



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

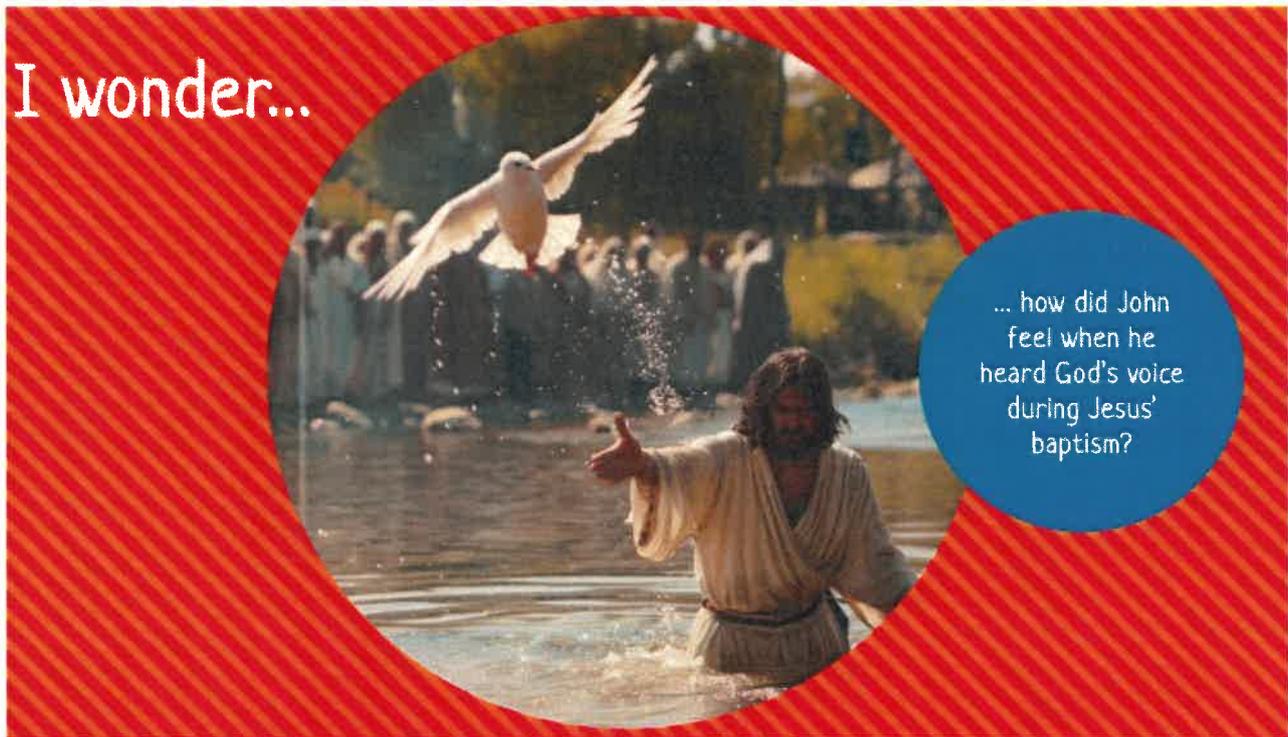
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Catholic Life of the School

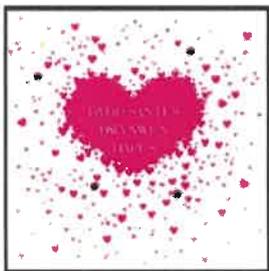
In assembly this week we focussed on the Baptism of Jesus. This event made a bold statement – He is God's Son! The children understand that we are invited to follow Jesus' example of baptism and make a bold statement for God in how we live our lives.



Farewell Mass for Father Solomon

Father Solomon will be leaving the Parishes of Holy Family and St Mary's on Saturday February 7th. He will become Parish priest of St Mary's in Carmarthen. We will have a farewell Mass celebrated by him on **Wednesday 28th January at 10.30am in the Hall**. Our new Parish priest will be Canon Benedict Koledoye; he is currently Parish Priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral Swansea.

St Dwynwen's Day



On Friday we will celebrate St Dwynwen's Day (Valentines Day for Wales). The children can wear red to school, they will carry out activities associated with this day of celebration for Wales

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 2026

Friday 13th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

Diary Dates for 2026, these will be updated regularly

January

Friday 23rd January Celebrating St Dwynwen's Day, children can wear red.

February

Friday 6th February Class 3 Assembly 3pm

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

Thursday February 12th 3.15pm meeting for parents of children going to the residential visit to Llangrannog (Year 6)

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

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March individual photographs

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 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

Tuesday 5th May Class photographs

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

Wednesday 17th June Sports Day

Sunday June 21st children make their First Holy Communion 9.30am at Holy Family Church

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

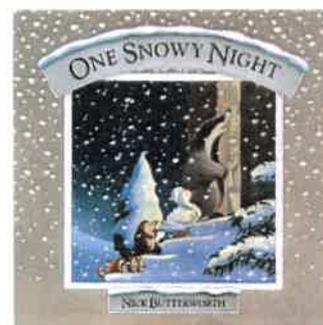
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Spring Term	Monday 4/1/27	Monday 8/2/27	Friday 12/2/27	Friday 19/3/27
Summer Term <small>* May Day Bank Holiday 3/5/27</small>	Monday 5/4/27	Monday 31/5/27	Friday 4/6/27	Tuesday 20/7/27



Class One



This week in Class One we have been learning about Winter. We explored the frosty weather and completed lots of cold weather activities. We listened to the story of 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. We turned our home corner into Percy's hut and acted out the story. In Welsh we have been learning about winter clothes and we opened a shop to practise.



We received a letter from Percy the Park keeper asking us to help his bird friends this winter. We made bird feeders and spotted birds in the garden and woodland.





Class 2



This Term our Context for Learning is Dinosaur Days. We are all loving exploring dinosaurs and finding out about how dinosaur fossils were discovered.



Our focus for Maths is measuring and so we have been learning new measuring skills using our dinosaurs. First, we all sorted dinosaurs according to size and were able to recognise the smallest and largest.



After that we measured each other to see how many dinosaurs tall we were. When we recorded our results we noticed something very strange. The taller children in the class measured the fewest dinosaurs and the shorter children measured the most dinosaurs!! We thought carefully about this and decided it was because we were all using different sized dinosaurs.



Check back next week to find out how we solved this problem.





Class Three



As part of our Religion topic Galilee to Jerusalem we have been learning about the Feast of the Epiphany. We listened to the scripture from Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Magi. We found about how the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated around the world. We used Pic Collage to present our research.

WALT: Recognise the Feast of the Epiphany

Feast of the Epiphany across the world



In Spain children celebrate the Epiphany by putting their shoes outside and hope the Three Wise Men bring presents.



They have big parades.

The Three Wise Men throw sweets to the crowd.

Carter Rio PIC-COLLAGES

WALT: recognise the Feast of the Epiphany 5.1.26

Feast of the Epiphany across the World



In the USA people bake king cakes to celebrate the Epiphany.



In Spain people leave their shoes out because in the morning they find sweets in their shoes.



The king cakes are so soft



They have a big parades.

Paige PIC-COLLAGES

We also enjoyed finding out about the Christian tradition of 'Chalking the door' for Epiphany. It is a tradition where families write **20 + C+M+B+26** above their door to bless their home. We then wrote prayers asking for blessing on our homes. Here are Charlie and Hulubhai's prayers:

Dear God,

Thank-you God for my safe home.

Please bless everyone who lives here.

Help me to be caring and look after others.

As we celebrate Epiphany shine your light in our homes

Amen

Charlie

Dear God,

Thank-you God for my generous friends and family.

Please bless everyone who lives here.

Help me to be generous, proud and look after everyone.

As we celebrate Epiphany shine your light in our homes

Amen

Hulubhai



Class Four



The children have been identifying types of forces this week for our new Science topic. They have been exploring new vocabulary such as buoyancy, gravity, up -thrust, magnetism, friction and many other new words. Over the coming weeks they will be exploring and investigating the properties of forces and their effect on objects. Here is some of their work so far.

TYPES OF FORCES

- ELECTROSTATIC
- MAGNETISM
- WATER RESISTANCE
- WIND RESISTANCE
- WALL
- FRICITION
- BUOYANCY UP THRUST
- AIR RESISTANCE
- NEWTON
- PUSH AND PULL
- GRAVITY

Electrical force

Gravity

Upthrust

Water resistance

Buoyancy

Air resistance

Magnetism

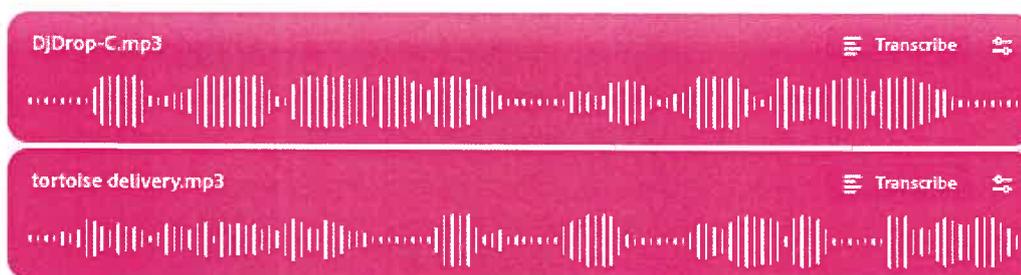
Pull and push

Types of forces

PICKCOLLAGE

Making Podcasts in class 5

Class 5 have debated whether social media for under 16s should be banned as in Australia. Surprisingly about ¾ of the class thought that it should. After a debate, we then used Adobe podcast to create very professional talk shows complete with adverts, jingles and DJ “drops”. Here is an example by Luna (the voice recording is transcribed):



Luna Takata

My podcast. The topic of the hour is banning social media for under sixteen seconds. I'm Luna and I work as an online safety consultant. I'd like to share my views with you about the proposal to ban social media.

Based on my many years of working in this area, I think that banning social media is good for young children because no one knows what they can watch and see. However, many people are against banning social media. Social media is dangerous for young people, like children, who don't understand what they see and also what they do. To begin, we have to talk about mental health.

People have shown that seventy six. - Percent - and eighty percent of young adults have been getting anxiety, depression, plus anger. Are you going to rush to a child's mental health because of social media? I didn't think your answer would be yes.

Children compare themselves to others, which makes them feel angry, jealous, plus evidently sad. can see things such as scary videos or content similar to that. Clearly this will affect them plus their parents.

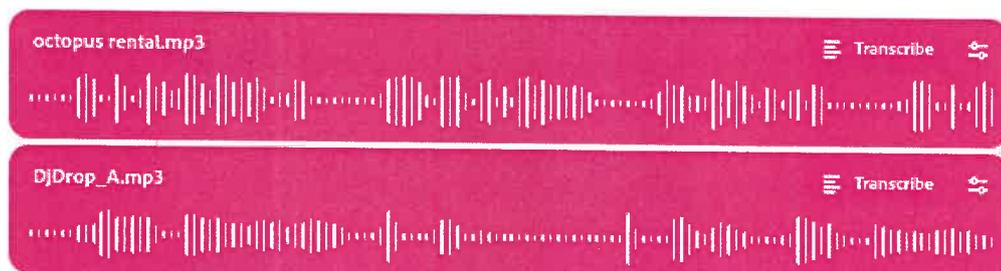
Undeniably, everybody knows social media is dangerous. In addition, social media is addictive. Children can lose sleep, plus not being able to focus in school. - Surely you have seen some children stuck watching social media.

Children don't go out. Also, they don't talk face to face with their friends or go outside. - Evidently children are stuck to their devices. Finally, if we ban social media, your children will be safer.

Teenagers are most likely to show their face, plus, say their private information. Any sane person would agree that we should ban social media. Online children talk to strangers. Plus, people can meet up with them too.

People can pretend to be children, but they actually adults by banning social media. We will be safe, happy. Plus, in addition. Amazing. -

Thank you for listening to my podcast. Check me out on Instagram Facebook YouTube for more information.



Class 6

WALT: Create a fact file explaining thermal insulation.

There are 3 main forms of thermal insulation: radiation, convection and conduction.

Radiation: meaning sun coming down to earth through space.

Convection: meaning heat passing through a liquid

Conduction: meaning heat passing through solids and gases.

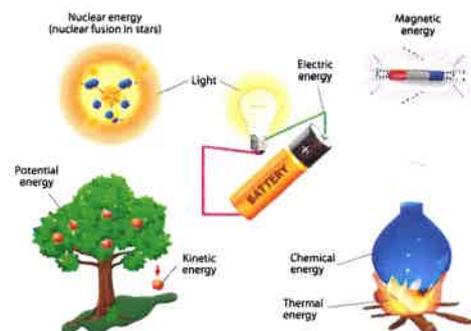
What is energy?

Energy means the ability to do work or cause change, like **moving** things or making them **light** up, coming in forms such as **heat**, **light**, **sound**, and **movement**, and stored energy, which can be changed from one type to another, like food's chemical energy becoming movement.

Did you know to move an object you need force like a push of your hand which creates kinetic energy.

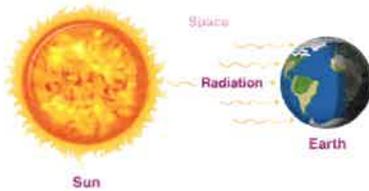
Radiation

Radiation is energy moving as waves or particles. An example is **heat** from the sun, **light**, or **X-rays**, and it's all around us, from the sun and **microwaves** to the **warm** feeling from a **radiator**, with some types being harmless and others needing care, like energy from unstable atoms.



RADIATION

BYJU'S
The Learning App



Convection

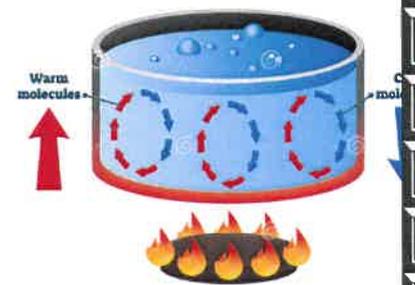
Convection is a way heat travels in liquids and gases (fluids), where warm, less dense fluid rises and cooler, denser

fluid sinks, creating a continuous loop called a convection current. An example of this is a boiling kettle or hot air balloon. It's all about warm air going up and cool air coming down.

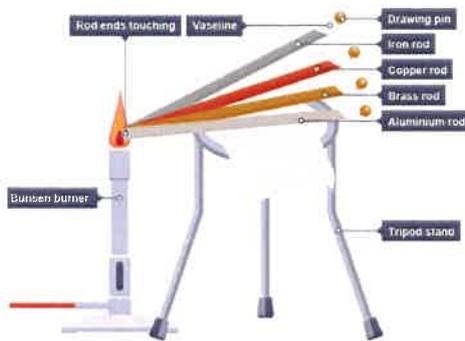
Conduction

Conduction is the theory of heat travelling through solids, like a metal spoon getting hot in soup because the heat from the soup radiates/transfers into the metal spoon because the metal is a conductor. Conduction is when particles bump into each other and pass energy along from hot to cold without the material itself moving.

CONVECTION



In conclusion metals are great conductors and materials like wood or plastic in comparison, are poor conductors.



Insulation

Insulation refers to materials that slow down or stop heat escaping through them. (thermal insulation). Plastic, wood, and rubber are poor insulators as they enable heat to escape and pass through. Best insulation or thermal heat conductors are materials such as cotton wool and fiberglass because they hold air.

Thermos means heat. Thermal insulation is simply the trapping of heat.