



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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Catholic Life of the School



Yesterday we had our Welcome Mass. Many thanks to Father Gray for celebrating Mass with us. The theme of the Mass was Friendship. Friendship is a great gift. In school and in life in general we speak or think of friendship at four levels:

- Friendship with God,
- Friendship with others,
- Friendship with ourselves
- Friendship with our world.

We are truly blessed if we have faithful and true friends who are loyal and support us in good and difficult times.

We prayed that during this new school year that we continue to make many new friends and in return be loyal, faithful and a trustworthy friend.

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		

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

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.

Friday October 18th Show racism the red card- children wear red

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

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

For 'European Day of Languages' we learned how to say 'good morning - bonjour' and 'hello - salut' in French. We also sang the French song Frere Jacques.

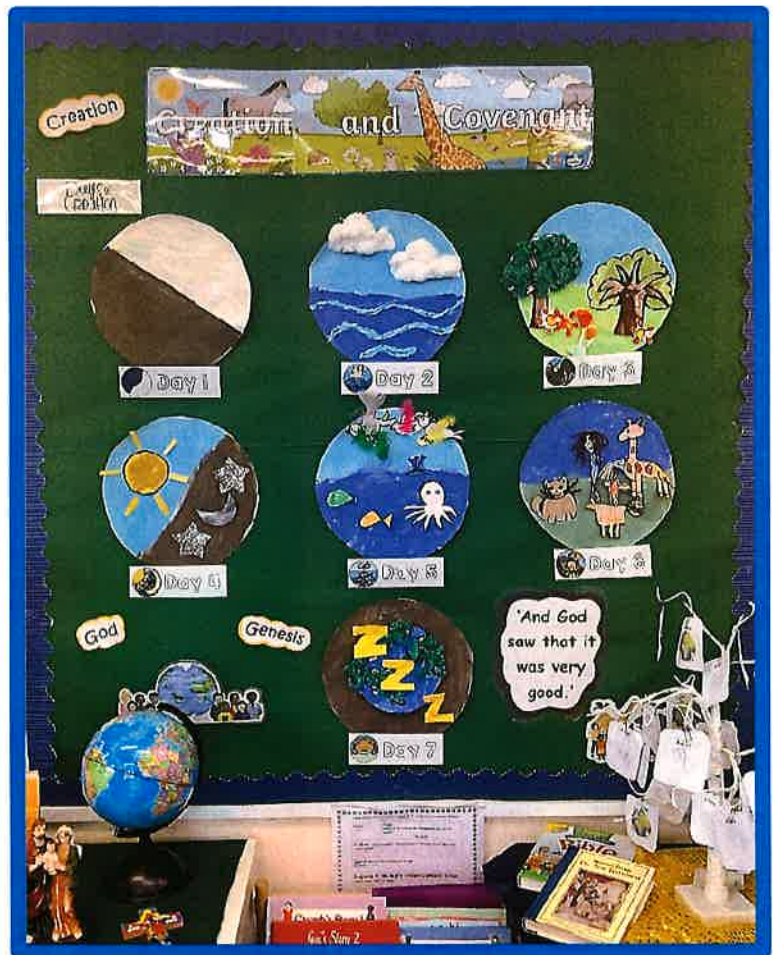
We have been drawing a picture of our family.



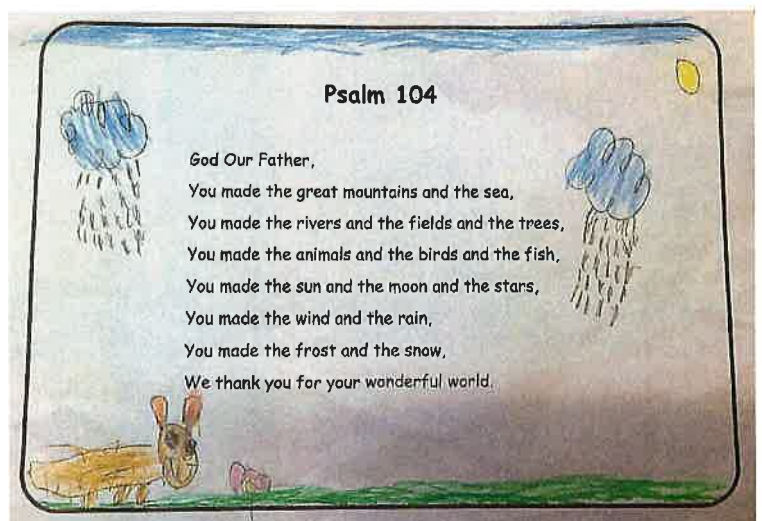
Class 2

As part of the Creation and Covenant topic for Religion the children of Class 2 worked together to create this stunning display depicting The Story of Creation.

We also shared Psalm 104 listening to it's words whilst watching images of the beauty of God's world and listening to Beethoven's 6th Symphony. We decorated the Psalm with our favourite parts of God's creation and shared our ideas of why each part of creation is good.



1. Day is good because we can spend time looking after God's world and picking up rubbish.
2. Night is good because night animals come out in the dark.
3. Water is good because we can drink it.
4. Clouds are good because they give us rain.
5. Trees and plants are good because they can give us food.
6. Sun is good because we can go out to play.
7. Moon and stars are good because they help us to see at night.
8. Sea creatures are good because they are colourful.
9. Animals are good because they can give us food.
10. People are good because they can help other people.

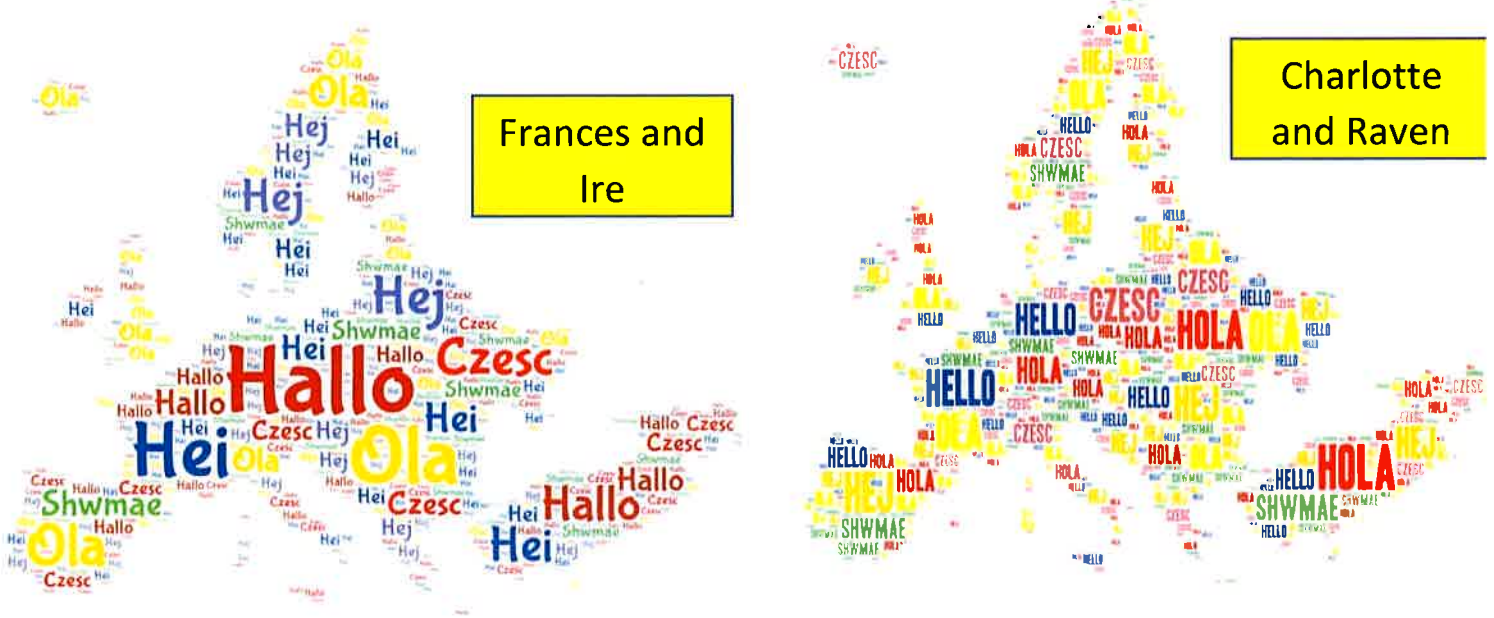




CLASS 3



This week in Class 3 we celebrated European Day of Languages on Thursday. The children decided they wanted to learn about Germany and to learn some simple German. We made flags, answered the register with 'Guten Morgen' and counted to 10. The children also worked with a partner to create a WordArt showing how to say hello in different European languages.



We have also continued with our context topic 'Brilliant Betsi'. After our research last week, we used a World Map to locate all the countries that Betsi Cadwaladr visited on her travels and whilst working as a nurse.



Class 4.

As part of our celebration of National European Languages Day, the children enjoyed celebrating the range and diversity of cultures and languages within the class.

They heard some of their peers speaking:

- Polish
- Farsi
- Tagalog
- Malayalam
- French
- Arabic
- Hindi
- Yoruba
- Cantonese.



EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY IN CLASS 5

To begin, we voted for the country we would focus on. Spain was the most popular vote. We then researched Spain and created collaborative slideshows to show our understanding. Finally, we learned basic Spanish greetings, phrases and questions as well as learned to count to 5. Here is an example from Megan and Mila:



Where is Spain?

Spain is located in south-western Europe! It is one of the largest countries in Western Europe. People always go there for holidays as it is very hot even during the winter!

Capital city, islands and famous places

The capital city of Spain is Madrid. Madrid is known to have many good football players! There are plenty of amazing islands such as, Ibiza, Tenerife, Majorca and much more! Spain is known for its wonderful beaches, and that is why most people go to holiday there! One of the most famous places is Barcelona.

Famous people:

- ★ Salvador Delí
- ★ Antonio Banderas
- ★ Penélope Cruz
- ★ Julio Iglesias



¿Como esta?



Culture- food, music and sports

Culture is very important in Spain! The people there are very warm and nice to tourists or just to themselves! Tapas is very famous in Spain. It is known world-wide! Flamenco is very popular as it is tradition. Sports is very popular in Spain and one of the most popular sport is, bull fighting believe it or not!



Muy bien!



Basic Spanish phrases

Hello - Hola

(O-la)

Good morning - Buenos días

(BWAY-nos DEE-as)

Good night - Buenas noches

(BWAY-nas NOH-chays)

How are you?- Cómo está?

(KOH-moh eh-STAH)

I'm fine, thank you - Bien, gracias

(bee-EN GRA-thee-as)

What's your name? - Cómo te llamas?

(KOH-moh te ya-mas?)

My name is... - Me llamo...

(May ya-moh...)

Please - Por favor

Thank you - Gracias

Yes -si

No - no

Bye! Adios!

See you next time - hasta la vista!



¿Por favor?
Gracias!





Class 6

We created databases, presenting information on the planets in the Solar System. We researched and found some amazing facts and figures!

Name of planet	Picture	Order from sun	Type	Number of moons	Distance from the sun in km	Radius in km	Length of day in hours	Length of year in days	further facts	
Mercury		1st	Rock planet	Mercury has no moons	46.379 million km	2,439.7 km	1,408 hours	88 days	Mercurys planet is shrinking	
Venus		2nd	Rock planet	Venus has no moons	3 million km	6,051.8 km	5,832 hours is a day on Venus	225 earth days	Venus spins the opposite direction of Ear	
Earth		3rd	Rock planet	1 moon	150.55 million km	6,371 km	24 hours is a day on Earth	365 days on Earth is a year	Earth's name is that it comes from the Ge	
Mars		4th	Rock planet	Mars has 2 moons	222.56 million km	3,389.5 km	24 hours, 37 minutes and 22 s	687 days	Mars is named after the Roman god of war.	
Jupiter		5th	Gas planet	95 moons in total	754.81 million km	69,911 km	10 hours	4,331 Earth days	A year on Jupiter is the same as 11.8 Earth yea	
Saturn		6th	Gas planet	146 moons in total	1.4446 billion km	60,268 km	10 hours 34 minutes	10,756 Earth days	Saturn has the second-shortest day in the solar	
Uranus		7th	Gas planet	28 known moons	2.9267 billion km	25,559 km	17 hours, 14 minutes	84 Earth years	Uranus is an ice giant (instead of a gas giant)	
Neptune		8th	Gas planet	14	4.4717 billion km	24,622 km	16 hours and 6 minutes	60,190 Earth days	Neptune is more than 30 times as far from the Sun as Earth.	