



## 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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February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024



### The Feast of the Presentation

Today is the Feast of the Presentation. This date marks 40 days after Christmas.

Jesus was taken to the temple by Mary and Joseph. There they met an old man called Simeon, a holy person. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and blessed God saying: "Now I am very happy to die because you have kept your promise. I am holding the one who is to be a light for everyone in the world".

**Reminder: Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> is an Inset Day .**

### Safer Internet Day

This will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. Each Class will do some work around staying safe online that day. You will find some conversation starters that may be useful for you to use with your children, particularly if they are in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### Llangrannog Meeting

Meeting for Year 6 parents. This will take place on **Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm** in the Hall.

### Attendance



You have probably noticed the banner outside the school. We are working alongside Cardiff Council to try and get our attendance back to where it was pre-pandemic. We regularly had attendance of 95% each day, currently we are lucky to achieve 90% each day. Please make every effort to send your child to school every day unless they are unwell.

### Late in the mornings

This has become a problem again, in many of the Classes. It is extremely disruptive when children are late for the following reasons:

1. They miss the vitally important introduction to the day's learning
2. The Teacher has to get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register has to be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Miss Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills has to leave the Office to escort children to their Classroom, particularly if they are in the Foundation Phase. This leaves the Office unstaffed; the telephone and door unanswered and important administration work interrupted.
5. Some children receive additional learning interventions from the Teaching Assistants, these begin at 8.55, your child would then miss these short but very important daily sessions. They cannot be rescheduled as the Teaching Assistants work to very tight timetables.



**Most importantly they miss out on valuable learning opportunities and, they are often very embarrassed if they are regularly late.**

**Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for 8.55a.m. Thank you.**



## **Diary dates 2023/24**

These will be regularly updated:

### **February 2024**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm Meeting for parents attending the residential visit to Llangrannog (Y6)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Inset day school closed to children**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February school closes for half term**

Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> Children return to school after half term

### **March 2024**

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> St David's Day- children to wear traditional Welsh costume or the colours of the Welsh flag

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Class 6 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 children go to Llangrannog

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 children return from Llangrannog

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Individual photos

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Class 1 and 2 Easter Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Class 3 Easter Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Class 4 Easter Assembly 3pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Mass in the Hall 9.30am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Class 5 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Class 6 Easter Assembly 3pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March School closes for the Easter holidays**

### **April 2024**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April children return to school

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 3.30pm meeting for parents of children attending the residential visit to Manor Adventure (Y5)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April Year 6 children begin 2-week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure Centre

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> Year 5 children go to Manor Adventure residential weekend

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure residential weekend

Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Cycling Course begins

### **May 2024**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Year 6 Cycling Course finishes

**Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday School is closed**

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> National Tests begin for children in Years 2-6

Wednesday May 8 Class photographs

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Mass 9.45am at Holy Family Church Years 2-6 to attend

Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> Class 1 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> National Tests finish for Years 2-6

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Inset Day School closed to children**

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> school closes for half term**

### **June 2024**

**Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Inset day school closed to children**

Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> children return to school after the half term

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2pm Corpus Christi Procession- school grounds led by Canon Hayman

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion Mass

Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> Class 2 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day if it is postponed from the 18<sup>th</sup> June

### July 2024

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Y6 full day Transition visit to Corpus Christi High School

Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Mass 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Assembly 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> school closes for the summer holiday

### Inset Days

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Term dates 2023/24

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 4/9/2023	Monday 30/10/2023	Friday 3/11/2023	Friday 22/12/2023
Spring Term	Monday 8/1/24	Monday 12/2/24	Friday 16/2/24	Friday 22/3/24
Summer Term *6/5/24 May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 8/4/24	Monday 27/5/24	Friday 31/5/24	Monday 22/7/24

### 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



This term, as part of our Religion 'Celebrations' topic, we have been thinking about times we celebrate at home and at school.

# Class One



Paige



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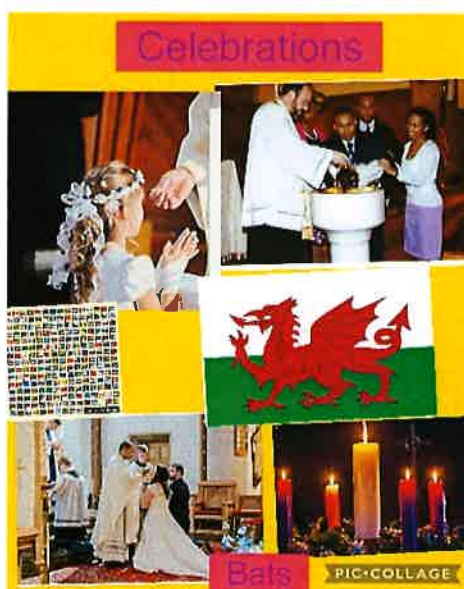


Jacob

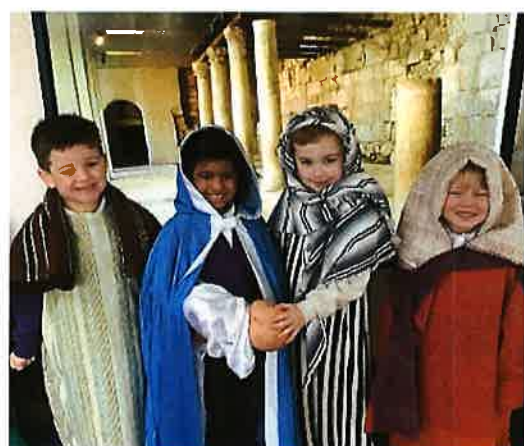


Chaniel

We have been learning about the 'Presentation in the Temple'. We acted out the story and made a puppet pal presentation.



We made a PicCollage of some celebrations we have in church.



We thought about how we could be a light like Jesus and our own candles.



PIC•COLLAGE



## Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have built these amazing towers for Rapunzel. We used junk materials. We had to work out how to join the materials to create the tower. We needed to use masking tape to join the tubes so that we were able to paint our towers. It was very tricky fixing the roof of the tower, we found that using double sided tape was the best solution!





Class 3  
02.02.24

Class 3 have been talking  
in Welsh about the  
activities they do in each  
room of their home.

A. Dw i'n  
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ystafell  
ymolchi.



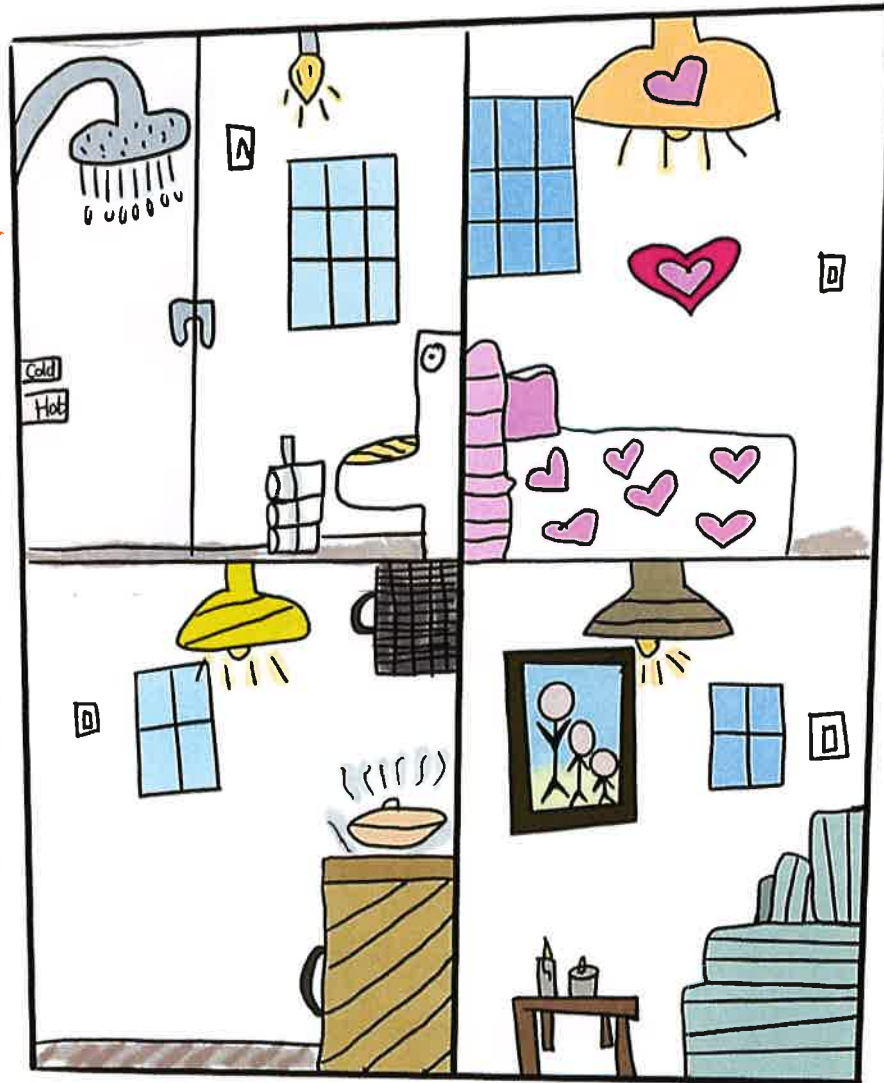
B. Dw i'n  
darllen yn  
y ystafell  
wely.



C. Dw i'n  
coginio  
yn y  
cegin.



D. Dw i'n  
cysgu yn  
y ystafell  
fyw.



Drawn by Luna

A little challenge for you as you read  
Class 3's newsletter this week. Can  
you identify which of the Welsh  
phrase match these English  
phrases?

I am cooking in the kitchen.  
I am sleeping in the living room.  
I am reading in the bedroom.  
I am washing in the washroom.

# Class 4



As part of their Potions topic the children researched Harry Potter potions and created Data files of the information found. Many thanks to Mr. Hayes and his Digital Leaders for supporting the children with this. Here is Ethan's work.

The class have also been busy preparing and presenting their research on Sir Alexander Fleming.

## WALT: Research Harry Potter Potions and create a Database.

search record 1 to 10 of 10				
potion	effects	difficulty level	characteristics	ingredients
Alibotsty draught	non-stop laughing	beginner	blue fumes and colours	Alibotsty
brain exten-	increases brain power	advanced	green in colour	Leaping Toadstools[2] Frog brains, Runicpore eggs, Powdered dragon claw
Calming Draught	calms shocks, trumas and heart attacks etc	advanced	blue/brown in colour	Lavender, Crocodile heart, Peppermint
death potion	kills anyone who thouches the drinker	intermediate	black in colour	moldy bread
Emerald potion	protects powerful objects but causes pain	beginner	emerald green in colour	moldy chicken
fatigue potion	ethier inhaled or drank causes fatigue	beginner	green in colour	grass and mud
grassing gas	chokes drinker	advanced	colourless	sewage
Hate potion	shows worst hates and traits	intermediate	colourless	sewage and mud
invisibilty potion	makes you invisible	intermediate	silver in colour very bubbly	Cherries[1] Chicken[1] Spiders[1] 1 Leaping Toadstool cap, 1 knotgrass sprig, 1 troll bogey,
jawlock potion	causes jawlock	advanced	misty and blue in colour	moldy fish





# class 5 sixties art

*Class 5 have been creating art inspired by the swinging sixties. We copied the swirling patterns and bright colours to create some groovy designs of our own. Here are some examples:*





## Class 6

30.1.24

WALT: Create a fact file

SC: Use features which show the structure of the writing. \*

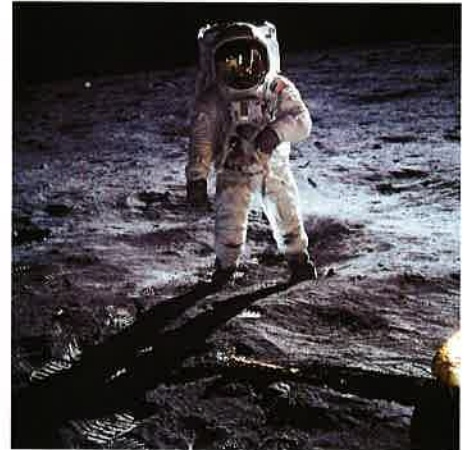
. Correct SPAG \*

. Use a range of trusted sources to research. \*

**We have been researching important events that took place in the 1960s.**

### 1969 Moon Landing

*The Space Race was a 20th-century competition between two Cold War rivals, the United States and the Soviet Union. The race was centred around who would land on the moon first and we all know that the winners were the US. The moon landing was very special for us because it helped build the modern world. This fantastic event enabled scientists identify more about the moon and even more about space!*



### Who landed on the moon?

*The first people to go to the moon were Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. They were the first humans to land on the moon but only Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin actually walked on the moon.*

### What Rocket did they launch?

*The rocket that NASA launched for the first moon landing was the Apollo 11 Saturn V. In this rocket was Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin. NASA launched this rocket in 1969 on the 16 July at 20:05.*



### Why did they want to launch the rocket ?

*NASA wanted to launch the rocket because they new it would be a great achievement for America and mankind. Neil Armstrong said on the moon "One small step for a man one giant leap for mankind" NASA wanted to launch the rocket because of the space race too. The space race was between the two countries America and Russia. Russia won the race in the first instance by actually reaching space but the USA beat Russia hands down as not only did they reach space but they actually landed on the moon and two of their crew actually walked on the moon. (Neil*



*Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin). These men were extremely brave as they may have never returned to earth and their families again. It was a very dangerous event but they were so inspired and determined, they wanted to fulfil their life mission!*

*Where did they launch the rocket?*

*They launched this rocket to the moon in the John F. Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. Many people attended this event as they were so excited. People all over the world, tuned in to watch it on TV. It was an incredible scene and one that will go down in history.*

*When did they launch the rocket?*

*NASA launched this rocket Apollo 11 Saturn V in 1969 on 16 July at 20:05 and following this great achievement the world changed. People were inspired to become astronauts because of the success of Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin. They inspired children and adults over the world.*

