



## 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

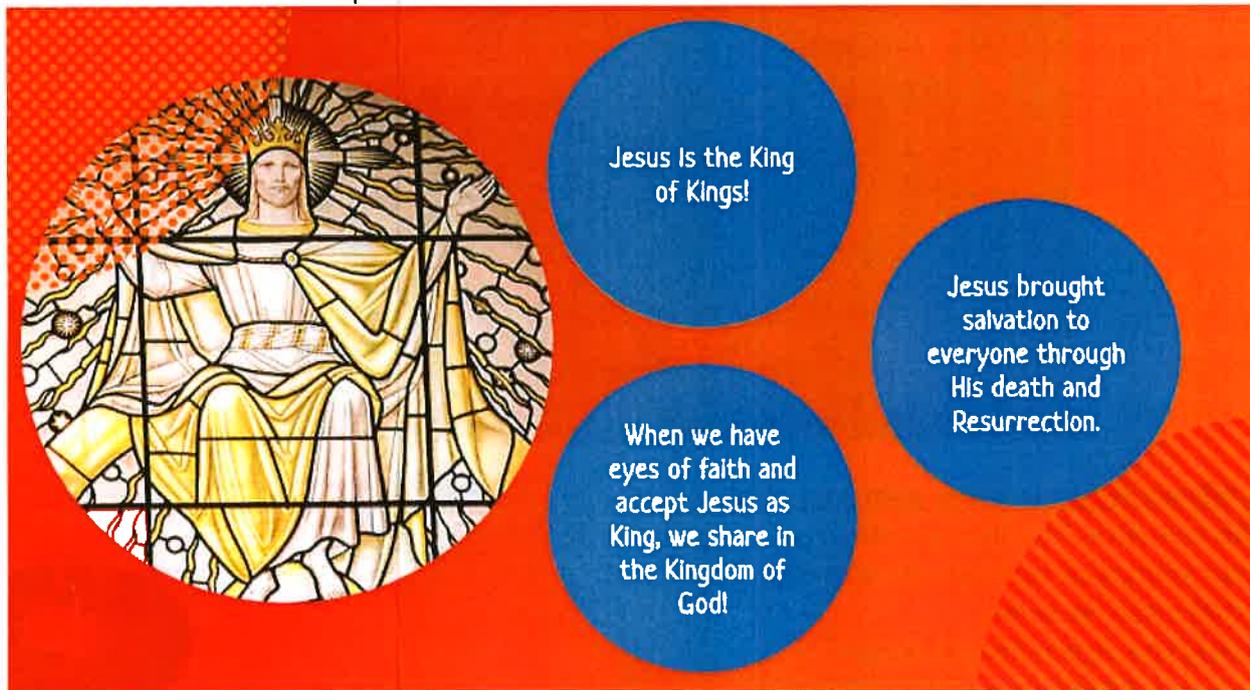
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28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Catholic Life of the School

In assembly this week, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the good thief knew this, and his faith saved him. Through the gift of faith, one day we too can be with Jesus in paradise.



### Feast of Christ the King -International Mass

Last Sunday we celebrated a wonderful Mass at Holy Family Church. It was lovely to see our families at the Mass. Particular thanks goes to our Readers, Offertory Procession children and Altar Servers. Thank you to Father Solomon for making it such a fabulous celebration.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent

This weekend marks the **first Sunday of Advent**; the children are learning about the importance of preparing for the arrival of Jesus.



**An Advent Prayer to share with your child**

In his love Jesus has filled us with joy  
 As we prepare to celebrate His birthday  
 So that when He comes  
 He may find us watching in prayer  
 Our hearts filled with wonder and praise

**The Advent Wreath**

Most churches have at the heart of their worship an Advent wreath. The origins of the evergreen wreath are ancient and probably pagan, but there is a symbolism with the wreath and its five candles that is useful in retelling the Christmas story.

The first purple candle will be lit this weekend- **The Prophets' Candle, symbolising hope.**

The circle of greenery reminds us that God is eternal, the Alpha and Omega without beginning or end, and of the hope we have in God, of newness, renewal and eternal life.





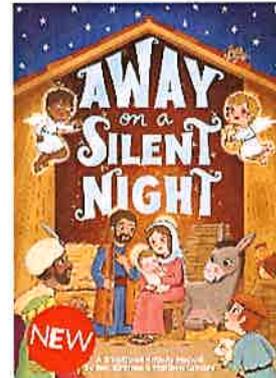
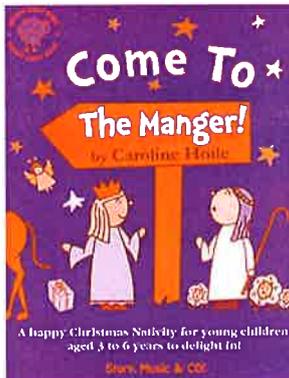
The candles symbolise the light of God entering the world through the birth of Jesus, and the four outer candles represent a period of waiting, perhaps the four centuries between the prophet Malachi (the last book in the Old Testament) and the birth of Jesus. Whilst the light from the candles reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives it also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others.

The centre candle is white and is called the **Christ Candle**. It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve or Day.

### 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 went very well. 95% of parents attended the evenings. It is good to see so many families working together with the school for the best outcomes for your child.

### 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

#### **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 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 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

## 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



## CADWCH EICH PLENTYN YN SAFF Y GAEAF HWN CLINIGAU DAL-I-FYNY BRECHLYN FFLIW

I blant ysgol o'r Derbyn i Flwyddyn 11 a fethodd eu brechlyn fflw yn yr ysgol. Bydd y Tîm Imiwneiddio Nyrsys Ysgol yn cynnal sawl clinig dal i fyny ledled Caerdydd a'r Fro drwy gydol mis Rhagfyr.

### KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE THIS WINTER

## FLU VACCINATION CATCH-UP CLINICS

For school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 who missed their flu vaccine in school. The School Nursing Immunisation Team will be holding several catch-up clinics across Cardiff and Vale throughout December

Am ragor o wybodaeth, sganiwch neu cliciwch isod neu ffoniwch 02920 907661/664.  
For further information, scan or click below or ring 02920 907661/664:



<https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/patient-advice/local-public-health-team/key-areas-of-focus/immunisations/flu-covid-vaccination/flu-vaccine-in-schools-information-for-parents/>

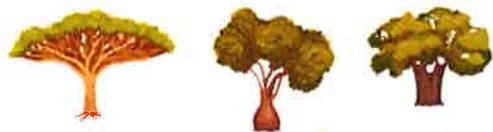


Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau  
Vaccination saves lives

For more information, contact your local public health team or visit [www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)



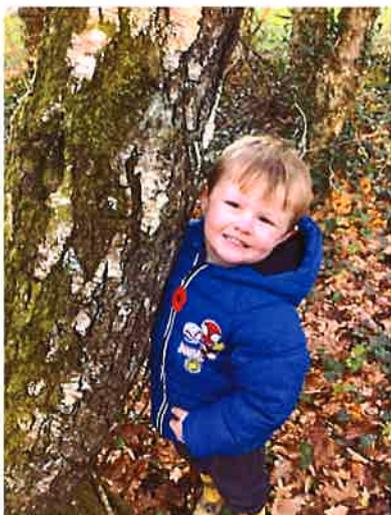
Nyrso Ysgol | School Nursing  
BIP Caerdydd a'r Fro | Cardiff & Vale UHB



# CLASS ONE



THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATED NATIONAL TREE WEEK. WE WENT OUT TO EXPLORE THE TREES IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. WE LOOKED AT EVERGREEN AND DECIDUOUS TREES.



WE GAVE OUR FAVOURITE TREE A HUG TO FEEL ITS ENERGY.

WE COLLECTED STICKS IN THE WOODLAND TO MAKE CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS.



WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ADVENT AS A TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF JESUS AT CHRISTMAS. ON SUNDAY IT WILL BE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. WE WILL LIGHT A CANDLE ON THE WREATH FOR EACH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

WE COLLECTED EVERGREEN BRANCHES FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL TO MAKE OUR ADVENT WREATH.



WE WORKED TOGETHER TO ADD THE EVERGREEN BRANCHES TO THE ADVENT WREATH.





## Class 2



**Angel Gabriel said the Holy Spirit will come to you. You must call him Jesus. Mary said I will do what God wants.**

**Kyle**

**The Angel said, "You will give birth to a baby, you have been chosen by God!"**

**Mary said, "I am not married yet how can this be?"**

**"Yes, I will do it"**

**Kali- Rae**

*Angel Gabriel came to Mary. "Mary you are going to have a baby." She was shocked.*

*Mary said, "how can this be I am not married yet?"*

*The angel Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit will come to you."*

*Mary said "Yes I will have a baby"*

*Madison*



**The Angel said, “You will have a baby”.**

**Mary said” I am not married”**

**“Yes, I will do it for God!”**

**Mohamed**

**Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said “You are going to have a baby”**

**“How can this be I am not married yet?”**

**“The Holy Spirit will come to you,” said the Angel**

**Mary said “Yes”**

**Lucien**

**“Mary you are going to have a baby,” said the Angel Gabriel. He said, “God can do anything.”**

**“How can this be I am not married yet.”**

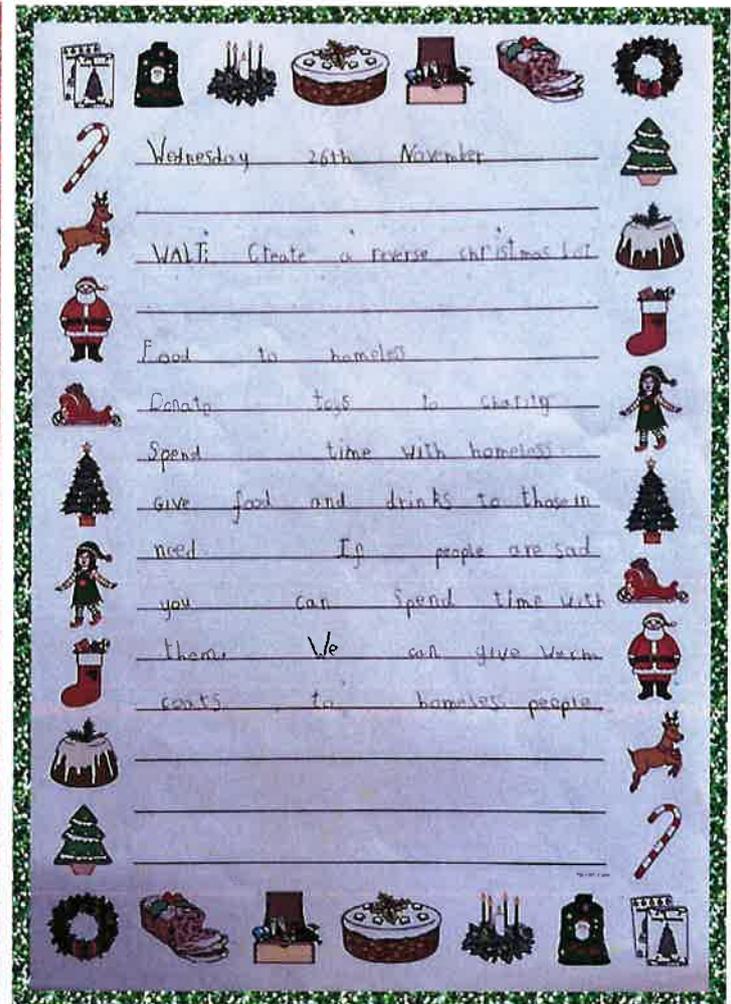
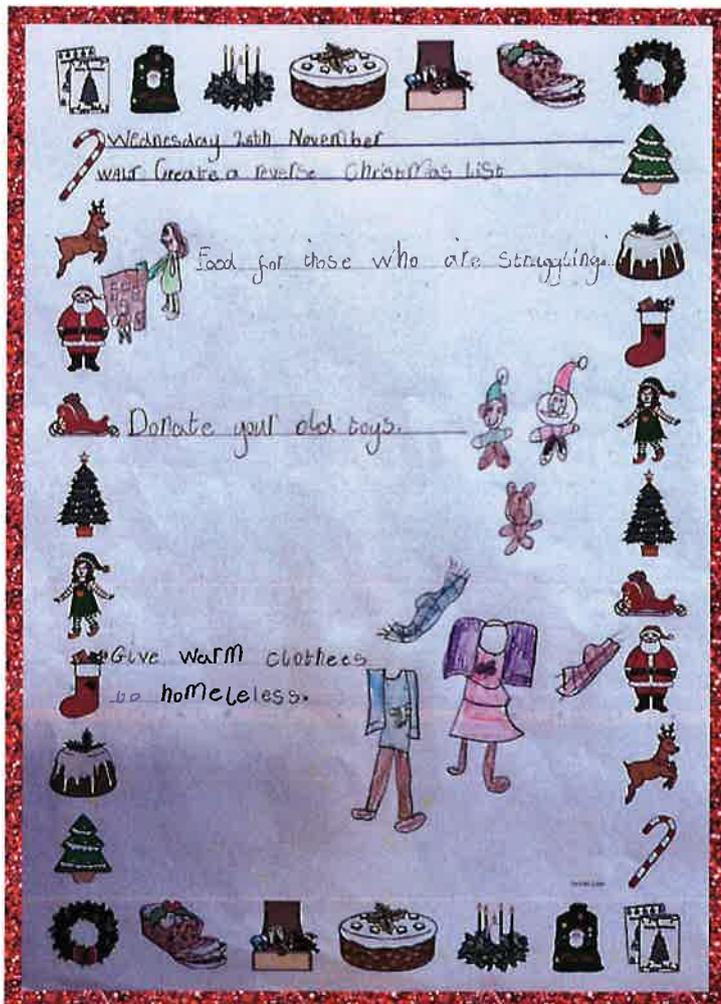
**“The Holy Spirit has come upon you.”**

**Mary said” I will do whatever God says.” Angel Gabriel flew to Mary she was shocked.**

**Millie**

# Class Three

As part of our work on Catholic Social Teaching we have been exploring the principle Preferential Option for the Poor. We created a reverse Christmas list. We thought about what others might need at Christmas.



In Welsh we have been using the sentence pattern 'Ble rwy ti 'n byw?'

Dw i'n byw yn Pentrebaen.





# Class 4



In our PSHE lessons this week, we have been learning about what family means to us. The children created beautiful drawings of their families and wrote words around the frame to describe how their family makes them feel.

We talked about how families can look different for everyone. Some families include parents, grandparents, carers, or siblings. Some families have pets. Some families live together, and some live apart. Every family is special in its own way.

Jonathan

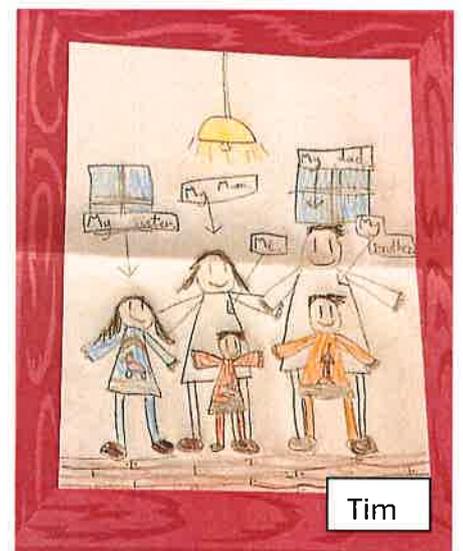


The children had a chance to share their drawings and talk about what makes their family special.

“My family makes me feel happy and safe. We like to play games together and go for walks in the park. They help me when I need something and make me laugh. My family means love and fun to me.” Ire

“ My family makes me feel happy, calm and excited. We like to go on walks together and play outside. They help with my homework, especially when I get stuck. I love them so much.” Leo

“ My family makes me feel safe, happy and loved. I love spending time with them, we love watching movies together. My family helps me with my spellings.” Thea



# *Building Tudor houses in Class 5*

*We have researched and built Tudor houses and then created models using Minecraft. We added sheep and pig pens, chicken sheds and villagers. Here is a great example from Amaneh:*

