



## 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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### Catholic Life of the School

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist understands Jesus' true identity. With the help of the Holy Spirit too we can recognise Jesus as God and be witnesses for Him in the world.



### Farewell Mass for Father Solomon

Father Solomon will be leaving the Parishes of Holy Family and St Mary's on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>. He will become Parish priest of St Mary's in Carmarthen. We will have a farewell Mass celebrated by him on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Class Assembly

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm Class 3 will present their Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.



### 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.

### Late in the mornings

This has become a problem again, in many of the Classes. 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 has to get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register has to be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Miss Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills has to 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.



**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 ensure that your child is in school for 8.55a.m. Thank you.**

Be on time



at five to nine

### Safer Internet Day

This will take place on **Tuesday 10th February**. Each Class will do some work around staying safe online that day. You will find some conversation starters that may be useful for you to use with your children, particularly if they are in Classes 3,4,5 and 6.



Use the questions below to help start discussions about how we can all use the internet safely, respectfully, responsibly, and positively when gaming and spending time online.

#### Start the conversation on a positive note:

- ② What do you like most about the internet and why?
- ② How do you have fun using the internet and technology?
- ② What's your favourite game, app or website?
- ② How does going online make you feel?
- ② How does the internet and technology make your life better?
- ② Do you most enjoy going online alone, or with other people?



#### Talk about relationships and communicating online:

- ② Who do you communicate with online? What different methods do you use to communicate online? (E.g. in-game chat, video calls, group chats, etc.)
- ② What is good about communicating online?
- ② What can be challenging about communicating online?
- ② What is different about talking to someone online compared to talking face to face?
- ② How much can you trust people you only know online?
- ② What do you and your friends do to keep yourselves safe and happy, when you are chatting and communicating online?



### Talk about respect online:

- ② What does respect mean to you? What does it look like online?
- ② What does disrespect look like online?
- ② What makes a good friend online?
- ② What can you do if you fall out with a friend online?
- ② Do people disagree more online or offline? Why do you think that is?
- ② What could you do if someone you were talking to online was unkind to you, or made you feel worried, upset, or uncomfortable?



### Talk about looking after yourself and others online:

- ② How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- ② Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- ② What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- ② What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?



### **Inset days 2026**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Diary Dates for 2026, these will be updated regularly**

#### **January**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Mass in the school hall

#### **February**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February Class 3 Assembly 3pm

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day

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

**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**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March individual photographs

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Class photographs

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**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> children make their First Holy Communion 9.30am at Holy Family Church

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

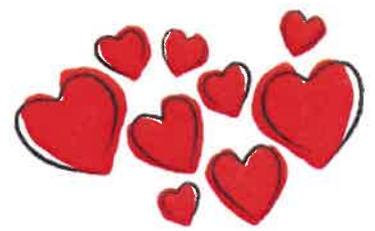
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Summer Term <small>* May Day Bank Holiday 3/5/27</small>	Monday 5/4/27	Monday 31/5/27	Friday 4/6/27	Tuesday 20/7/27





# Class One



Today Class One were feeling the love for Saint Dwynwen's day. We made cards for our loved ones and a special gift. We wore red to celebrate and had some delicious cakes with our friends.



We listened to the story of Saint Dwynwen and thought about the special people in our lives who we love and who love us.



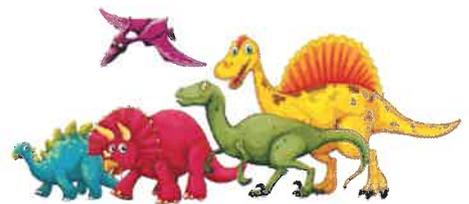
**Dydd Santes Dwynwen Hapus!**

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## Class 2



This week in Year 1, our young mathematicians took a *big* step into the world of measurement. After our discovery last week about needing all our measuring to be done with something that will not change, a standard measure, we decided to use our classroom cubes to measure the dinosaurs.



We measured carefully and recorded our results. Can you see how well we all worked together to achieve this? This time our results were much more accurate. We decided to try some further cube measuring. This time we worked with a partner.



After our cube measuring adventures, we started learning about centimetres (cm). We explored rulers and practised finding the 0 to start measuring, then completed some awesome dinosaur measuring.







Dydd Santes  
Dwynwen Hapus

# Class Three



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Today in Class Three we celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen. We wore red to school, made cards for the people we love, made special heart themed treats and learnt about the life of St Dwynwen.



St Dwynwen (Santes Dwynwen) was a fourth century Welsh princess who lived in what is now Bannau Brycheiniog National Park. Dwynwen was rather unlucky in love, so she became a nun. She prayed for true lovers to have better luck than she did.



We used WordArt to write all the people we love use the Welsh phrase 'Dw i'n caru.....'







## Class Four Newsletter

by Leo and Nathan.

### WALT: Explain the imagery used in The Parable of the Sower.



Those who believe for only a short time will forget about God, be tempted and sin against God. The rocks are a shallow foundation.



Those who do not understand the word of God will be led to temptation. Like the birds who ate the seeds.



Some Christians still have worldly desires and these desires are so dangerous that they will choke out the Word of God.



Those who live in God's way will tell everyone about the Word of God. The fertile soil is the best place for the Kingdom of God to grow.

Leo and Nathan.



# 60'S ART IN CLASS 5

Class 5 have created psychedelic art for our 1960s context whilst we listened to Beatles records on a record player (kindly brought in by a member of the class). The results as you can see were truly cool and groovy! Yeah baby!





# Class 6



## The Role of women throughout Salvation History and in the Church today

### Why are women from scripture important to the Church?

Women from scripture are important because without them the Church would not exist today. Some of the most important women in the Old Testament are Sarah, Deborah, Miriam, Ruth, Esther and most importantly Mary. These women played critical, active roles in Old Testament salvation history, preparing for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. they were prophetesses, leaders, judges, and mothers, whose actions often saved lives, continued God's plan for the world and helped with the mission of Mary.

Mary is the most important because If Mary didn't say 'yes' to God when Angel Gabriel proclaimed that she was going to give birth to Jesus then there would be no Church today. She willingly accepted what God wanted her to do. As it states in Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant, said Mary, may it happen to me as you have said. And the Angel left her."

### How did Mary fulfil the Old Testament promises?

Mary fulfilled the Old Testament promises by saying 'yes' to God when Angel Gabriel told her that she was going to give birth to Jesus our Saviour. This happened because Mary was faithful and believed in God. One of the Old Testament promises was: **"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel"** (Isaiah 7:14) Mary fulfilled this promise by saying yes and believing, she also fulfilled this promise by marrying Joseph.

### What are the roles of women today within religious orders?

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hospitals, and charities. They also help the poor by giving them what they need. Additionally, they worship the Lord and devote their entire life to God. They focus on spreading love and peace throughout the world and this is evident in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 **"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."** This verse defines love and it also shows us how to live like God. Women working within religious orders such as: The Poor Clare's or daughters of Charity base their mission on this quote.

### **What are the roles of women within the Church today?**

The role of women within the Church are:

- Arranging flowers
- Ministers of the Eucharist
- Altar servers
- Leading liturgy groups
- Catechists
- Nuns/Sisters
- Members of the parish council

Women have a variety of roles in the Church, but I personally think that there should be opportunities made for women to preach to other Christians, as they are just as capable as man when it comes to sharing and explaining the meaning of Christianity and sharing scripture. After researching the role of women in the story of salvation, it appears that women today do not play a large enough role in the life of the Church in my opinion.

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