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A message from our Headteacher,

Miss Langsdale



Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of June has been packed full of wonderful exciting activities and days. There is lots of lovely information in the newsletter about the topics the children have been learning about and also the experiences they have had.

We are so proud of those children who made their First Communion. These are very special Sacraments and we look forward to more children experiencing these sacraments at St Francis Parish church next year. Please speak to Mrs Humphreys or myself if you are interested in your child making their First Reconciliation or First Communion and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss M. Langsdale
Headteacher





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Prayer of the Month



Gweddi'r Mis

Dear God,
Thank you for sending us Saints Peter
and Paul,
who were strong in their faith
and loved you very much.
Help us to be like them,
to be strong in our faith and to love you
and others.
Amen.





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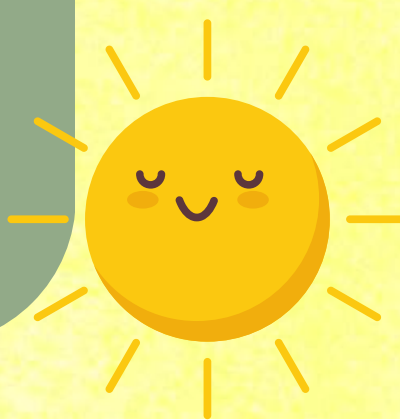


Faith-filled - The Leper who had faith (Luke 17:12-19)

As Jesus entered a village on the way to Jerusalem, ten Lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'. When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Hopeful – Those who hope in God. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Did you not know? Had you not heard? The Lord is an everlasting God, he created the boundaries of the earth. He does not grow tired or weary, his understanding is beyond fathoming. He gives strength to the wearied, he strengthens the powerless. Young men may grow tired and weary, youths may stumble, but those who hope in the Lord renew their strength, they put out wings like eagles. They run and do not grow weary, walk and never tire.





Assemblies

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As a school we celebrated **Pentecost** on Wednesday the 4 June. It was on Sunday 8th June, which is 50 days after Easter. It marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the Church's mission. It's a significant feast day in our Catholic Church, often referred to as the "birthday of the Church".



On Wednesday 25th June we celebrated the **Feast day of St Peter and St Paul**.

On Sunday 29th June the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter & Paul.

Congratulations to our Holy Communion children!

Charlie, Eseosa, Naomi, Asher, Mikyas and Aki have all received their Holy Communion! A sacred and meaningful sacrament within our faith. This special milestone marks the beginning of a lifelong journey in which these children can now partake in the Eucharist, receiving the body of Christ each week during Mass. It is a moment of deep spiritual significance and joy for them and their families. We are very proud of you all, congratulations!



These two saints were contemporaries. Peter was a disciple of Jesus and chosen by Christ to lead the Church. Paul had been a zealous Jew who persecuted Christians, before experiencing a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus and becoming the Church's first great missionary.

Through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom, saints Peter and Paul helped to establish Christ's Church.

The feast of saints Peter and Paul is a solemnity, the highest rank for a liturgical feast and a holy day of obligation. In our worship assembly we explored the life and mission of St Peter and St Paul, and we want to follow their example by reaching out to others around the world as brothers and sisters in God's Universal Family.





Assemblies

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Cardiff and Vale Year 6 Leaver's Mass 2025

On Monday 7th July Year 6 had a wonderful morning at St David's Metropolitan Cathedral with all the other Catholic faith schools. The Mass had a focus on journeying in Faith, Walking with Hope, and Guided by love. We loved the hymns and chose some of them for our School Year 6 Leaver's Mass! We were very proud of Peter who was asked to serve on the Altar and help Father Bernard lead the mass. **Da iawn!**

We are the children in red!



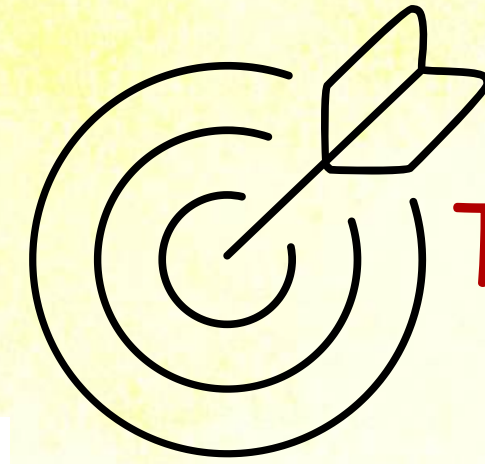
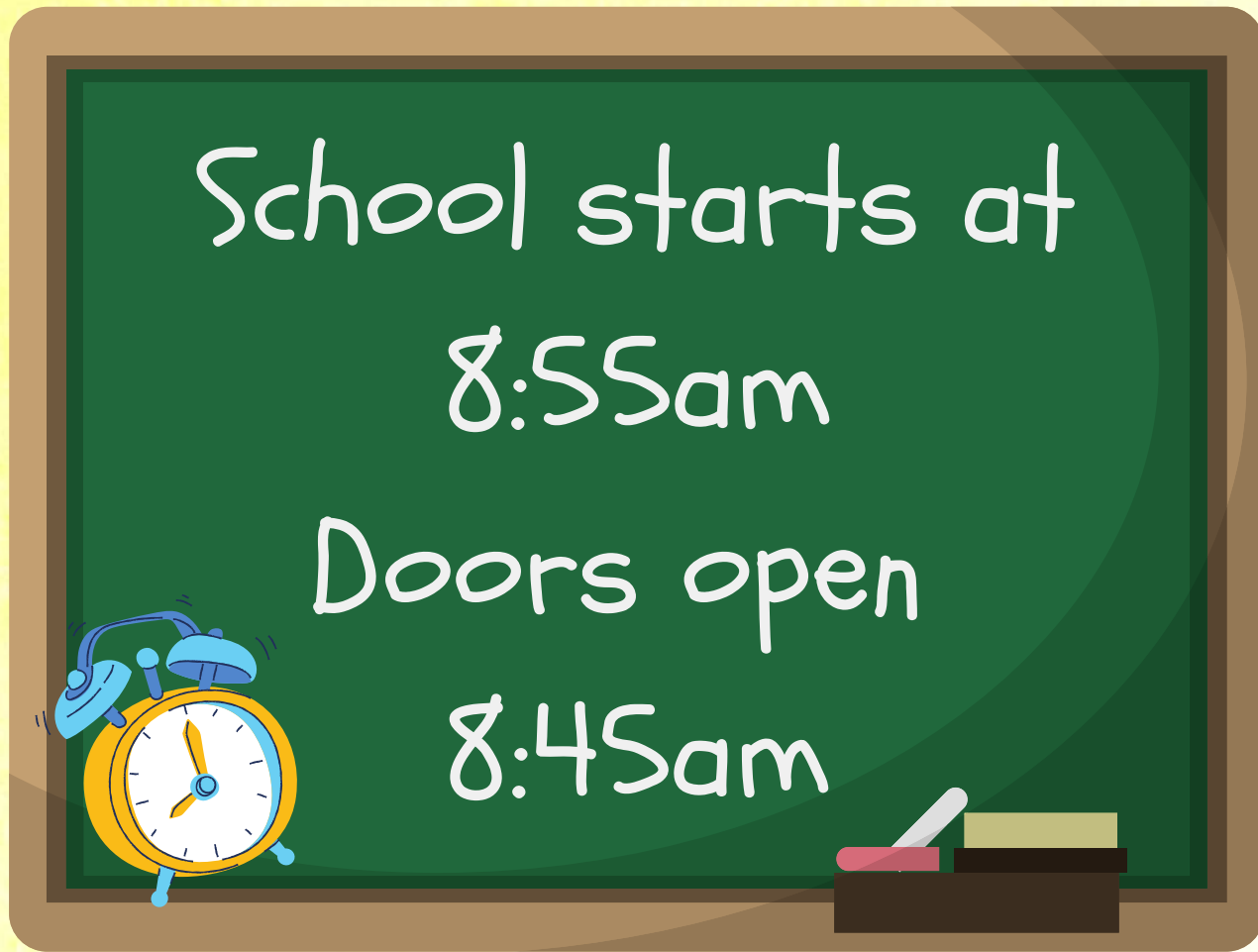
Year 6 Leaver's Mass - St Francis RC Church

Our School Year 6 Leaver's Mass at our parish church of St Francis was just lovely! A big thank you to Father Solomon in leading the mass and speaking so beautifully to the children in his Homily. A big thank you to Canon Eddie as well. It was lovely to see our Parish so full and happy on Wednesday 16th July! It was a lovely sunny day and everyone in church was in good spirits. All of Year 6 read very well and everyone enjoyed the singing! The Parishioners made us feel very welcome and we look forward to returning in September!
Thank you Year 6!





Attendance & Punctuality



Target:
100%



**Your child's
attendance needs
to be above
95%**



At St Francis we monitor attendance **regularly.**

Our attendance is also monitored by school governors and the Local Authority.

Attendance at school is extremely important for all pupils so that they can achieve as well as possible, and is now part of safeguarding procedures.



If your child is unwell please contact the office otherwise the absence cannot be authorized.

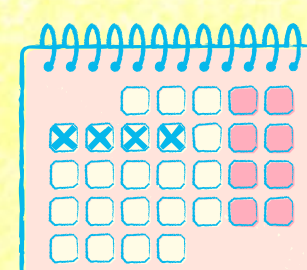


Please ensure your children are in to avoid potential fines.



Every moment in school counts.

Days soon add up and the more children are in school the more they are likely to learn. Please do all you can to bring you child to school.





Attendance & Punctuality



Target:

100%

Slightly down from last month!

Overall Attendance

83.7%

Your child's attendance needs to be above **95%**

Nursery AM

81.8%

Nursery PM

80.9%

Reception

84.1%

Reception/Year 1

79.7%

Year 1

87.3%

Year 2

86.8%

Year 2/3

90.3%

Year 3

81.3%

Year 4P

93.1%



Year 4M

89.3%

Year 5M

77.5%

Year 5P

81.8%

Year 6B

75.0%

Year 6M

79.1%

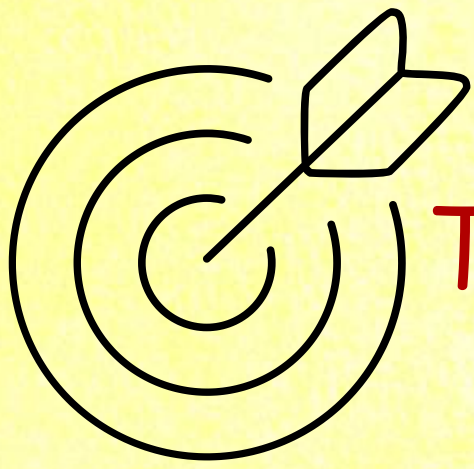
Attendance Rewards

Our School Senedd have decided on a **No Work Day**; which would include things like a movie, board games P.E, chrome books and arts, for the class with the best attendance. You can help your child's class win this by **bringing them in everyday!!**





Attendance & Punctuality



Target:
100%

EVERY School Day COUNTS

Your child's attendance needs to be above **95%**

0 days off school

100%

Perfection!

Equal to 2 days off school each year

99%

Excellent

Equal to 5 days off school each year

97%

Good

Equal to 10 days off school each

95%

Slight Concern

Equal to 20 days off school each

90%

Concerned

Equal to 30 days off school each year

85%

Very Concerned



EVERY Minute COUNTS

- 5 Minutes late each day
- 10 Minutes late each day
- 15 Minutes late each day
- 20 Minutes late each day
- 30 Minutes late each day

IS APPROXIMATELY

- 3 days lost!
- 6.5 days lost!
- 10 days lost!
- 13 days lost!
- 19 days lost!

Lateness = Lost Learning





Our 24-25 Topics

Autumn Term



Tymor yr Hydref

What's it Made of?

Beth mae e wedi'i wneud o?

During the Autumn topic our focus is::

Being curious and searching for answers is essential to understanding and predicting phenomena.

and

Matter and the way it behaves defines our universe and shapes our lives.

Spring Term

Fantastic Physics!

Ffiseg Ffantastig

During the Spring topic our focus is::

Forces and energy provide a foundation for understanding our universe.

During this pupils will be exploring everything from 'push and pull', sources of light and sound, friction and gravity, all the way into Space and flight!



Tymor yr Gwanwyn

Summer Term



Tymor yr Haf

Nurturing Planet Earth

Meithrin Planed Ddaear

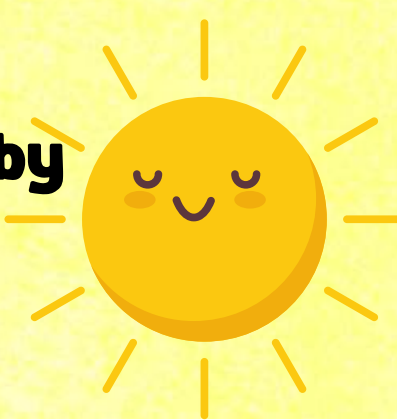
During the Summer topic our focus is::

Informed, self-aware citizens engage with the challenges and opportunities that face humanity, and are able to take considered and ethical action.

Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs.

and

Our natural world is diverse and dynamic, influenced by processes and human actions.





Our Learning Journey

Year 1

Chocolate making

Through the exploration of our topic Fairtrade, we have delved further into the Fairtrade product of chocolate and different countries that produce Fairtrade cacao beans.

We have focused on Côte d'Ivoire.

As a class we have learned how chocolate is made and bought Fairtrade cacao beans and created different sorts of chocolate ourselves.

In the picture you can see our marshmallow chocolate. As a class we voted on which types to make and this is one of the two winners.



Trip to the church

In Year 1 we have been learning about our local parish community and were invited to our local church St Francis of Assisi Church. Our children had the most amazing time exploring what a church looks like and seeing all of the important items in a church that we have learned about. They were incredibly respectful and made our school very proud.



Refugee Week....

Year 1 were very excited to learn all about Refugee week. They learned all about what a refugee was, why it is important to receive refugees and how it must have felt if travelling away from your home.

We explored this through the story of Paddington Bear. We also explored where Paddington Bear came from and used our map skills to find Peru in South America.

You can see some of the suitcases the children would have packed with their most important items if they had to leave their homes.



Well done to everyone in Year 1 for working so hard to complete all of your end of term tests. You have all worked so hard!

Great work by everyone!





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Year 3

Water Workshop in Topic....

Year 3 and Year 4 loved their workshop from Dwr Cymru. The children worked in groups and were given a map of a town. They had buildings and they needed to connect pipes to provide all buildings with water! The children had to try and spend as little money as possible and provide the town with water as quickly as they could. They spent money on each pipe and each connector. The children then poured 1 litre of water in the building at the top of the mountain and used gravity for the water to flow into the town. A fantastic, learning workshop - such great fun!

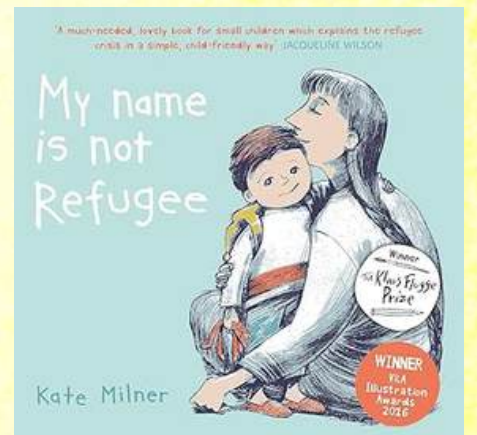


Group Name	Cost (£)	Flow of Water
Wentloes	£740	6
Water Savers	£700	8
Lower Gwynedd	£700	8
Real Cardiff Water	£680	10

Wellbeing....

In one of our Weekly Wellbeing lessons we focused on abuse of children. There are different types of abuse and we now know abuse is deliberate harm to a child. We watched a video from the NSPCC and how important it is to feel safe! We know to speak to a trusted adult if we ever need to. We learnt what NSPCC stands for..

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.



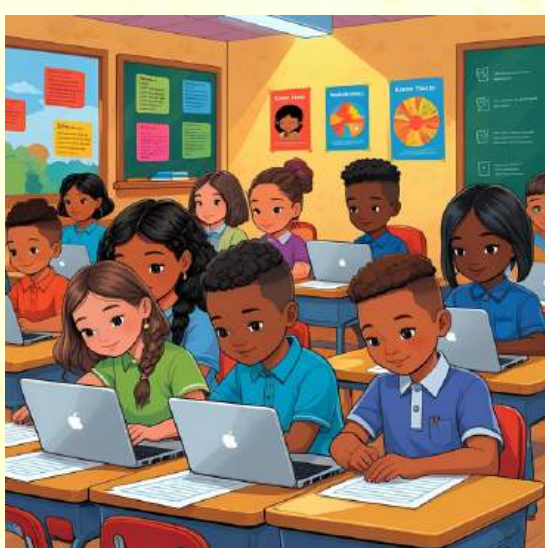
Refugee Week....

Year 3 were really keen to understand about Refugees in our special week. We read the story 'My name is not Refugee' by Kate Milner. What a powerful story of leaving your home behind! We all stuck in an ISSUE tree...

- Roots: Why people need to leave their homes
- Trunk: Problems of leaving home and the long journey to safety
- Branches: Problems that refugee families children might encounter upon arrival in a new country
- Leaves: Ways refugee families and children can be supported.

The children wrote words/ phrases on each part of the tree trying to explain this issue in our world.

Amazing work in their Topic books!

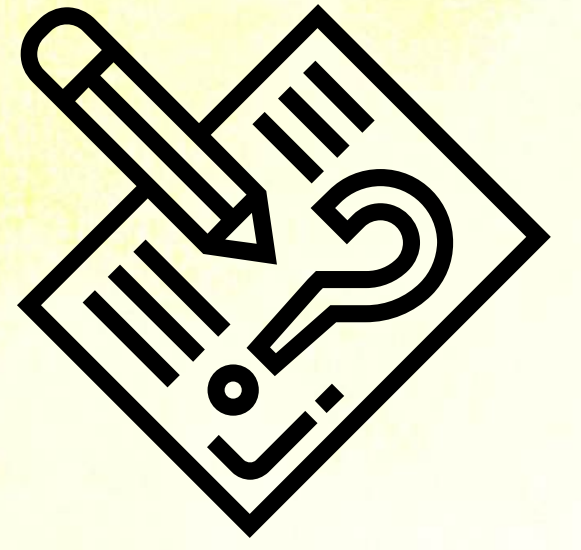


Well done to everyone in Year 3 for completing your National Tests. Let's enjoy the last 3 weeks of term in Year 3!





Year 4



Our Learning Journey



Year 4 have been incredibly busy since coming back from our May half term! Our brains have been working super hard as we completed our national tests and we are now all getting eager to be ready for Year 5!

We took part in a hands-on workshop where we were challenged to supply an entire town with water!

We had to use as few pipes and connectors as possible and every extra piece cost us more money! This led to some brilliant problem-solving, teamwork, and a bit of healthy competition between groups. Everyone was fully engaged and had a great time while learning just how much thought and care goes into managing our water supply.



As part of Refugee Week, our school explored what it means to be a refugee or an asylum seeker through thoughtful discussions. We learned why people might have to leave their homes and how we can show empathy and kindness. Each class created "Welcome" posters to show how our school would greet new arrivals. We also made home envelopes, filling them with drawings and words that represented what "home" means to us. It was a powerful week of learning, reflection, and creativity.



We have been busy practicing for our sports day and we can't wait to race! We have been practicing our sprints, relay, skipping and egg & spoon races.



Ei'n taith Dysgu





Year 5

Our Learning Journey



Year 5 enjoyed their workshop from 'Size of Wales called "Rainforest Detectives," which taught us lots of interesting new facts relating to our topic.



In class, we have looked at the Earth's Climate zones and how they correspond with the growth of tropical rainforests.

We know that the world's biggest rainforests are the Amazon in South America, The Congo Rainforest in Africa and the Borneo in Asia. We also made models to show the layers of a rainforest.



Year 5 children also had their first transition day at Mary Immaculate where they learnt a variety of new sports! We were so proud of their fantastic effort and behaviour!



They learnt about what products we use in our day to day lives which cause deforestation of the rainforest.

Ei'n taith Dysgu

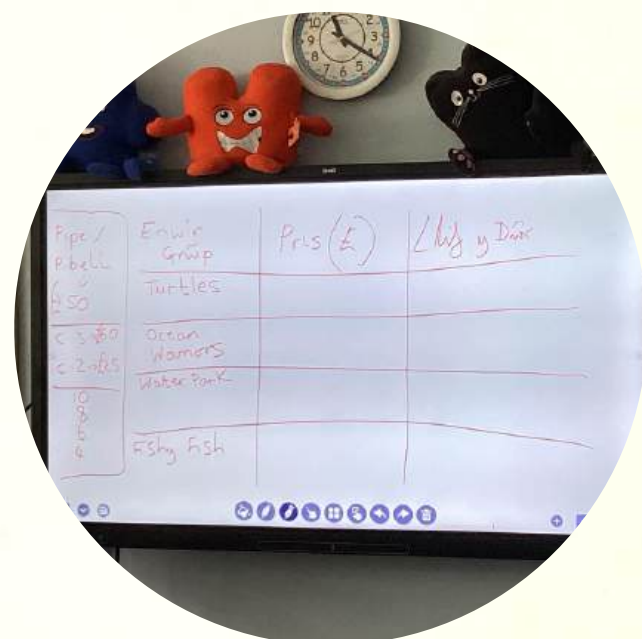




Year 3 and 4 Welsh Water Workshop



This month, KS2 had the exciting opportunity to take part in a fantastic workshop delivered by Dŵr Cymru (Welsh Water). Our day began with a whole KS2 assembly where Mia took us on an engaging journey of water. The journey began from the clouds, through the filtration process, and finally into our homes, before the cycle starts all over again. It was fascinating to learn how important clean water is and just how much work goes into making it safe for us to use every day.



Later on, Year 3 and 4 took part in a hands-on workshop where they were challenged to supply an entire town with water!

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Diolch yn fawr to Dŵr Cymru for such an informative and fun experience!





Year 3 and 4 Expressive Arts Workshop

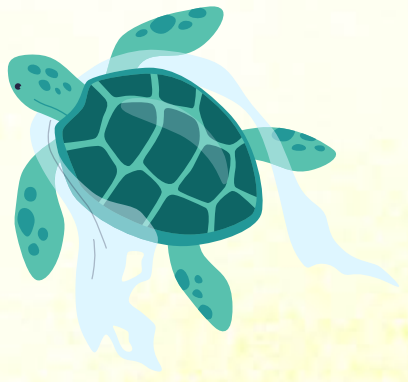


Year 3 and 4 were very pleased to welcome Jo from Shine Drama Workshop to school who gave us a great Plastic Pollution workshop!



The children explored the incredible life cycle of the leatherback turtle, from tiny eggs hatching on the beach to fully grown adults swimming in the open sea. Through movement, role-play, and performance, they brought the turtle's journey to life, learning all about the many dangers these amazing creatures face along the way, such as crabs, orcas, and even plastic pollution.

We also discovered what turtles eat (jellyfish) and acted out dramatic encounters between predator and prey in the oceans depths. Everyone had an absolutely brilliant time and there were smiles all around and lots of enthusiastic acting! A huge thank you to Jo for such an engaging and educational session.



Diolch yn fawr to Jo from Shine Drama Workshop for our amazing day!



Look at the fun all 3 classes had!

Year 3AH



Year 4JM



Year 4AP





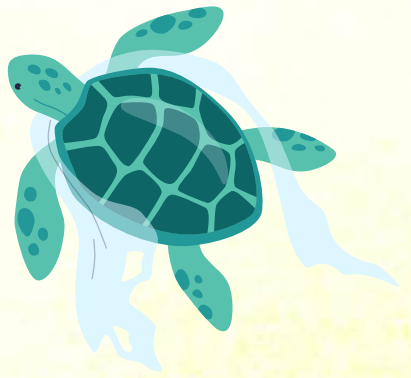
Year 3 and 4 Bristol Aquarium educational visit!



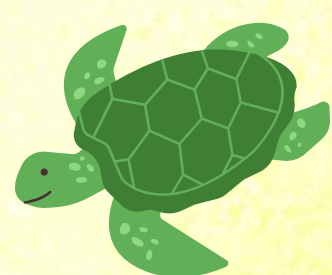
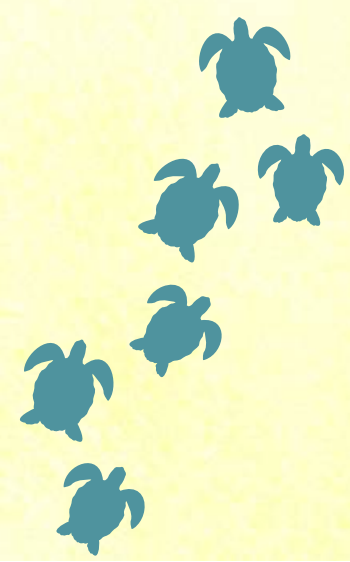
Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to Bristol Aquarium on the 3rd July!



The children explored the Aquarium with their tour guide! They all had the opportunity to feed the fish and turtles. And they enjoyed their Pollution talk on 'Saving the seas'. We loved the Octopus, it came out of its tunnel for a swim, it was amazing to see it move!



Diolch yn fawr to all the children for our amazing day. The staff were very proud of you!





Senedd Trip Year 5



Year 5 spent the day exploring Cardiff bay before their tour and workshop in the Senedd. We spotted lots of famous buildings and monuments on our walk around the bay.

We also found some time to play in the Pirate Park!



We went inside the Pierhead Building where there was an exhibition about the history of Tiger Bay. Lots of us didn't know much about this, so we spend some time reading the information to find out more. We learnt lots about the history of our city and the impact Tiger Bay had on the diversity of Cardiff.

When we entered the Senedd we had to clear security and then were taken through the main building to do our workshop called 'I've Got The Pwoer'



Year 6 Senedd Trip

Year 6 took a visit to The Bay to visit the Senedd and learnt about Welsh Politics.



During the day we attended a presentation in the Pier Head Building, walked along the Barage and had a great time in a sandy park.



We admired the architecture of the Senedd and learnt about how eco friendly it is run.





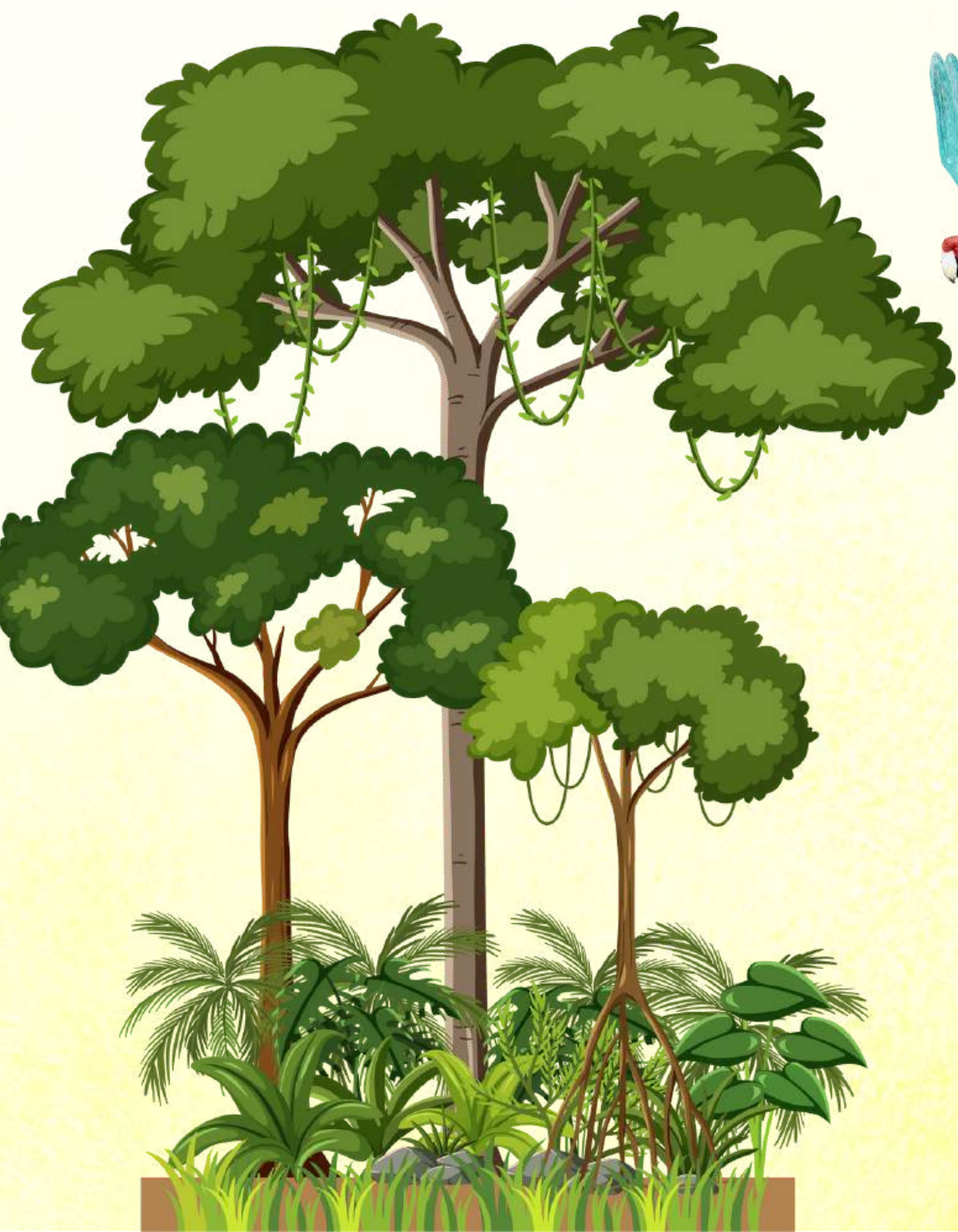
Rainforest Boxes Year 6



After learning about the 4 layers of the Rainforest, Year 6 were brought in recyclable objects to create their own Rainforest Boxes.



We thought carefully about what sorts of animals lived within the rainforest and which layer they could be found in.



We loved making the boxes and all managed to work well as a team.



Refugee Week 2025

This month, our whole school came together to take part in Refugee Week, a special time dedicated to learning about the experiences of refugees around the world. Through stories, discussions, and creative activities, we explored what it means to be forced to leave your home and start again in a new place.

Nursery



Nursery learnt a song that says 'Hello' in languages from around the world so that we can be welcoming to all!

Year 2



Year 2 had great fun making bird feeders, as part of 'Refugee Week'.

Year 5

Year 5 worked collaboratively to create stop motion animation films telling the story of Olympic Refugee Athlete, Yusra Madriñi

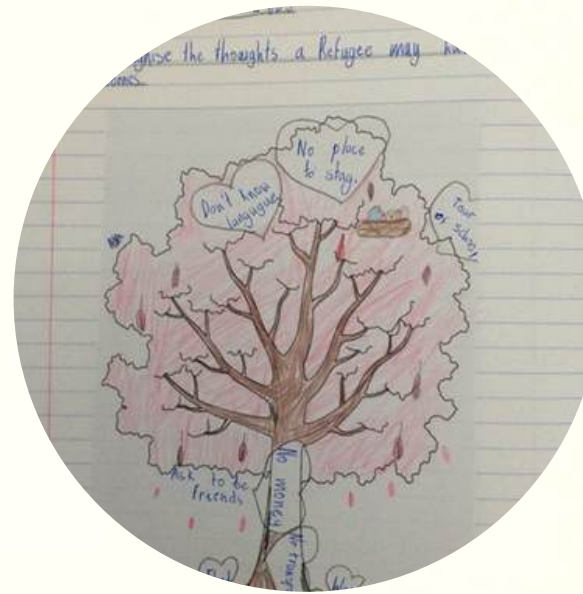


Reception



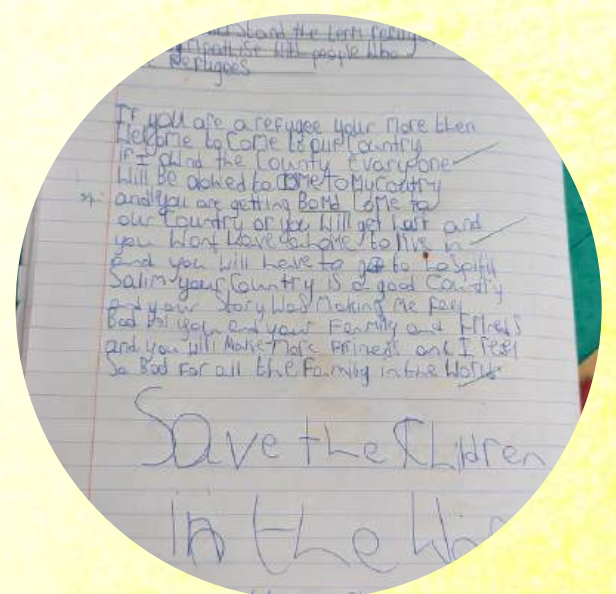
Here is an ISSUE tree from Naomi. Recognising the Roots, Trunk and Branches are the problems and the leaves is how we can support Refugee families. Really lovely work!

Year 3



Year 3 heard of two refugee stories and were given the choice of how to present their work. Cairon wrote about his feelings on the story and wrote 'Save the Children in the World'

Year 6



Year 1



Year 1 worked at welcoming refugees to our school by creating a welcome poster. Year 1 also looked at what 'home' means to them.

Year 4



Each class took part in lessons and activities that helped us to build empathy and understanding. We listened to real-life stories of refugees, created artwork and talked about the importance of kindness, welcome, and community.

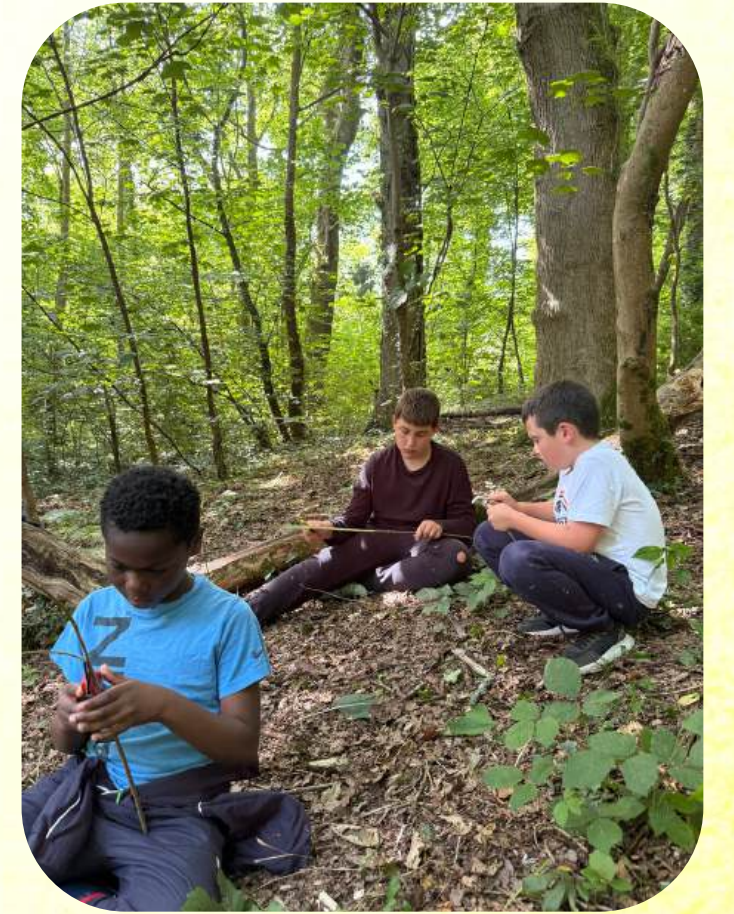
It was a powerful week that helped us to think more deeply about the lives of others and how we can help make the world a more compassionate place for everyone. The children showed great maturity, respect, and care throughout, and we are incredibly proud of the thoughtful conversations and work that came out of this experience.



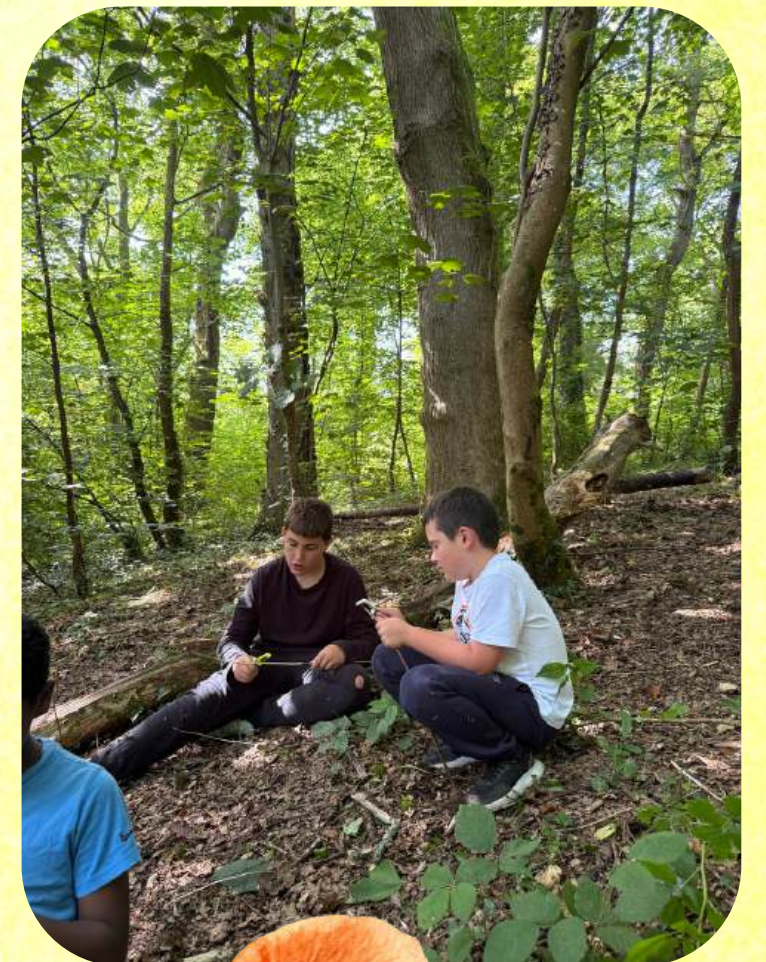
Outdoor Learning



We are coming to the end of our forest school journey in Year 5. The children have learnt tool skills and made a tent peg, marshmallow stick and wood cookie necklace using a variety of tools. They all showed great resilience when learning these new and challenging skills.



Year 5 Forest School





Stars of the Month! Seren y Mis!



Excellent work all week!

Seren Yr Wythnos
Star of the Week

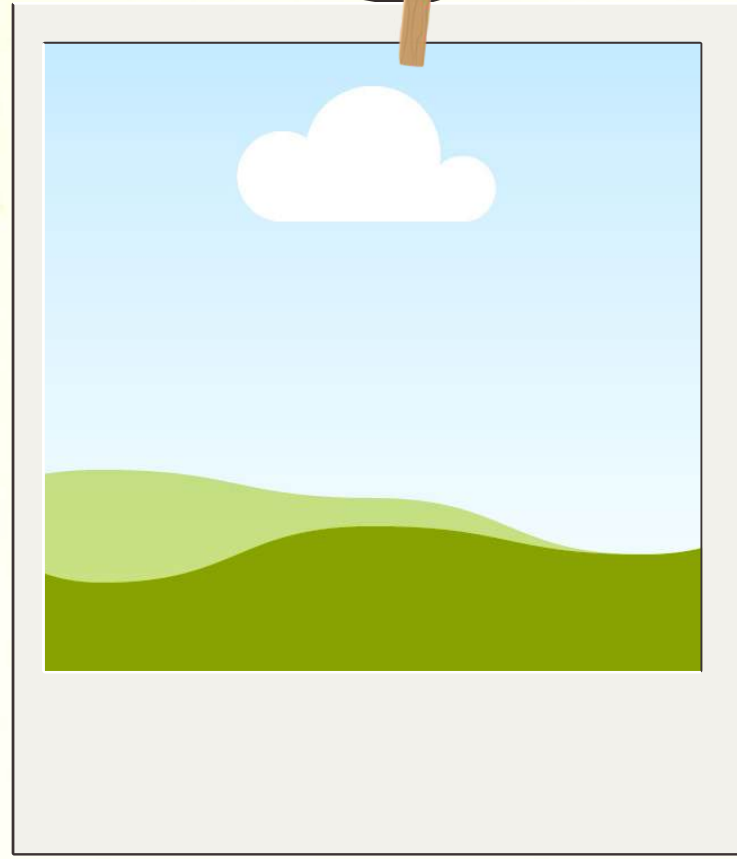
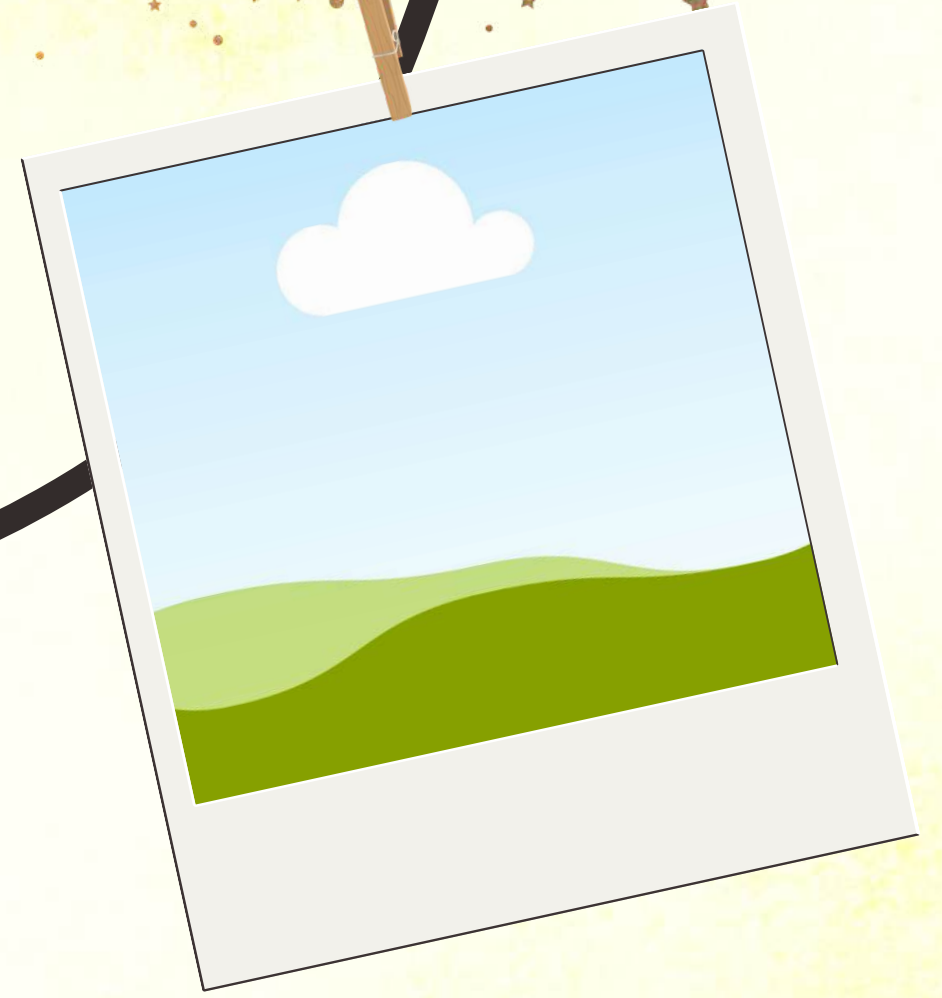
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Date _____

Pennaeth Gwybodaeth / Miss Langdale

Some of our
Stars of the Week
from this month!

Congratulations
to all the
recipients!





Stars of the Month! Seren y Mis!



Well done for achieving Swimmer of the Month!



Ravell showed us lots of medals and trophies he's won in his sports clubs.



Lots of Big Maths promotions in Year 5!



Well done to Charlie for winning two medals and coming first in his Taekwondo competitions.



Layana got her yellow belt in kickboxing!

Let your child's teacher know if they have achieved something outside of school and we will celebrate them here!

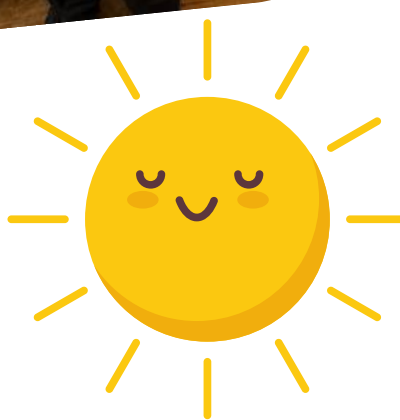
We are proud of Sofia for earning her pen licence



Congratulations on moving up a level on Rainbow Reading



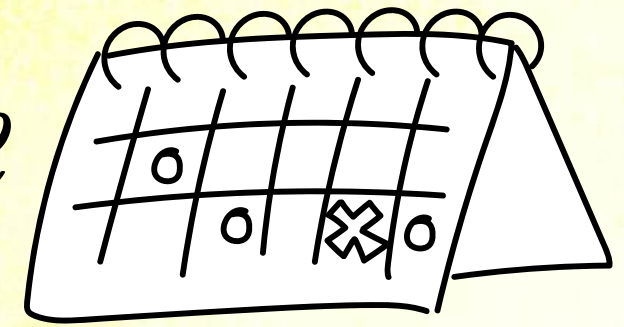
Lena has been very resilient! *Da isn!*





After School Clubs

Spring Term Timetable



MONDAY

Gymnastics/
Cheer Leading
Year 3
3pm - 4pm
Mrs Coray



Choir
Years 4, 5, & 6
3pm - 4pm
Mr Philp



Football
Year 3 & 4
3pm - 4pm
Mr McConkey



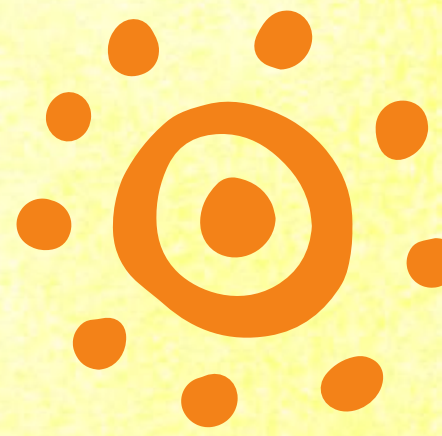
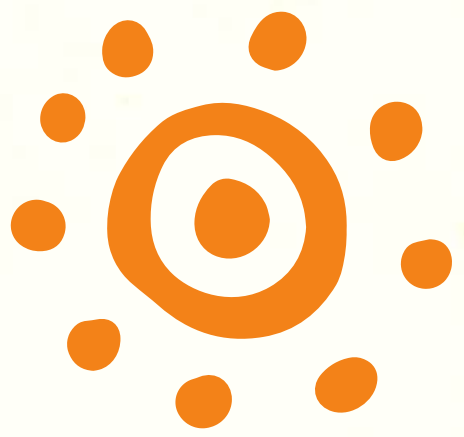
TUESDAY

Dance
Year 4&5
3pm - 4pm
Miss Mathias

Football
Years 5 & 6
3pm - 4pm
Mr Windross



We've been practicing hard in school and after school for our production of The Lion King!



Performances:
Wednesday 9th
July
1.30pm
6.00pm



You can buy tickets to watch our performance from Miss Kennett and Miss Mathias. Tickets cost £2 each.





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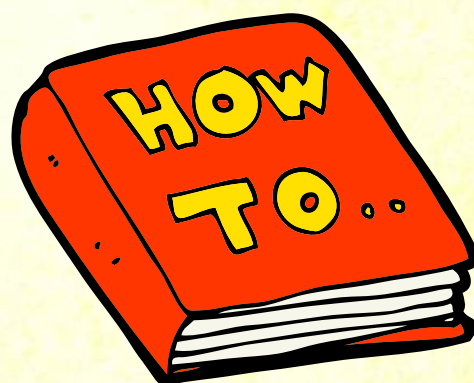
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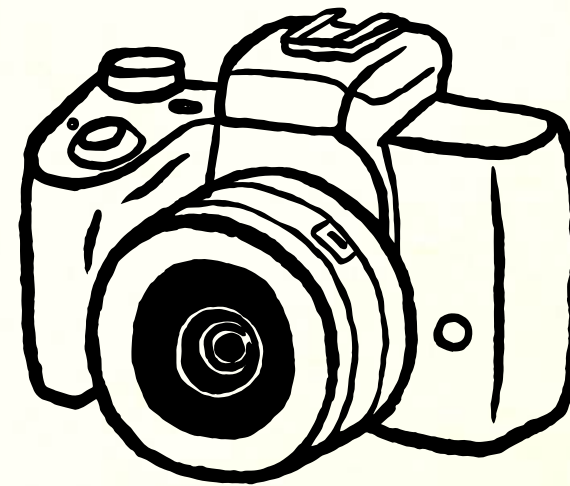


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	Term Starts	Half Term	Term Ends
Autumn Term	02.09.24	28.10.24 - 01.11.24	20.12.24
Spring Term	06.01.25	24.02.25 - 28.02.25	11.04.25
Summer Term	28.04.25	26.10.25 - 30.05.25	21.07.25

School Photos



Thursday 7th November
Individual Photographs

Thursday 22nd May
Class Photographs

Inset Days

1. Monday 2nd September
2. Tuesday 3rd September
3. Monday 18th November
4. Monday 3rd March
5. Friday 11th April
6. Monday 21st July

Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday 23rd October
 Wednesday 2nd April
 End of Year Report in July

Important Dates in the Catholic Calendar

Friday 4th October - The Feast of St Francis

Thursday 26th October - Harvest Festival

Monday 3rd February - Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday

Monday 7th April - Holy Week Assemblies





Dates for your Diary

July



Tuesday 1st July - Sports Day



Wednesday 2nd July - Summer Fayre



Tuesday 8th July - Nursery Graduation

AM Class - 9:20am PM Class - 2pm



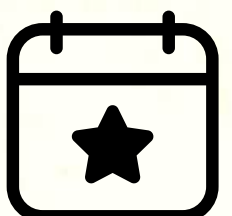
Wednesday 9th July - The Lion King performances

1.30pm and 6pm



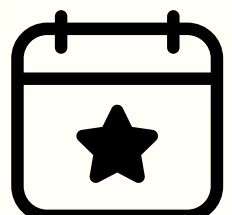
Wednesday 9th July - Meet the Teacher for New Nursery Children

10am - Foundation Thrive Room

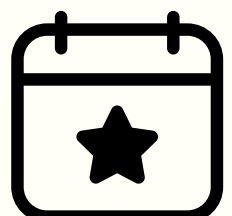


Wednesday 9th July - Meet the Teacher for New Reception Children

9:30am - Foundation Thrive Room



Friday 18th July - Break up for Summer



Monday 21st July - Inset Day



Tuesday 22nd July - Windrush Day





Dates for your Diary



September



Monday 1st September - Inset Day



Tuesday 2nd September - Inset Day



Wednesday 3rd September - Back to School!

