



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

This week in Assembly we learned that children are known and loved by God, who they can trust.



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
Mark 10:14



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The Rosary

During October we pray the Rosary:

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The Rosary is a special prayer used by Christians. It used to be called Our Lady's Psalter because it is really a journey with Mary through the life of Jesus. It has twenty steps or decades. To pray a decade you say one 'Our Father', ten 'Hail Marys' and one 'Glory Be'

The repetition of the prayers is a way of freeing yourself from busy thoughts and fixing your attention on Jesus just as Mary, his mother, often would have done. The twenty steps are made up of five joyful, five sorrowful and five glorious times in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In 2003 Pope John Paul II invited the Church to pray five Mysteries of Light. These are events in the life of Jesus when his disciples began to understand who he was.

The Baptism of Jesus: "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

The Wedding-feast at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you."

The proclamation of the kingdom in the sermon on the mount:

"Blessed are ..."

The Transfiguration: "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him."

The gift of the Eucharist at the last supper: "This is my Body. This is my Blood."

The Mysteries of the Rosary

'Mysteries' are events in the life of Jesus which we need God's help to understand.

Joyful

Annunciation

Visitation

Nativity

Presentation in the Temple

Finding in the Temple

Mysteries of Light

Baptism of Jesus

Marriage Feast of Cana

Proclamation of the Kingdom

The Transfiguration

The Gift of the Eucharist



Sorrowful

Agony in the garden

Scourging at the Pillar

Crowning with thorns

Carrying the cross

Crucifixion and death

Glorious

Resurrection

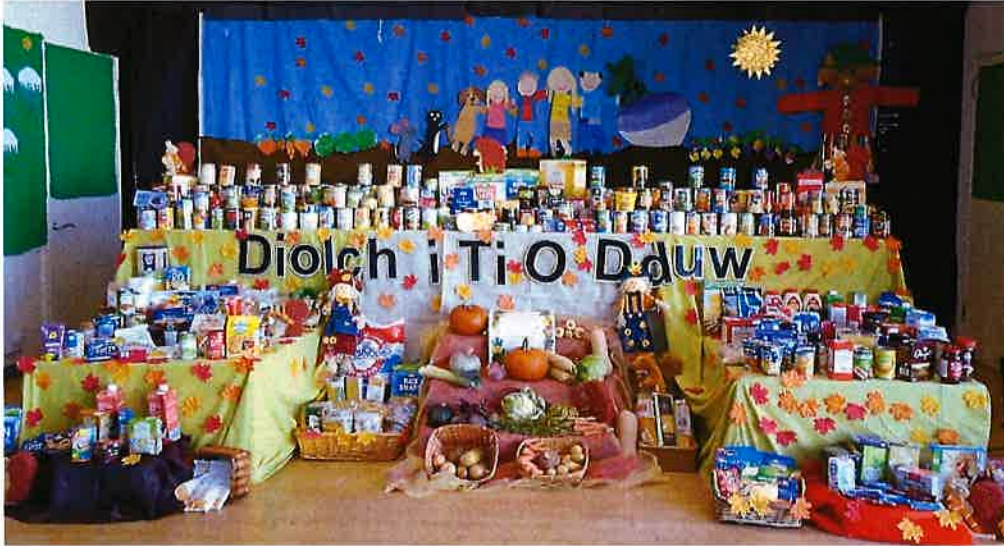
Ascension

Coming of the Holy Spirit

Assumption

Crowning of Mary

Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning



This will take place on **Thursday 17th October at 10.00am**. It will be led by the children in **Classes 1, 2 and 3**. We hope to see many parents at the event. As usual we would be grateful if you could donate items for the Reaching Out Foodbank in Ely. The Coffee Morning will take place directly after the Harvest Festival- all monies raised will be sent directly to **Macmillan Cancer Care**.

The Foodbank have requested the following items:

noodles	tinned fruit	rice
tinned vegetables	dried milk	flour
sugar	tea, coffee, cocoa	cereals
cooking oil	jam/marmalade	packet soups
tinned soup	pasta	biscuits

Please start sending the food in as soon as possible. All food needs to be sent in by **Wednesday October 16th**, this will enable us to set up the food display prior to the Assembly. The Coffee Morning will follow straight on from the Assembly. **Many thanks in anticipation of your support.**

Disco Tickets

Disco Tickets are available via ParentPay, they are **£2.50**. Your tickets will be sent home with your child after you have paid for them online. We also keep a list of the children who have paid, and we check the children off the list as they come into the entrance; this is essential for fire regulations. We have two separate discos as there are too many children for one disco.

Class 1, 2 and 3



Spooky Disco
Thursday 24th October 2024
4.15pm-5.15pm
Hot Dog and Drink provided.



Class 4, 5 and 6



Spooky Disco
Thursday 24th October 2024
5.30pm-6.45pm
Hot Dog and Drink provided.



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		

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:

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 the 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 <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



This week we read the story 'After the Storm,' we drew a picture of our favourite part of the story.



We have been writing the letter 'a' on a pumpkin.

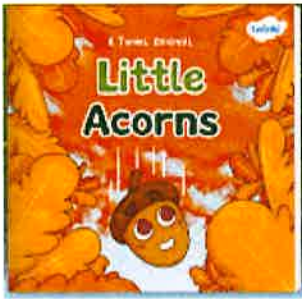


Do you like the house we built for the animals in the story?



On Wednesday we talked about the importance of having kind hands.

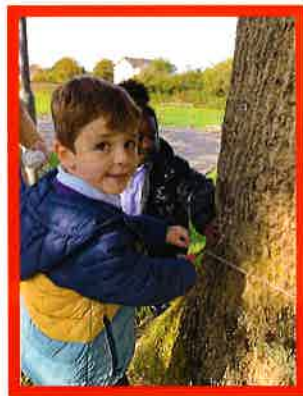




class 2



This week we have been learning about acorns and oak trees. We shared the book "Little Acorns" and learned about the Life-Cycle of an acorn. We also investigated the beautiful oak tree that lives in our school grounds. We worked out ways that we could measure the size of the tree. We also searched for acorns but only found a few empty shells. We think that the squirrels must have eaten them or hidden the acorns ready for the winter!

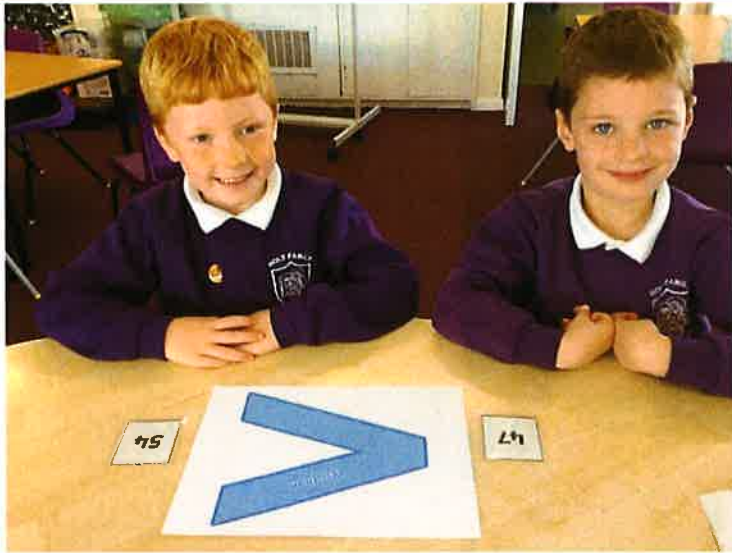


CLASS THREE

This week as part of our context topic we have been learning basic first aid with Mrs McCarthy. It was great fun!



In maths we have been comparing numbers using $<$ and $>$.



We had a visit from Mr McHugh and he brought an mTiny for us to use. We can't wait to further develop our coding skills.



Class Four.

Here are the children enjoying their music lessons with their P Bone instruments. They will be enjoying learning new musical skills over the next 10 weeks. They are sounding fantastic already!



CODING IN CLASS 5

This week, we have learned how to create patterns using iteration (repetition) using Trinket's version of **Python**. <https://trinket.io/embed/python/33e5c3b81b> We learned how to import the turtle, name it, change its colour, shape and speed of movement. Next, we coded background colour and the loop (iteration using `for i in range(100):`). The code for up, left, forward and down created the shape drawn. We had to pay particular attention to `()`, `'` and indents to debug syntax errors (typed errors). We experimented with changing the values to get different designs. Here are some examples from Nico, Jacob and Mason:

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main.py
import turtle

nico = turtle.Turtle()
nico.speed(150)
nico.color('black')
nico.shape('circle')

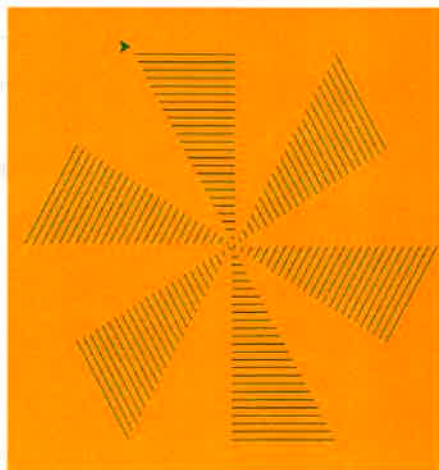
wn = turtle.Screen()
wn.bgcolor('red')

portion1 = 0.6
portion2 = 0.5

for i in range(500):
    nico.forward(0.7*i)
    nico.up()
    nico.forward(0.4*i)
    nico.down()
    nico.left(1246)
```



```
trinket Run
main.py
1 import turtle
2
3 jonathan = turtle.Turtle()
4 jonathan.speed(150)
5 jonathan.color('green')
6 jonathan.shape('star')
7
8 wn = turtle.Screen()
9 wn.bgcolor('orange')
10
11 portion1 = 0.7
12 portion2 = 0.3
13
14 for i in range(150):
15     jonathan.forward(0.5*i)
16     jonathan.up()
17     jonathan.forward(0.5*i)
18     jonathan.down()
19     jonathan.left(300)
```



```
trinket Run ? Modules Share
main.py
1 import turtle
2
3 Mark=turtle.turtle()
4 Mark .speed(50)
5 Mark.color('red')
6 Mark.shape('triangle')
7
8 wn = turtle.Screen()
9 wn.bgcolor('black')
10
11 portion1 = 0.7
12 portion2 = 0.3
13
14 for i in range(200):
15     Mark.Forward(0.6*i)
16     Mark.up()
17     Mark.Forward(0.5*i)
18     Mark.down()
19     Mark.Left(110)
```



Class 6

To retell the story of Moses.

To explain the covenant and the receiving of the Ten Commandments.



God spoke to Moses from a burning bush (Exodus 3:1-15) The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey..... I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Moses spoke to Pharaoh and explained God's wishes. Pharaoh did not agree to set the Hebrews (Israelites) free so Moses went back to God. God then told Moses that unless Pharaoh agreed, he would send 10 plagues.

Pharaoh, despite God's threat would still not set them free.

God then sent 10 Plagues, these included: water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the killing of firstborn children in all Egyptian families. Eventually Pharaoh agreed to set the Israelites free following the death of his own son.

The Israelites travelled to the Dead Sea and could not cross. Meanwhile, Pharaoh had changed his mind and tried to capture them.

Moses through the power of God parted the sea for the Israelites. They passed through.

The Pharaoh's soldiers tried to follow but they were drowned.

Moses led the Israelites to the foot of Mount Sinai.

Moses went up to God and he received the Ten Commandments. The Lord called to him from the mountain he said "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you^{al} will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." Moses shared this message with the Israelites and the Ten Commandments were shared. (Exodus 19:5-6)