



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

Our faith should impact our lives and the lives of those around us. This week's assembly reminded the children that they are the salt of the earth, called to bring out the best in others through their words actions and faith in Jesus.



How can our words
and actions be like
salt, enhancing the
lives of others?

Sickness reporting and administration of medicines

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. We are happy to give antibiotics/ cough medicine, Calpol to your child, once a day. All medicine needs to be provided, and an administration of medicines form completed.

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

Inset days 2026

Friday 13th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

Diary Dates for 2026, these will be updated regularly

February

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

Tuesday 10th February Safer Internet Day

Thursday February 12th 3.00pm 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

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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



St David's Day



Eisteddfod Home Competition

As part of our St David's Day Eisteddfod celebrations on **Friday 27th February** we are once again asking the children to take part in our home craft competition. All children who enter will receive a certificate for their participation. All entries will be judged by the staff during our Welsh Week and the winners will be announce during our Eisteddfod on St David's Day.

This year we would like:

Reception (Class One) to create a model daffodil.

Year 1 (Class Two) to make a model Welsh dragon.

Year 2 to make a model Welsh lady.

Year 3 to design and make a 3D Welsh love spoon.

Year 4 to make a Welsh shield.

Year 5 to create a 3D model of an iconic Welsh building.

Year 6 to design and make a Welsh inspired t-shirt.

All entries need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 25th February** for judging.

Eisteddfod Cooking Competition

All children are also invited to take part in the cooking competition. Show off your cooking skills by making a Welsh themed biscuit/cake/pizza etc.... All entries need to be in school on **Friday 27th February** for judging. Cooking entries will be returned after judging.





Safer Internet Day 2026 Tuesday
10 February

Class One

On Tuesday it was 'Safer Internet Day'. We thought about how to stay safe online. We watched a live lesson about using AI and talked about what we use the internet for. We completed a sorting activity about keeping safe online and made posters.



Safer Internet Day

Ask an adult before you download a new game or app.



Don't send any photographs to anyone online.

Don't give any personal information online.



Don't click on pop ups.

Helicopter 10/2/26
PIC•COLLAGE

Safer Internet Day

Don't download any apps without asking an adult.



Don't post anything without asking your adult's permission.

Never click on pop ups.



Only use the internet with a trusted adult nearby.

Don't post anything online.



Don't tell anyone where you live or send photographs.

Buses 10/2/26
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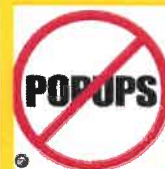
Safer Internet Day

Always ask an adult before you download a new game.



Don't tell anyone on games your age or address. If anyone asks you to tell them, tell an adult straight away.

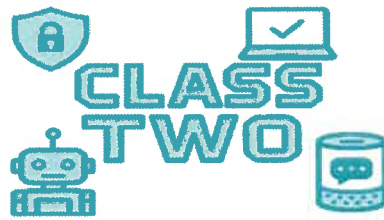
If we don't know what to do we will ask an adult.



Don't click on things that pop up on videos or your games.

Only use the internet with an adult nearby.
Trains 10.2.26
PIC•COLLAGE





This week, Class 2 celebrated **Safer Internet Day**, and we had a wonderful time learning how to use technology safely and sensibly. Our theme this year was “**Using AI Safely**”, and the children took part in several fun and exciting activities that helped them understand how to stay safe when using modern technology.

We began with a whole-school assembly about **AI** (Artificial Intelligence) and how it appears in everyday life—like voice assistants, online games, and helpful apps. The children learned that while technology can do amazing things, it’s important to use it carefully and always talk to a trusted adult if something doesn’t feel right. Back in class, the children played a **sorting game**, where they worked together to decide which machines and technologies use AI.

We also played a special game called “**Smart Speaker Says**”, where the children had to listen carefully to scenarios and decide if they were **Safe, Unsafe or Silly** when responding to voice-activated devices. They learned that even though smart speakers can be very helpful, they should never be used without an adult nearby.



The children really enjoyed taking part in all the activities and showed brilliant understanding of the key messages. They learned to:

- **Keep personal information private**
- **Tell someone if something online makes them worried**
- **Use AI tools safely and responsibly**



We are very proud of how sensibly the children approached this important topic. Well done, Year 1!



CLASS THREE

On Tuesday we took part in different activities for Safer Internet Day.

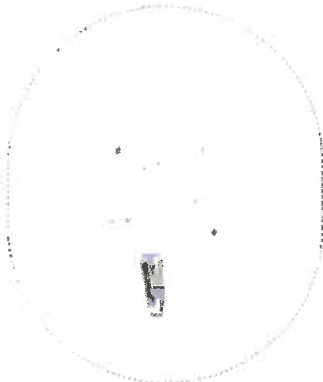
We learned about Roo and her new friend and then compared what humans and a voice assistant can do.



Example: A human can cook dinner.

A human can:

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Example: A voice assistant can play music.

A voice assistant can:

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AI Technology or Not AI Technology?

We sorted technology into those that use AI and those that don't.

A machine is a tool or device made by humans to help with a job. Some machines use AI technologies to help them work.

Sort the machine cards into uses AI technology or does not use AI technology.

Uses AI Technology

Does Not Use AI Technology

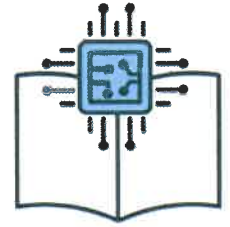


Dominion

This year's theme was 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.



Class 4



Safer Internet Day

On 10th February 2026, our class joined millions around the world to celebrate *Safer Internet Day*. This year's theme; **"Smart tech, safe choices: Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI"** helped us explore how artificial intelligence is becoming part of everyday life and how we can use it safely and responsibly. The children learned about making sensible choices online, protecting their personal information, and understanding how to use new technology in positive and age-appropriate ways.

As part of **Safer Internet Day 2026**, our class created our own *online safety plans*. We learned that this year's theme helped us to think carefully about how we use digital tools and smart technology. By making our own safety plans, we talked about how to protect our personal information, make sensible choices online, and use technology responsibly and kindly.

"If I ever feel sad or scared when I use technology, I know I can shut down the device I am using, find a trusted adult and ask them to help me." - Tim

"A rule I follow when using technology is only going on website that are educational and good for me." - Nathan

Some of the rules we follow when using technology are:

- Asking a trusted adult before I have time on a device.
- Asking if I want to buy something.
- Only using the games and apps I am allowed on.
- Not clicking on links or adverts.
- Only chatting with people I know.

SAFER INTERNET WEEK IN CLASS 5

We have learned about the pros and cons of AI in class 5. We have used AI for teaching models in computing before, but this week have focussed on the ethical concerns as well as the benefits. We created collaborative slideshows, fact files and quizzes to show understanding. Here is an example by Sienna and Luna:

AI can help people with disabilities

AI can help people with disabilities such as being partly deaf by reading text aloud and it can also help people or hear better and so forth. If you were blind AI could help you. Driverless cars can transport blind people.



AI can help doctors

AI can help doctors by spotting patients illnesses so the doctors can treat them quickly. It can also make special medicine to cure deadly diseases/illnesses that have never been cured that can kill people if not treated fast.

