



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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Priest in charge: Father Solomon

Weekend Mass times- Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am

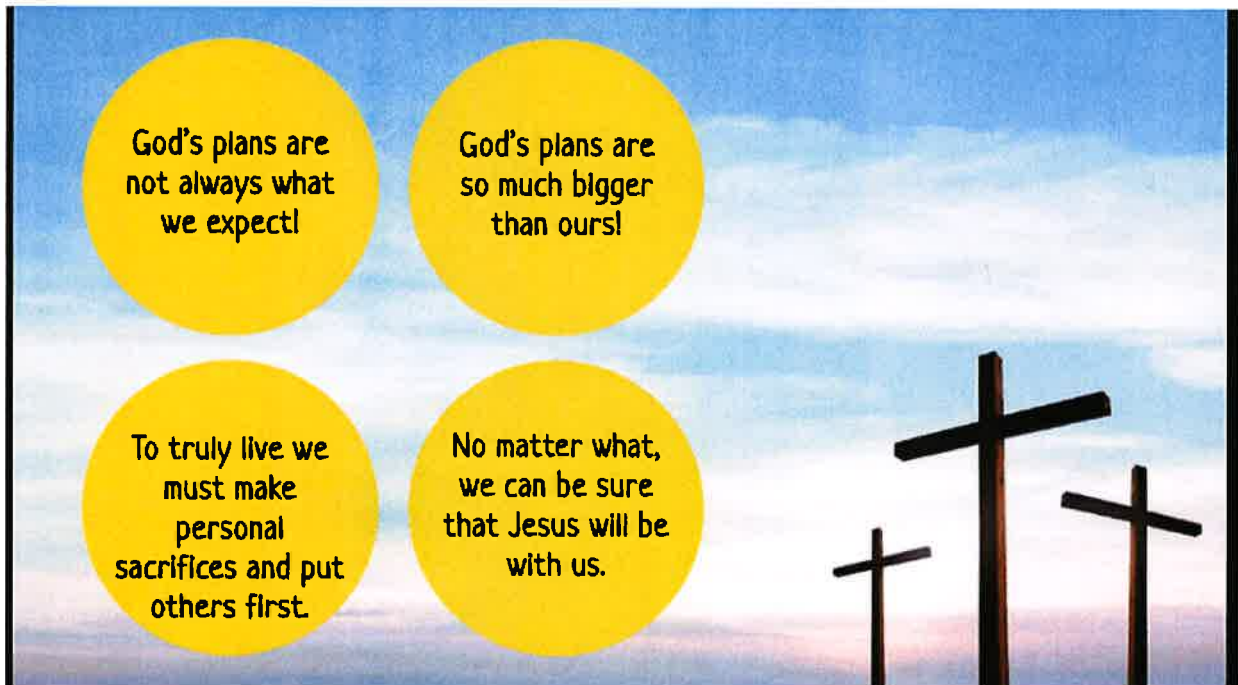
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September 20th 2024

Catholic Life of the School

This week in Assembly we learned about Jesus' expectations of His disciples. God's plans can be surprising, and that following Jesus involves expecting the unexpected- with the assurance that Jesus is with us every step of the way.



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		

Welcome Mass

Wednesday 25th September Welcome Mass at 2pm. Mass celebrated by Father Brian Grey. We hope to see many parents at the Mass.

Reading Meeting for parents of children in Reception (Class 1)

You are invited to attend a meeting about how we teach reading and how you can help your child at home. The meeting is on Thursday 26th September at 2.30pm in the Hall.

Flu immunisation


Flu immunisation for the whole school will take place on **Wednesday 9th October**.

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.



CARDIFF WANDERERS U10S

CALLING ALL YEAR 5S - NEW U10S TEAM BEGINNING FOR 2024/2025 SEASON. OPEN TRAINING SESSION THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AND THURSDAY 26TH 6-7PM TONGWYNLAIS FOOTBALL PITCH, CF 15 7NJ. COME AND JOIN THE FAMILY

The image is a red rectangular poster for Cardiff Wanderers U10s. At the top, the text 'CARDIFF WANDERERS U10S' is written in a large, black, arched font. In the center, there is a photograph of a girls' football team of about 15 players in red kits, posing in front of a goal on a grassy field. Two soccer balls are positioned on either side of the photo. At the bottom, white text on a red background provides details about an open training session for Year 5s on September 19th and 26th at Tongwynlais Football Pitch.

Diary dates 2024/25

These will be regularly updated:

September

Wednesday 25th September Welcome Mass 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 26th September European Day of Languages- in school celebration

Thursday 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 (morning) Class 1 and 2 Sleeping Beauty pantomime at Bridgend College

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

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

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

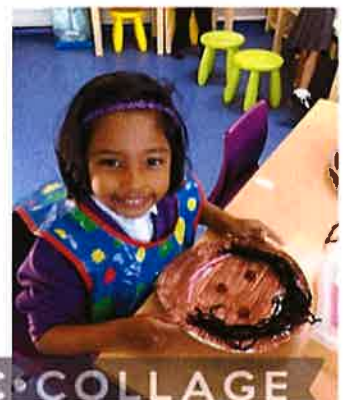
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Spring Term	Monday 5/1/26	Monday 16/2/26	Friday 20/2/26	Friday 27/3/26
Summer Term <small>*4/5/26 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 13/4/26	Monday 25/5/26	Friday 29/5/26	Monday 20/7/26

Class One

We have been making self portraits out of natural objects.

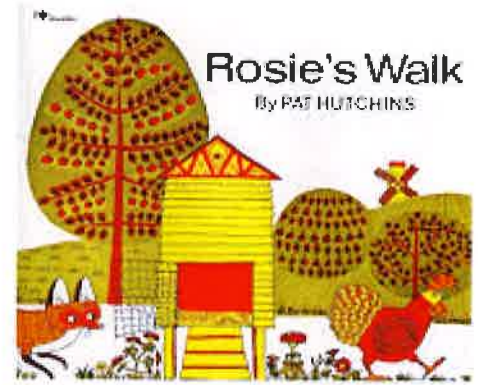


We have also been painting a self portrait.



Class 2

This week we have enjoyed sharing the story of Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. We decided to take Mr Fox for a walk around our fabulous school. Group Glas were fabulous at choosing words to describe the route taken on Mr Fox's walk.



Unfortunately Mr Fox got lost on the way back to class! Fortunately Group Oren and Group Porffor were able to use the words Group Glas had recorded to trace the steps of Mr Fox to try to find him. You will be glad to know that they were successful and Mr Fox is now safely back in the classroom after his ordeal.



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Class 3



This week in Class 3 we have been learning about Betsi Cadwaladr as part of our context topic 'Brilliant Betsi'. We learnt lots of interesting information about her and created circle maps about Betsi Cadwaladr. We have started to write our own electronic books using all the information we have learnt with a partner.

Here is some of the information that we found out:

Betsi Cadwaladr was born in Bala, Wales in 1789 and lived on a farm.

Her mother died when she was only five years old.

Betsi wanted to travel the world. She worked as a servant to a sea captain.



She worked as a nurse in the Crimea war with Florence Nightingale.

Betsi Cadwaladr wanted to get closer to where the soldiers were fighting to help care for them.

Betsi became ill and had to return to London. She died in 1860.

In P.E this week we have been looking at invasion games. We have been developing our dodging and dribbling skills.

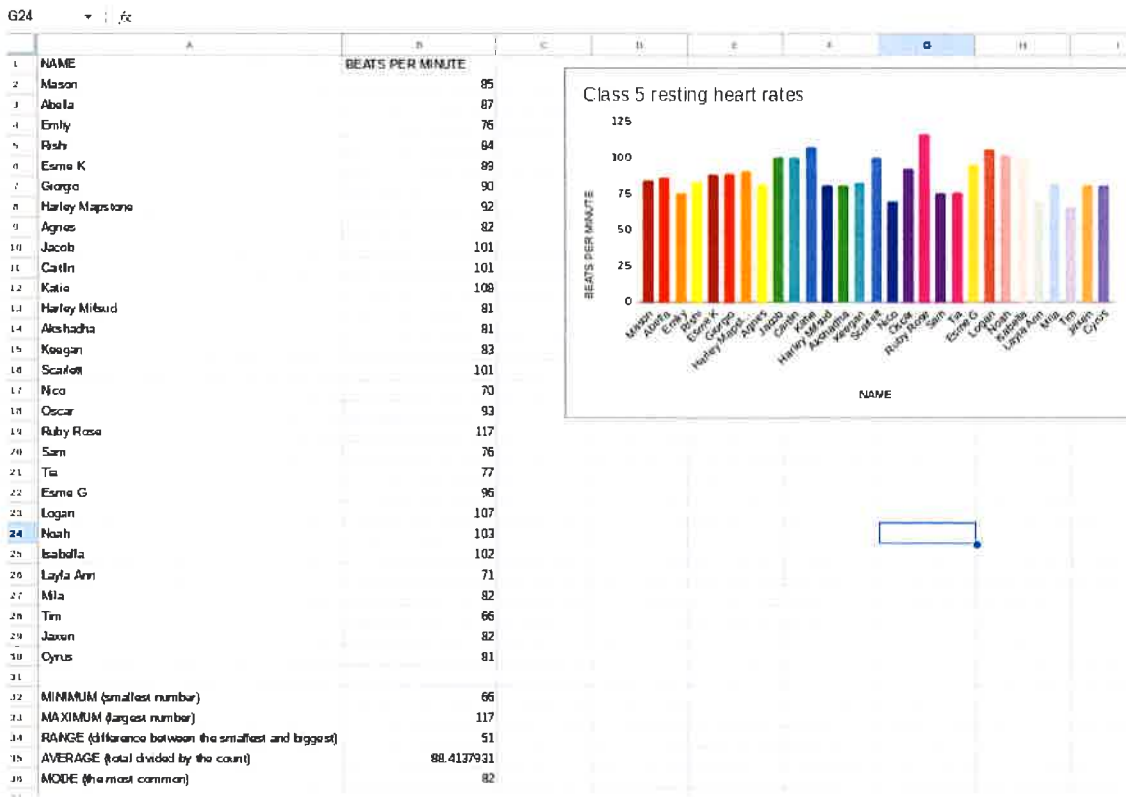


We have been enjoying the challenges in enhanced provision this week.

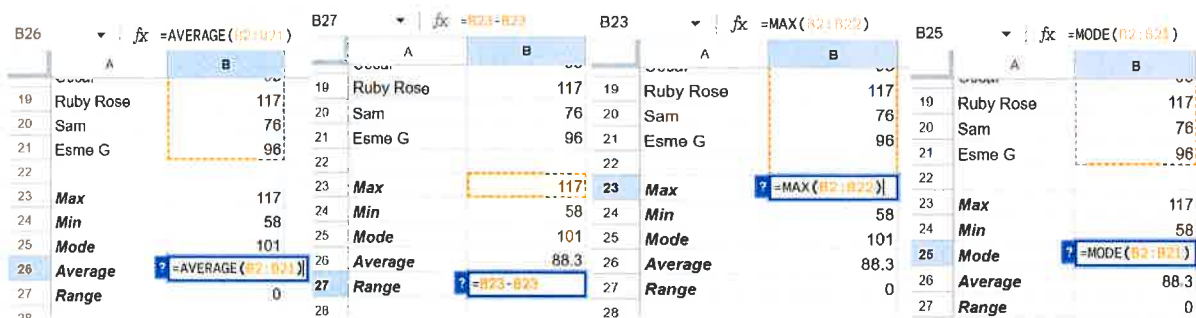


DATA HANDLING IN CLASS 5

For our “Blood heart” context, class 5 have recorded their individual resting heart rate in BPM. We then created spreadsheets from this data and used the following formulae: =MIN (smallest number), =MAX (largest number), =MODE(the most common value), =AVERAGE and we also calculated the range / difference. Here is an example by Agnes:



Spreadsheets are like super-calculators. They are used for creating graphs, planning and tracking finances, analysing data and many, many more useful functions. We will spend a lot of time developing our skills and confidence in spreadsheets this year – far more than is usual for years 5 and 6.



Class 6

Stay
Fit
and
Stay
Healthy

This week class 6 have continued with the focus of striving to be healthy, confident individuals. They worked collaboratively to design fitness circuit stations that involved a variety of skills foci. Skills included: running for speed and endurance to ball control and agility on a training ladder. After organising their station, they rotated to each other's groups and practised how to perform using the correct technique.



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