



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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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year. A special welcome to the new pupils who joined us in

Reception:

Millie, Kyle, Isabelle, Roman, Mahmoud, Noah, Ayla, Eloise, Sidhroopa, Hunter, Nia, Lucca, Krystal, Celesta, Madison, Mohamed, Yasmin, Eva, Kalie-Rae, Logan, Joshua, Theodore, Treasure, and Theophilus.

Elena has joined us in Class 4 and Oscar, Scarlet and Emily in Class 5.



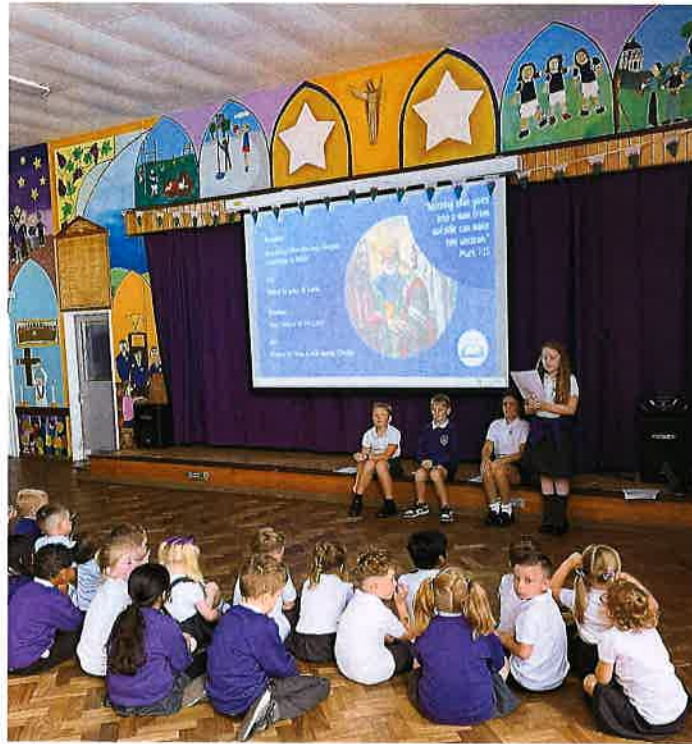
They have all settled well and are following our Mission Statement-

"Working together as a family, following in the footsteps of Jesus, always giving our best."

All the children have been fantastic on their return to school, working really hard and enjoying their new classes.

Catholic Life of the School

In Assembly this week we learned about Jesus' rule of love. We also made a promise to let our holiness shine.



During this half term as a school, we are focusing on the Virtues of **Curious** and **Active**. A **curious** person is someone who strives to find God in all things and able to make a difference in society for the common good. Being **actively** engaged by probing, seeking and questioning until the truth is plain, thinking for oneself and to become a lifelong learner.

Curious & Active

loving hopeful
attentive learned curious
faith-filled wise
generous grateful
eloquent discerning
intentional compassionate
truthful active



P.E. Timetable

Class 1 Monday and Thursday

Class 2 Monday and Thursday

Class 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Class 4 Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 5 Wednesday and Friday

Class 6 Thursday and Friday

Attendance

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.



Attendance Matters

Attendance Percentage	Days at School	Number of Absences		
100%	190	0	Well Done	Best chances of success.
95%	180	10		
90%	171	19	'We are Worried'	Poor Attendance—Less chance of success
85%	161	29		
80%	152	38	'We are Seriously Concerned'	Very Poor Attendance—Serious impact on education and reduces life chances.
75%	143	47		

Schoop messaging service

It is essential that you download the Schoop communication app., in particular if we need to contact yourselves should there be case of Covid 19 in the school. The app. is free to download and very easy to use. The instructions for downloading are below:

If you have an iPhone, iPad, Android phone or tablet

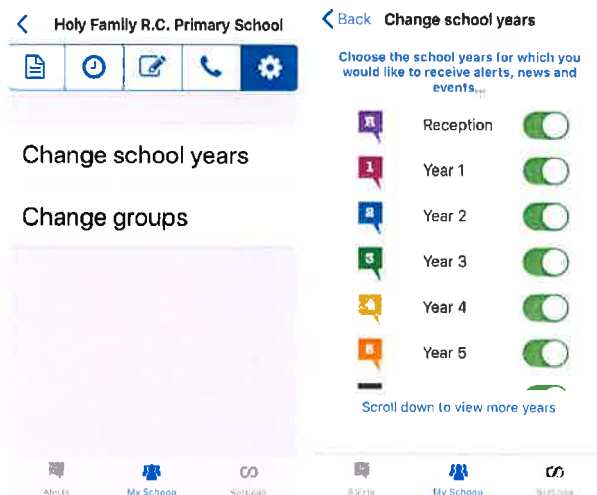
1. On your iPhone or iPad click the **App Store** button
2. On your Android phone or tablet click the **Google Play** button
3. Search for **Schoop** and download the **FREE app**
4. Run the app and follow the instructions
5. Enter our Schoop ID **17391**
6. Add the years and groups relevant to you
7. That's it – you're in the loop!

If you have a Windows Mobile, Blackberry, PC or Mac

1. Go to www.schoop.co.uk

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2. Enter our Schoop ID: 17391 Add your email address and choose relevant years and groups
3. Select your preferred language, if applicable.
4. Click **CONFIRM**, and you're in the loop!



To change the year group your child is in go into settings on Schoop and then go to screen 1 and then 2.

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARENTS WHO ALREADY USE THE APP.

Inset Days 2024/25

Friday November 8th 2024- joint Inset Day with Corpus Christi High School

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday February 21st 2025

Monday June 2nd 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Flu immunisation

Flu immunisation for the whole school will take place on **Wednesday 9th October**. You will be given further information shortly on how to give consent.

School uniform labelled

Please ensure all uniform is labelled, particularly Jumpers and Fleeces. Thank you.

Sharing success

If your child achieves something we can celebrate, either email a photograph or the child can bring in their certificates, trophies etc. We will publish the good news in the Newsletter.

Diary dates 2024/25

These will be regularly updated:

September

26th September European Day of Languages- in school celebration

26th September Reading Meeting for Reception (Class 1) parents 2.30pm in the Hall

October

Wednesday 9th October Flu vaccinations- whole school, information to follow

Tuesday 15th October Shw'mae Day- children to wear red, white or green.

Thursday 17th October Harvest Festival and Coffee Morning 10am. Children from Classes 1, 2 and 3 will lead the celebration.

Thursday 24th October Spooky Disco. Classes 1, 2, and 3 4.15pm-5.15pm. Classes 4, 5 and 6 5.30pm-6.45pm.

Friday 25th October school closes for half term at 3.30pm

November

Monday 4th November children return to school after half term

Thursday 7th November Class 5 Assembly at 3pm

Friday 8th November Inset Day (joint with Corpus Christi High School). School closed to children.

Monday 11th November applications open for children applying for Reception September 2025. Applications via Cardiff Council online admissions portal.

Wednesday 13th November Parental Consultation Evening for all Classes. Appointments will be emailed to parents

Wednesday 20th November Parental Consultation Evening for Class 5. Appointments will be emailed to parents.

Thursday 21st November Parental Consultation Evening for Classes 1,2,3,4 and 6. Appointments will be emailed to parents.

December

Tuesday 3rd December Class 1 and 2 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 4th December Class 1 and 2 Christmas Play 2pm

Monday 9th December Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Training- full week

Tuesday 10th December Class 3 and 4 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 11th December Class 3 and 4 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch for the children

Thursday 19th December Christingle Carol Service 9.30am

Friday 20th December Christmas Disco for the children- in the afternoon. School closes for the Christmas holidays 3.30pm

January

Monday 6th January Inset Day school closed to children

Tuesday 7th January children return to school

Monday 13th January closing date for applications for children starting Reception September 2025

Friday 24th January St Dwynwen's Day – children to wear red

February

Tuesday February 11th Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February Valentine Disco. Classes 1, 2, and 3 4.15pm-5.15pm. Classes 4, 5 and 6 5.30pm-6.45pm.

Friday 21st February Inset Day. School closed to children. Half term begins

March

Monday 3rd March children return to school after half term

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday Lent begins

Friday 7th March St David's Day Celebrations

Monday 10th March World Book Day

Monday 17th March children in Year 6 attend Llangrannog Residential Centre

Wednesday 19th March children in Year 6 return from Llangrannog Residential Centre

April

Monday 7th April Class 1, 2 and 3 Palm Sunday Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 8th April Class 4 Last Supper Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 9th April Class 5 The Agony in the Garden and Trial of Jesus Assembly 3pm

Thursday 10th April Class 6 Crucifixion of Jesus Assembly 3pm

Friday 11th April Easter Raffle and school closes for the easter holidays at 3.30pm

Monday 28th April children return to school after the Easter holidays

Monday 28th April Y5 children attend Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

Wednesday 28th April Y5 children return from Manor Adventure Abernant Residential Centre

May

Monday 5th May school closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 12th May National tests begin for Classes 3-6

Friday 23rd May National tests finish. **School closes for half term 3.30pm**

June

Monday 2nd June school closed to children for an Inset Day

Thursday 19th June Sports Day

Thursday 26th June reserve Sports Day if weather is poor on June 19th

July

Tuesday 8th July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Wednesday 9th July Class 5 and 6 Play 2pm

Thursday 17th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass and Assembly

Monday 21st July Inset Day – school closes for the summer holidays

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Term Dates 2024/25

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 2/9/2024	Monday 28/10/2024	Friday 1/11/2024	Friday 20/12/2024
Spring Term	Monday 6/1/25	Monday 24/2/25	Friday 28/2/25	Friday 11/4/25
Summer Term <small>*5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 28/4/25	Monday 26/5/25	Friday 30/5/25	Monday 21/7/25

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

Class One



We have all enjoyed our first week in school.



We love exploring all the different areas in the classroom.

Class 2

We have all enjoyed our first week in Class 2 exploring our new classroom and getting to know our new teachers.



**Enjoying
our
first day
in
Class 2**



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CLASS 3

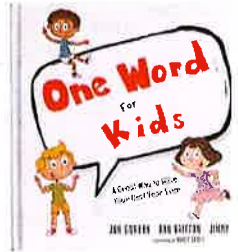


We have had a great first week back in school in Class 3. This week we read the story 'One Word for Kids' that is all about having your best year ever! The children thought carefully about what word they would choose for the year ahead. They then used Flaming Text to display their word and made bracelets showing their word. Here are some of the words chosen by the children:

COURAGE

STRONG

LOVE

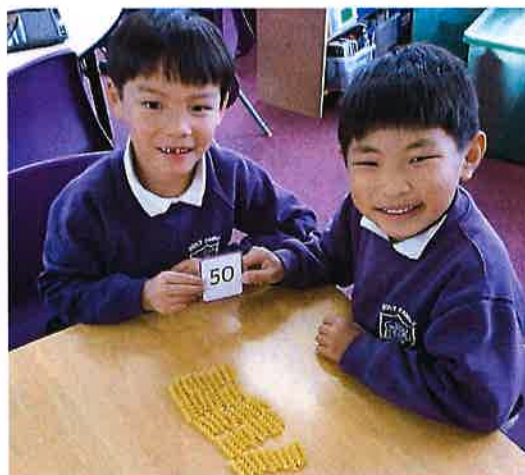


KIND

HAPPY



We have been estimating in maths this week. We looked carefully at the objects and then estimated how many were there to the nearest multiple of 10. We counted carefully organising the objects into 10 to make it easier to count.



CLASS 4.

Welcome back!

Class Four 2024 - 2025.

We are all happy to be back together with our friends at Holy Family.

New experiences and adventures await us!



SOLAR SYSTEM CONTEXT

Class 5 have been researching the planets in the solar system and have created databases on the planets. Here are some examples from Nico and Tim:

Name	Order from sun	Type	Number of moons	Distance from the sun in km	Radius in km	Fun facts	Length of day in hours	length of year in days	
Mercury	1st	Rock	0	47 million	2,440 km	Its the second hottest planet	1,408	88	✗
Venus	2nd	Rock	0	108 million	6,051.8 km	Second largest terrestrial plan	5,832	225	✗
Earth	3rd	Rock	1	150 million	6,371 km	It inhabits the only life that	24	365	✗
Mars	4th	Rock	2	228 million	33895 km	Humans are trying to find a way	25	687	✗
Jupiter	5th	Gas	95	778 million	69,911 km	Jupiter is the largest planet I	10	4,333	✗
Neptune	8th	Gas	16	4.5 billion km	24,622 km	It is named after a God	16	60,190	✗
Saturn	6th	Gas	146	1.4 billion km	58,232 km	It is 9 times bigger than earth	11	10,759	✗
Uranus	7th	Gas	28	1.79 km	25,362 km	It is a ice giant	17	30,687	✗

By Nico

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Mercury	1th	Rock	0	46.814 million km	2,439.7 km	Did you know that Mercury is an	1,408	59	✗
Venus	2th	Rock	0	108.24 million km	6,051.8 km	Venus has 90 times the atmospher	243	5,832	✗
Earth	3th	Rock	1	150.81 million km	6,371	There are 8.2billion people livi	24	23.8	✗
Mars	4th	gas	2	221.23 million km	3,389.5 km	Mars is named after the Roman go	10	24.62	✗
Juplter	5th	gas	95	754.5 million km	69,911 km	Did you know Jupiter is a world	10	12	✗
Neptune	6th	gas	16	4.4717 billion	24,622	Did you know Neptune's environm	16	23.9	✗
Uranus	7th	gas	28	25,362	25,362	Did you know uranus has 13 rings	17.24	17.14	✗
Saturn	8th	gas	142	1.4449 billion	60,268	Did you know that saturn has a bigger moon than mercury	10.7	10.8	✗

By Tim

Did you know...?

Our solar system is in the Milky Way galaxy. The Milky Way is a fairly small galaxy, yet, if a scale model of the Milky Way was made, using grains of rice to represent the stars, the model would just about fit between the earth and the moon!! Space is *too big to comprehend (understand)*. Space is *always* getting *bigger* because it is a void – a vacuum without boundaries- and it has expanded ever since the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago.





CLASS 6



We are all so happy to be back together again. We have made so many new friends already!

