the response is "Thanks be to God."*

*Tabitha and Thea*

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## *Class 5 Tudor context – Tudor diet*

Class 5 have been learning about the diet for different social classes in Tudor Britain. We learned that people ate mostly meat with little fruit and vegetables. Some meats were rather unusual to say the least! Here are some delicious (?) banquet examples. Bon Appetit!

<p><u><i>-The First course -</i></u></p> <p><i>Chef Elena</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Spit roasted peacock spiced with garlic</i></li><li>• <i>Fried swan with custard</i></li><li>• <i>Boiled hedgehog with honey</i></li><li>• <i>Parmesan cheese</i></li><li>• <i>Salmon Boiled with rosemary</i></li><li>• <i>Fine white manc bread with pigeon</i></li><li>• <i>Rabbit, fried with sage</i></li><li>• <i>Mussels stewed with ginger</i></li><li>• <i>Spit roasted oysters with honey</i></li><li>• <i>Dry white wine from France</i></li></ul> <p><u><i>-The Second Course -</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Fine red wine from Spain</i></li><li>• <i>Honey and cinnamon tart</i></li><li>• <i>Gingerbread with sugar</i></li><li>• <i>Spit roasted pigeon with honey</i></li><li>• <i>Trout, fried with garlic and salt</i></li><li>• <i>Stewed venison</i></li><li>• <i>Poached pear with ginger and honey</i></li><li>• <i>Marzipan with sugar and honey</i></li><li>• <i>Honey and sugared cake</i></li></ul>	<p><u><i>The First Course</i></u></p> <p><i>Chef Luna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-<i>Poached pears with ginger and honey.</i></li><li>-<i>Fried eel spiced with parsley, fruits plus raisins.</i></li><li>-<i>Spit, roasted beef spiced with garlic, salt and fruit.</i></li><li>-<i>Stewed swan stuffed with fish and fruit.</i></li><li>-<i>Boiled mutton spiced with rosemary and garlic.</i></li><li>-<i>Stewed veal spiced with salt, sage, prunes and dates.</i></li><li>-<i>Spit roasted rabbit with fish and garlic.</i></li><li>-<i>Boiled salmon spiced with parsley and salt.</i></li></ul> <p><u><i>The Second Course</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-<i>Different types of cheese in the shape of a Tudor rose.</i></li><li>-<i>Honey and cinnamon tart with sugar.</i></li><li>-<i>Roasted lamb with custard plus salt.</i></li><li>-<i>Chicken spiced with garlic and custard.</i></li><li>-<i>Roasted pigeon stuffed with honey fruit.</i></li><li>-<i>Stewed hedgehog mixed with ginger and garlic.</i></li><li>-<i>Boiled veal with poached avocados and honey.</i></li><li>-<i>Stewed blackbird plus fish spiced with fruit and raisins.</i></li><li>-<i>Roasted deer</i></li></ul> <p><u><i>Drinks</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-<i>Beer in a wooden cup for the poor.</i></li><li>-<i>Italian white wine with apple tarts.</i></li><li>-<i>Portuguese red wine with honey and sugared cakes.</i></li><li>-<i>Spanish white wine with gingerbread and marzipan.</i></li></ul>
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# CLASS 6

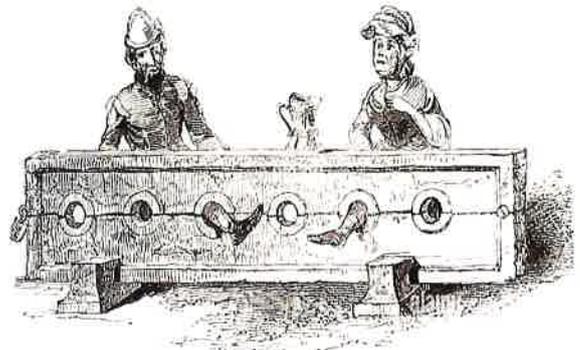
## Crime and Punishment in Tudor Times

Living in Tudor period was very different when compared to present day life and people lived difficult lives, particularly if they were poor. An abundance of crime was committed and the punishments used were barbaric.

### Punishment in Tudor times?

Tudor era punishments were often brutal, public, and physical, designed to scare people into obedience. Common punishments included whipping and being placed in the stocks or pillory.

For severe crimes like treason, punishments included hanging, drawing and quartering, or being burned at the stake. For stealing something as small as a loaf of bread or a packet of sweets you would be publicly whipped or put in stock which are two blocks of wood immobilising your hands or feet. In Tudor times, there were no police force, so law enforcement was handled by Parish Constables in local areas and Justices of the Peace (JPs) who were appointed noblemen responsible for enforcing laws in their region. Local people in small towns and villages were also expected to help keep the peace.



### Common Crimes in the Tudor times?

Common crimes in the Tudor era included theft, treason, witchcraft, and poaching, driven by factors like poverty and the monarch's power struggles. A crime which was outrageous at the time was that you HAD to wear a woollen hat on a Sunday. In the Tudor era, men and boys over six (who weren't nobles) had to wear these caps on Sundays and holidays due to a law designed to boost the domestic wool trade. This law, passed in 1571, forced people to buy caps and made them a common accessory for the working class. If you were found without a hat you would be fined. For crimes as small as this you would be beaten, whipped, put in chinks and even murdered for serious crimes. Also being drunk or even gossiping was a crime with severe punishments.



In conclusion it is true to say that crime and punishment was extremely brutal during the Tudor period. Law and Order didn't really exist, and many people enjoyed seeing people suffer even for the pettiest of crimes.