



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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Monsignor Maguire Rest in Peace

Yesterday afternoon we heard the very sad news that Father Maguire had passed away. He was loved by generations of Catholics across the city. We were particularly fortunate to have him as our Parish Priest since 2012. He was a fabulous priest and a great advocate for Holy Family School. We will pass on any funeral details when we receive them.

Requiescat in Pace



Catholic Life of the School



This week in Assembly we learned how to be generous rather than jealous. Our aim this week is to celebrate the success of others.

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.

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 Class 5 Assembly at 3pm

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 *5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday	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 *4/5/26 May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 13/4/26	Monday 25/5/26	Friday 29/5/26	Monday 20/7/26



Class One



This week we have been learning about the Story of Creation.

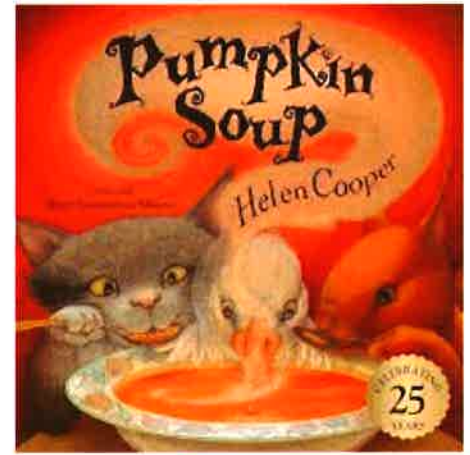


We have been making two colour repeating patterns. We can also say which towers are the tallest and the shortest.



Class 2

This week we have been sharing the story Pumpkin Soup. We were so very excited after reading this story to make our own Pumpkin Soup. How fortunate that we had a fabulous pumpkin growing in our Edible Playground!



First we harvested the vegetables and herbs that we would need for the soup.



Next we prepared the food for the soup maker.



When the soup was cooked we were able to finally taste the delicious Pumpkin Soup made entirely from our own school grown ingredients.

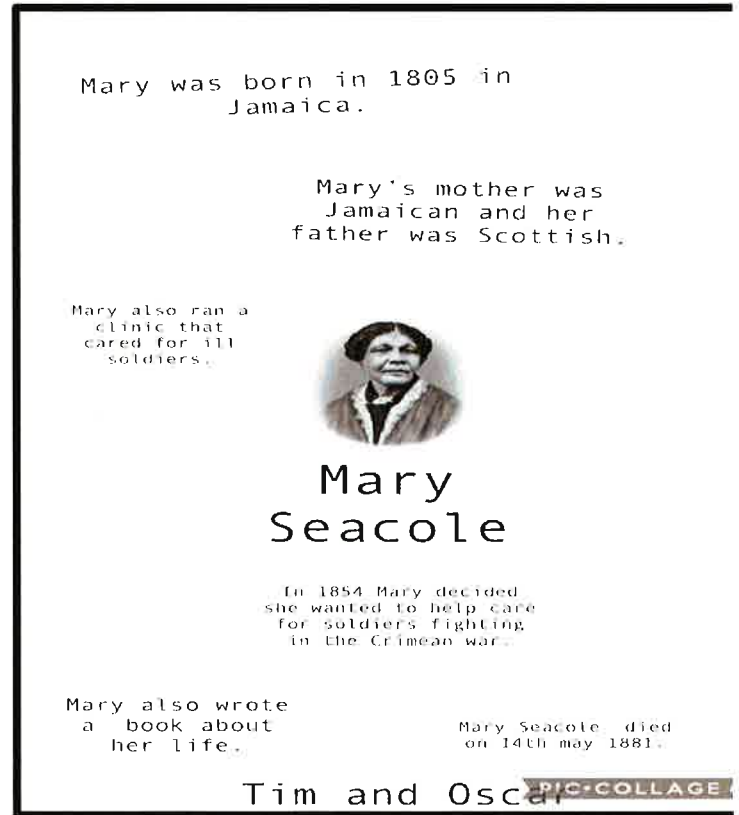
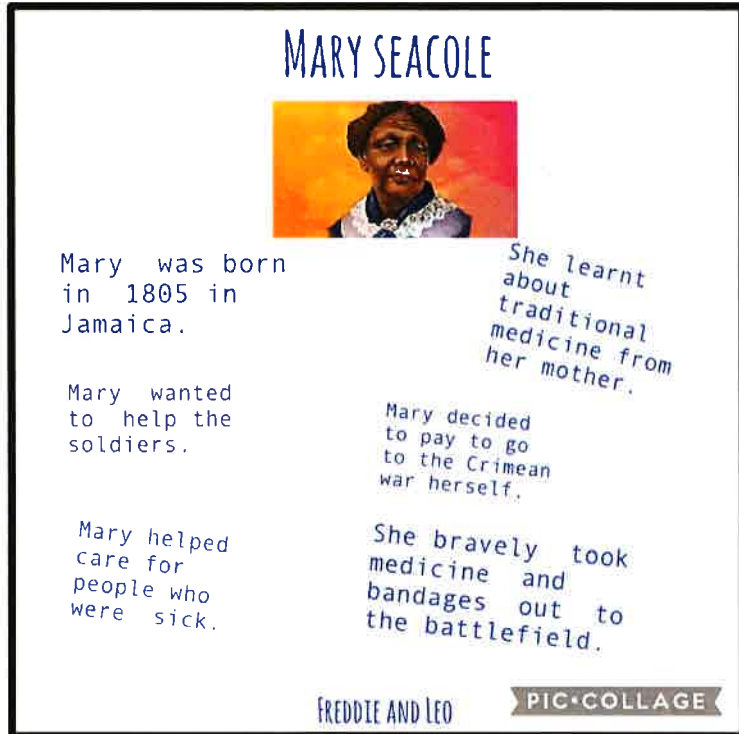




CLASS 3



This week in Class 3 we have been continuing with our 'Brilliant Betsi' context topic. We have enjoyed learning about another famous Victorian nurse Mary Seacole. We created PicCollages full of interesting facts and made timelines of Mary Seacole's life.



As part of our Religion we have been looking closely at the story of Noah. We looked at different artist representations of Noah's Ark and then created our own artwork.





The children have been taking inspiration from an anonymous poem "Made in God's own Image" to write their own Thank you prayers for our prayer table. Here is a lovely example by Sienna.

Creator God,

Thank you God for making me in your own image and likeness.

I am special and unique – no one is like me and no one will ever be!

Thank you for giving me the freedom to decide for myself and the power to love others.

I am grateful for your Creation, all the animals, plants and trees, my friends and family.

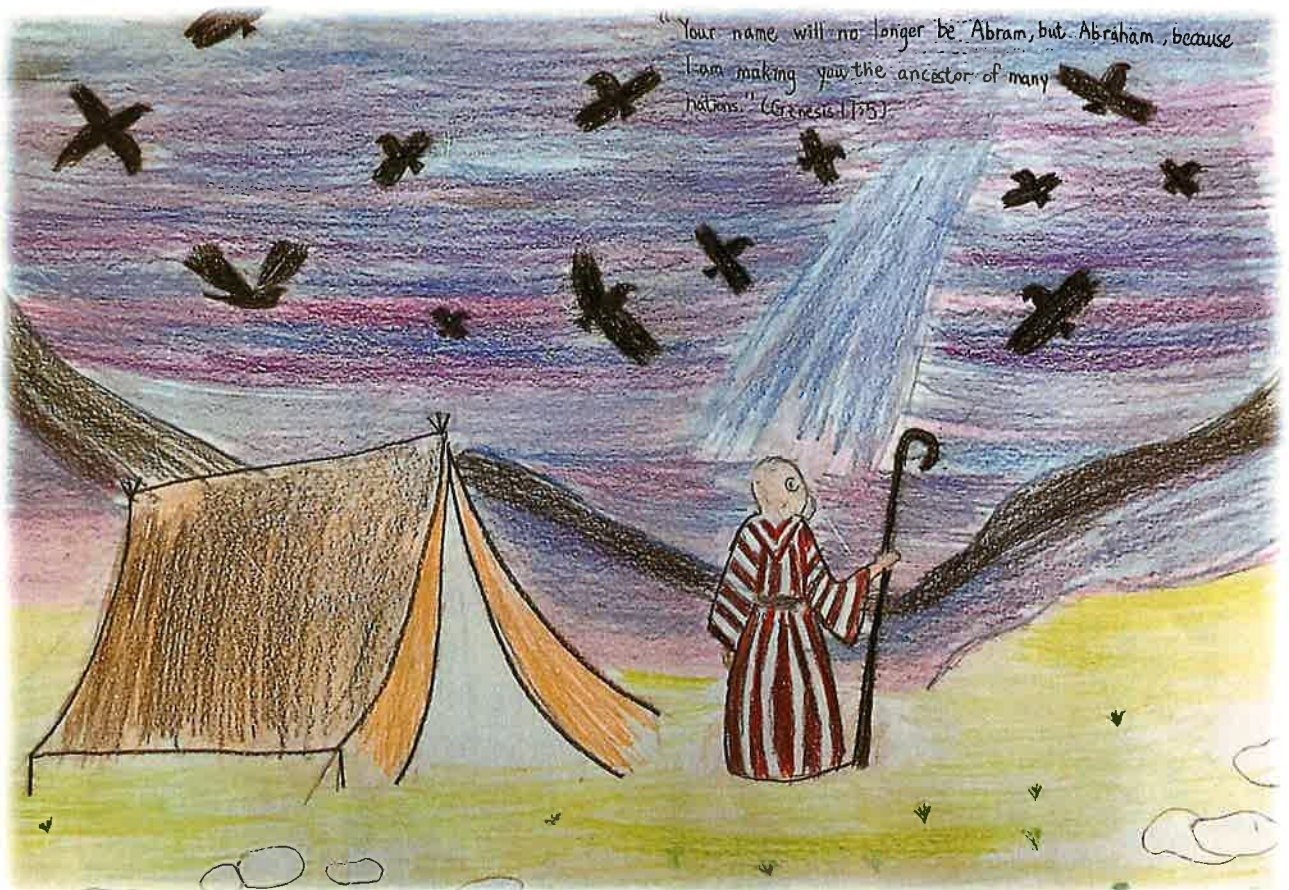
I will try to mirror you to people who need you but can't see you.

I will try to reflect you, God, in all I do and say.

Amen.

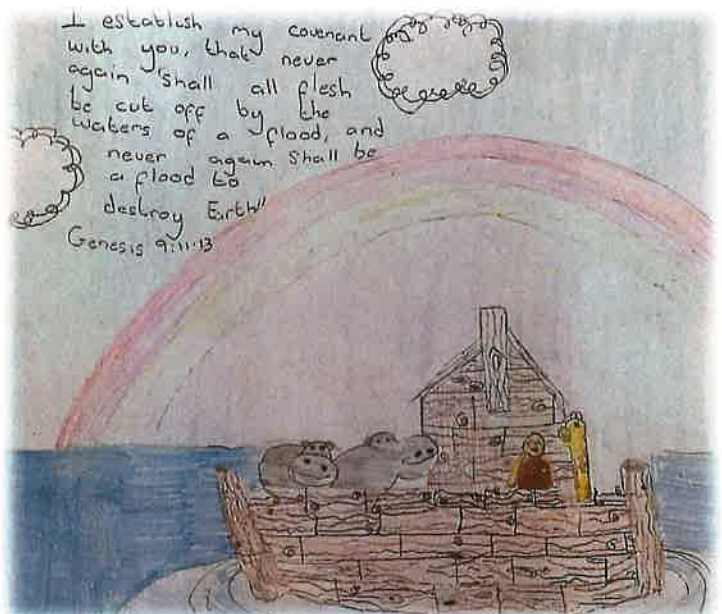
CLASS 5: COVENANT AND CREATION

What talented artists class 5 are! In our RE lessons we have learned about the covenant between God and Moses, the 10 commandments and Abraham. We drew depictions of scripture from Exodus 20:1-17, Genesis 17:5 and Genesis 9:11-13. Here are some examples (in order from top to bottom, left to right) from: Harley Mf, Esme K, Scarlett, Agnes, Mila, Caitlyn and Logan.



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CLASS 5: COVENANT AND CREATION



Class 6

This week we have been studying Moses.

We read the story of Moses and the Burning Bush, focusing on the 2 key events of the **call and the **covenant**. (Exodus 3:1-15)**

God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. He told him to free the Israelites from slavery. This event was important because God was preparing for the coming of the Messiah Jesus Christ....

Jesus could not be born into slavery.

God said: ' **I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and bring them out of Egypt to a spacious land, one which is rich and fertile.... I am sending you to the king of Egypt so that you can lead my people out....**' This event details the call of the covenant.



In Exodus 3 God refers to himself in several different ways:

- "I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."
- "I am who I am."
- I, the Lord the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

God Promised Moses and the Israelites a life of freedom. In Exodus 3 it states: "**Now I am sending you to the king of Egypt so that you can lead my people out of his country.**"