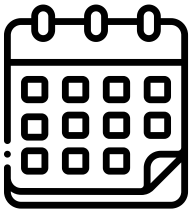
Holy Family R.C. Primary School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2026

Working together as a family. Following in the footsteps of Jesus. Always giving our best..

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER

Sun 29th - Advent begins

DECEMBER

Tues 8th - Pedestrian training for Year 1 & 2
Wed 9th - Sacrament of Recconcilation for Y4-6
Wed 9th - Class 1 & 2 Nativity performance, 2pm
Thurs 10th - Class 1 & 2 Nativity performance, 2pm
Fri 11th - Santa visit for all classes
Tues 15th - Pedestrian training for Year 1 & 2
Wed 16th - Christmas jumper/ colours day (for Noah's Ark) & Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17th - Christingle Carol Service, 9.30am in school hall
Fri 18th - Christmas Parties
Fri 18th - End of autumn term

Change of INSET Day

Please note the INSET day for 4th January has been moved to Fri 8th Jan.

JANUARY

Mon 4th - Spring term begins (please note this was an INSET day but has been moved)
Fri 8th - School closed for teacher training day
Thurs 14th - Sacramental preparation lessons begin, 3.45pm in school
Fri 15th - Applications for Reception Class 2027 closes

An up-to-date calendar can now be found on the school web site - click here

FUNDRAISING

We have signed up to Easyfundraising.

When people sign up and buy items through the website/ app it raises funds for our school and doesn't cost you any money.

Our school will get £2 for every person that signs up by the end of November. You don't have to buy anything just sign up for free!

Please help by downloading the app and signing up today. Thank you!



READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to spend some time in school reading with children of all ages.

Do you have some spare time to help children with their reading or know anyone who does?

It could be just an hour here and there on a day that suits you and with an age group you would like to read with. We would really appreciate the support.

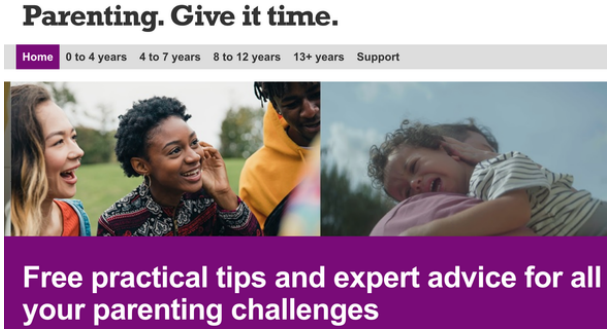
If you are interested let the school office know or have a chat with Mrs Osborn. We would ask all volunteers to complete a DBS check before starting.



PARENTING ADVICE

Take a look at the Welsh Government web page "Parenting. Give it time." for free practical tips and advice for all parenting challenges.

Click here to go to the page or google 'parenting give it time'.



LOCKDOWN DRILLS

As well as the usual fire drills, schools are also required to complete a lockdown drill once a year to ensure we are prepared for any emergency.

A lockdown involves all classes locking their classroom doors and staying in their classrooms until they are given the all clear.

If school was to enter into a real lockdown situation parents/ carers would be informed. We would not be able to allow parents/ carers to collect their children until the situation is made safe to do so.

Our school completed the annual lockdown drill a couple of weeks ago.



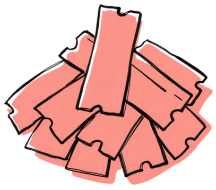
ITEMS NEEDED FOR RAFFLE

We will be holding an adult raffle at both Nativity performances and for the whole school. This money will be used to buy resources for classes, subsidise school trips and buy experiences for the children.

We would be very grateful if you could donate the following items to help with the raffle:

- bottles of drink
- chocolates
- biscuits

Thank you very much!

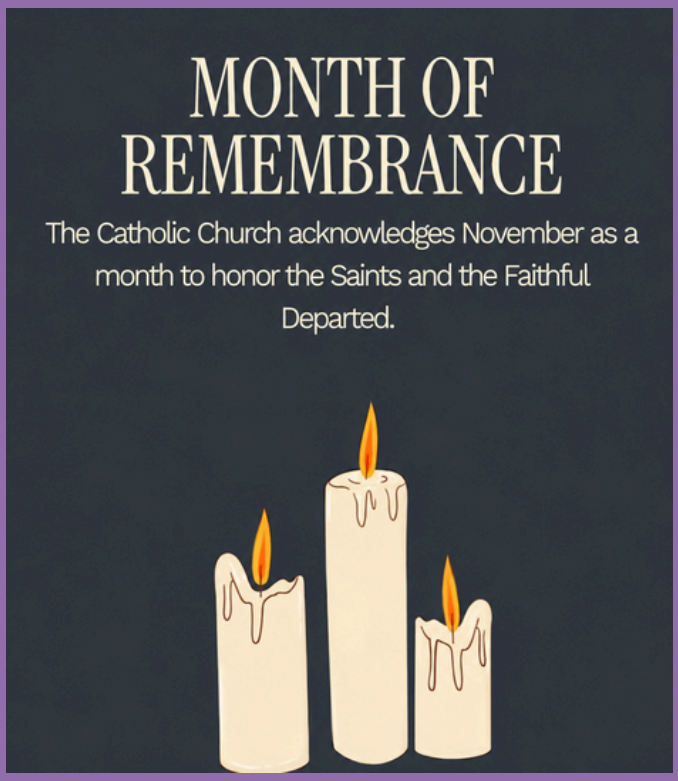


CLASS 1 & 2 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE



This year's Nativity performances will take place on 9th and 10th December. We will not be charging families to see their children perform and there will be a ticketed system so we can ensure we do not exceed our maximum numbers for the hall.

Instead of charging, we will be asking everyone to take part in a raffle by buying raffle tickets to win some Christmas goodies. The money raised will help fund resources for the performance as well as subsidising school trips and class resources.





Cynnig Gofal Plant Cymru Childcare Offer for Wales

You could get **up to 30 hours of funded childcare and nursery education** for your child, for up to **48 weeks a year**.

The **Childcare Offer for Wales** helps eligible working parents, and parents in education or training, with:
✅ Up to **17.5 hours per week** of funded childcare during school term time
✅ Up to **30 hours per week** of funded childcare during school holidays (for up to 9 weeks each year)

👶 **Who can apply?**
If your child was born between **1 September 2022 and 31 December 2023**, you may be eligible and can apply now.

👉 Find out more and apply here: Get 30 hours of childcare for 3 and 4 year olds | GOV.WALES
☎ **03000 628 628** for help or advice.
#ChildcareOffer

Click Here

CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE RAFFLE



We will be holding a Christmas Chocolate Raffle this year.

We would be grateful of any donations of chocolate items to support this fundraiser. Please send them into school with your child or drop items into the office.

Thank you/ Diolch!

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in the Poppy Appeal this year, buying items and donating money. We raised £225.64 for the Royal British Legion this year.

