



## 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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19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Catholic Life of the school



On Tuesday representatives of our Faith Friends group enjoyed a fabulous conference on Catholic Social Teaching at the All Nations Centre. 14 Catholic primary schools presented their learning. The children then paired up with children from other schools to work together. It was a fantastic event; our children were a credit to us.



Please remember these children in your prayers:

Charlotte, Oscar, Frances, Leo, Freddie and Tabitha.

After weeks of preparation, they will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9.30am at Holy Family Church.



#### Arrangements for Sports Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The weather forecast looks good for next week. The event will begin at 10am to give the grass time to completely dry out. The gates will be open just before 10am. There will be limited seating, so please don't bring extended family. Seating will be along the edge of the Playground facing the running track. **Please stay that side of the track and do not stand/sit behind the finishing line.** All children will have an opportunity to enter a race, and will receive a medal if they achieve 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in the individual races, stickers for the relay races. **The judges' decision is final; parents see the race from a very different angle to those stood directly behind the finish line.** Please ensure that your child wears a T- Shirt with short sleeves **not** a Vest Top and is wearing Trainers. They will also need to wear sunscreen and a hat. We will provide each child with a bottle of water. We hope it will be a fabulous morning!



#### **Inset days 2026**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

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

### June

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

Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Corpus Christi High School Y6 transition day 1

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Leavers' Mass St. David's Cathedral

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day am

Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi High School Y6 transition day 2

### July

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

Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Llandaff Y6 transition day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Cantonian Y6 transition day 2

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Mass 9.30am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Party 5pm-7pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Retirement Mass for Mrs Mills 2pm

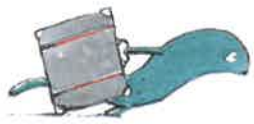
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July school closes for the summer holidays**

### 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 we have been learning about Refugee week. We read a story called 'The Suitcase' by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros. The story introduces a stranger who moves to a new place with just a suitcase.

Inside his suitcase he has a teacup and a photograph of home. He has travelled a long way and needs to find a new home. We talked about how we could welcome new people and help them to feel safe and loved.

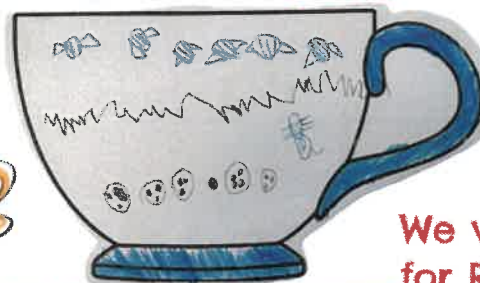
We designed our own teacups to reflect our personalities and likes, to have tea with the stranger to make him feel welcome.



Aylin



Archie



Aishleen



We wrote a class prayer for Refugee week.



God Our Father,

Help people to find a safe place to stay.

To be brave and find joy in a new place.

To feel welcome wherever they go.

To be happy and loved.

To find things they have in common and be a welcoming community.

Amen



Mrs Williams helped us to make friendship cakes to share with our tea.

We built a new home in the garden for the stranger to live in.

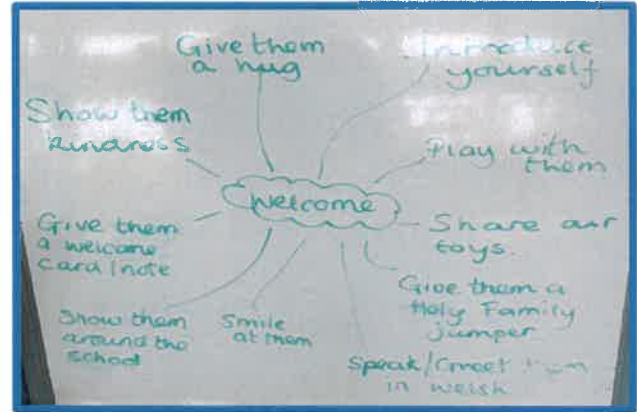


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This week, we have been taking part in a range of activities to celebrate Refugee Week. Our learning began last Friday with the International Day of Welcome, where we reflected on ways we can make others feel included and valued.

As part of this, we discussed how we can show kindness and welcome to people who may be new to our community. We created a colourful poster to remind everyone that all are welcome at Holy Family.



We also enjoyed reading and discussing stories that helped us better understand the experiences of refugees and the challenges they may face. These included *The Colour of Home* by Mary Hoffman and *Lubna and Pebble* by Wendy Meddour.

Inspired by *Lubna and Pebble*, we created our own special pebble friends. Realising that we are fortunate to already have

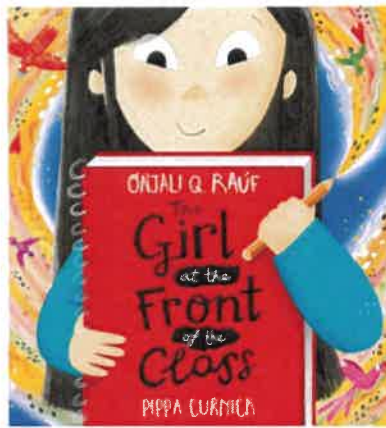
many friends, we decided to leave our pebble creations in the Thrive Garden for anyone who might need a friend to talk to.

Through these activities, we have developed a deeper understanding of kindness, empathy and the importance of welcoming others. We hope our pebble friends bring comfort and joy, and remind everyone that nobody should ever feel alone at Holy Family.



# CLASS 3

In Class 3, we have been reading the book 'The Girl at the Front of the Class' by Onjali Q Raif and Pippa Curnick as part of Refugee Week. This story opened up our minds to refugees who come to our country because their country is not safe enough for them to stay and live.



We thought about Layla in the story and how she was feeling sad, lonely and very upset because she had to leave her family and friends behind and come to a new country. She felt scared and remembered that her home had been destroyed. We felt sad and worried for Layla.



We brainstormed ideas of ways we would welcome Layla if she was to join our class. We came up with ideas such as be kind, say hello and ask her to join in with our games on the playground. We could ask her to read a story with us in the reading corner or paint a picture in the creative area.



## Letter to Layla

Dear Layla,

I am really sorry that you had to leave your home and family. This must make you feel sad. I am really happy that you are joining Class Three. I would like to be your friend. We could read together in the reading corner. If we were friends it would be fun.

Let's be friends!

From Penelope



## Letter to Layla

Dear Layla,

I am really sorry that you had to leave your country and your family. This must make you upset. I am happy that you are joining Class Three. I would really like to be your friend. We could read in the reading corner. If we were friends we could draw and play 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' and Hide and Seek on the yard.

Let's be friends!

From Chaniel



## Letter to Layla

Dear Layla,

I am really sorry that you have been forced to leave your country and your family. This must make you feel emotional. I am really happy that you are joining Class Three. If we were friends we would read in the reading corner and school would be more exciting.

Let's be friends!

From Ethan



We wrote letters to Layla to help her feel welcome. We included the ideas which we brainstormed in our groups. We empathised with Layla to show that we understand how she feels.



# REFUGEE WEEK in CLASS 5

*Class 5 have learned about why people become refugees and researched and drew famous refugees. We also made digital timelines of people moving to Britain from the Romans to the present day. We also created acrostic poems on this year's theme of **courage**.*

Children should be cared for after they have arrived

On their very long journeys, they should feel safe

Under a different sky, they should have a place of sanctuary

Roads, trains, planes, boats lead them to a different place

As time goes on, they feel scared, but a hint of excitement

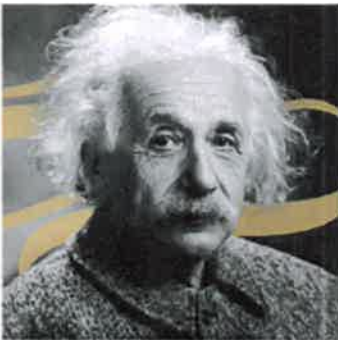
Good and kind people will welcome them in

Every day, will be a better day for them

By Luna

## Famous Refugees

Albert Einstein



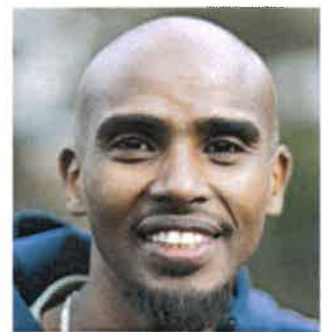
Rita Ora



Bob Marley



Mo Farah



Madeleine Albright



Mia



 Refugee Week

**COURAGE!  
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# Class 6

Class 6 have thrown themselves into athletics this week, showing brilliant energy and determination.

They have been practising a range of skills, including throwing, jumping, skipping and relay techniques. They have worked hard to improve their accuracy, stamina and teamwork. A fantastic effort from everyone.

