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## 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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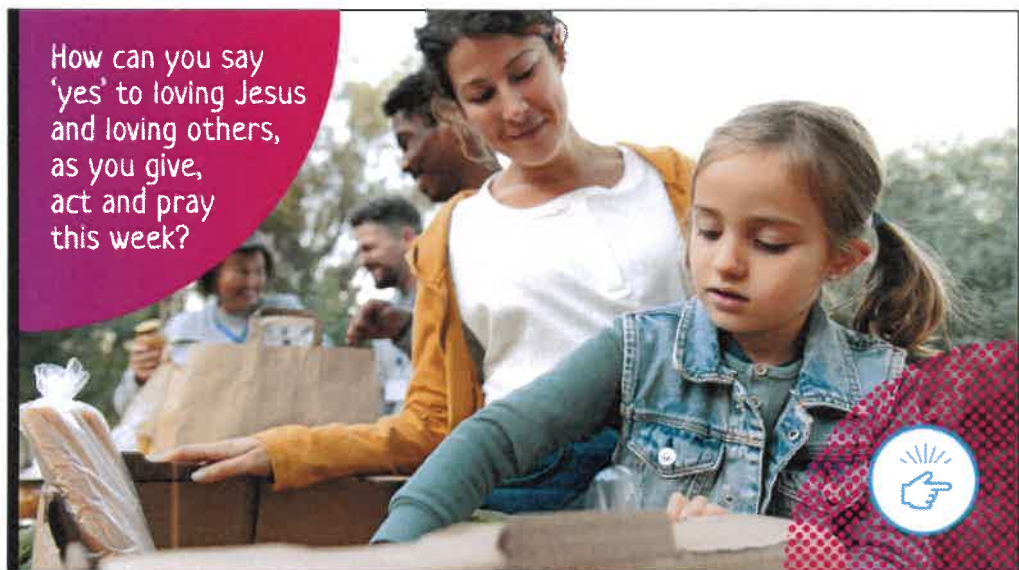
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13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Catholic Life of the School



In their prayer time during Assembly, the children had the opportunity to accept the love Jesus offers and shares this love with others. This Lent, we can say "Yes!" to Jesus' transforming love in our lives.

### Holy Week Assemblies

Each Class/Year group will act out a **short** representation of an event from Holy Week; parents are welcome to attend:



**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3pm Palm Sunday Class 1, 2 and 3**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3pm The Last Supper Class 4**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3pm The agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and The Trial of Jesus- Class 5**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3pm- The journey to Calvary and the Crucifixion – Year 6**



## Easter Raffle



We hope to have an Easter Raffle again this year, it is one of the highlights of the year for the children. Teaching Personnel our Supply Teacher agency, will provide some Easter Eggs. As always, we need donations from yourselves. Thank you to the parents who have already donated eggs. Tickets are now on sale. The draw will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Easter Disco

There will be an Easter disco on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:

Class 1, 2 and 3 3.30pm-4.30pm the children will not need to be collected from school. The teachers will take them straight to the disco if you have bought a ticket.

Class 4, 5 and 6 4.45pm-6.15pm

**Hot Dog and Drink provided.**

Disco Tickets are available via ParentPay from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, they are **£2.00**. Your tickets will be sent home with your child after you have paid for them online. We also keep a list of the children who have paid, and we check the children off the list as they come into the entrance; this is essential for fire regulations.

## Non- uniform Day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, cost £1.00 per child (they can wear the clothes that they are wearing to the disco).

## Sports Day change of date

Sports Day will now take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## 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.**



### **Inset days 2026**

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

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

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

#### **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 5 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

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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Class 4 assembly 3pm

**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**

Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> Class 1 Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 16<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

Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2 assembly 3pm

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

### Term Dates 2027/28

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Wednesday 1/9/2027	Monday 25/10/2027	Friday 29/10/2027	Friday 17/12/2027
Spring Term	Tuesday 4/1/2028	Monday 21/2/2028	Friday 25/2/2028	Friday 7/4/2028
Summer Term <small>* May Day Bank Holiday 1/5/28</small>	Monday 24/4/2028	Monday 29/5/2028	Friday 2/6/2028	Thursday 20/7/2028

# CLASS ONE

This week in Class One we have been learning about the story of 'The Good Samaritan'. We acted out the story in the garden and thought about what makes a good friend.



We sorted friendly and unfriendly actions.



On Welly Wednesday it was too windy for the woodland so we did some Spring cleaning in the garden and made some rafts with the sticks we collected to help Mr Gumpy and his animals cross the river.





## Class 2



As part of our Spring Colours Topic we have been exploring Colour Mixing. We started with the Primary Colours of red, yellow and blue and explored what other colours we could make. We found it amazing that we could make so many colours from just 3! Take a look at some of our fabulous colour mixing explorations.



# Colour Mixing





# CLASS THREE



This week in Class Three we enjoyed a sunny but blustery afternoon in the Edible Garden.



We weeded our patch in preparation for planting our seeds.



We also went on a Spring scavenger hunt



# The Feeding of the Five Thousand. (Matthew 14: 13-21)



By Tabitha and Thea

## Slide one

When Jesus heard that his cousin John the Baptist had died he was very sad. So he went to a lonely place to pray.



## Slide two

When Jesus saw a crowd of people waiting for him, it began to get very late and dark. One of his disciples said "Jesus we need to eat again. You the one who feeds us, don't you forget to eat!"



## Slide three

A little boy came to one of the disciples who brought the little boy to Jesus. He had a small lunch. He had two fish and five loaves of bread.



## Slide four

Jesus said the prayer of thanks. Then he broke the bread into tiny pieces and shared the bread with everyone. So everyone could eat in the crowd.



## Slide five

The amount of men that ate was about five thousand not including the woman or children. They ate until they were full. Jesus had performed another miracle.



## Slide six

There was even leftover food. One of Jesus disciples said "shall we feed them more?"

"No they are full."

So Jesus counted how many baskets were left and said "there are twelve baskets full of bread."



# Class Four

The children were asked to retell (in any form) The Feeding of the Five Thousand.

Tabitha and Thea chose to retell the miracle using slides.

The children heard The Miracle of the Loaves. (Matthew 14: 13-21)

They learned that Jesus multiplied the food to feed the crowd and that he shows compassion to all.

## USING COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN IN CLASS 5

*Class 5 have been creating a 1960s bungalow using Computer Aided Design (SketchUp). We added psychedelic patterns to the wallpaper and carpets, retro fridges, record players and lava lamps. This groovy example is from Hadassah.*



# VALDIVIA EARTHQUAKE

## CLASS 6

### SYNOPSIS

On May 22, 1960, the most powerful earthquake ever recorded in human history shook the southern coast of Chile. The earthquake impacted more than 400,000 square kilometres. It was recorded as one of the biggest natural disasters that has ever occurred. The Valdivia earthquake only lasted 10 minutes, despite this the damage and destruction were inconceivable.



### THE IMPACT OF THE VALDIVIA EARTHQUAKE

The Valdivia earthquake affected the whole of Chile between Talca and Chiloé Island, which is more than 400,000 square kilometres. Coastal villages, such as Toltén, were struck. At Corral, in the main port of Valdivia, the water level rose 4 meters before it began to disappear. Approximately 1600 people were killed, 3000 were injured and 550 million buildings were destroyed during the earthquake, leaving 2 million people homeless. The 1960 Valdivia earthquake was exceptionally strong (magnitude 9.5) because of a massive, long-duration rupture along a 1,000-km (620-mile) stretch of a subduction zone.

### CONCLUSION

The 1960 Valdivia earthquake, with a magnitude of 9.5, remains the most powerful earthquake ever recorded, serving as a landmark event in seismology, disaster management, and engineering. While causing immense destruction in Chile, it also generated a trans-Pacific tsunami that killed people as far away as Hawaii and Japan.

