



School Newsletter

6th March 2026

Learning to Love, loving to learn

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St David's Day Celebrations



Well done to Arabella who was crowned as the Bard at the end of St David's Day celebrations. We had some excellent entries for all the competitions this year. All our children deserve a huge well done. The winning house on the day was Rhossili so congratulations to them.

Instagram—Each class will be 'instagramming' at least once a week about some of the things that they have been doing in class. You can 'follow' the school Ctkprimaryschool



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Good Attendance Matters

Good attendance is a key factor in ensuring that young people achieve their potential and have the best possible life chances. Promoting good attendance is a shared responsibility and at Christ the King we understand that achieving good attendance can only be accomplished through a strong partnership between our school and parents/carers.

Regular attendance is crucial for children to:

- Achieve their full potential academically;

- Develop a positive attitude towards school and cultivate good habits of punctuality and attendance;

- View themselves as welcomed and included members of our school community.

Our Attendance Target



Our attendance target is 97% or above.

Attendance of below 90% is considered poor, and students with attendance below this threshold are classified as “persistently absent.”

90% attendance means your child is missing half a day of school every week. Over the course of a school year, this amounts to 4 weeks of learning lost.

Attendance and punctuality are closely monitored. Pupils with low attendance are identified and we work with parents/carers to help improve their attendance and ensure they do not miss out on important learning opportunities.

We strongly encourage parents/carers to schedule appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Punctuality Challenge Month

For the month of March we are running a month long challenge with class based rewards for punctuality .
We would like to celebrate the weekly winners of the challenge .
Let's see if the whole school can arrive by 8:55am each day for the month of March.

The Importance of Punctuality

Punctuality is just as important as attendance. Every minute that a child misses has a negative impact on their learning and social opportunities. Persistent lateness puts children at risk of falling behind in their learning, increased anxiety and disengagement.

Every Minute Matters:

Arriving 5 minutes late every day equals 3 days lost each year.

Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the equivalent of being absent for 2 weeks a year.

Arriving 30 minutes late every day adds up to 19 days of school missed in a year.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Next Week

STEM Week

Sunday : Family Mass CTK 9:30am , Children's Liturgy St Pauls 9am

Monday : Rocksteady Concert 9:15am , Netball Club

Wednesday : Walking Bus

Thursday : Walking Bus , Parishioners Afternoon Tea 2pm

Friday : Football Club , Science Fair for parents to attend 2pm (Rec -Y6)

Colorfoto

Colorfoto will be visiting the school to take class photos on Thursday 19th March.

Junior Club

Junior Club meets in CTK Parish as usual this Friday 6th March 6.30 - 7.45pm. WE NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS - IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT MARIE TEL: 07753439567

Please can we request that when collecting your child from Junior Club, if you have 5 minutes to spare, please consider lending a hand to put equipment and tables and chairs away. It would be a huge and much appreciated help. Thankyou.

Family Mass

The 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church on Sunday 15th March will be a family Mass. If any child or young person would like to take part please contact Marie tel: 077534395667 or email: Ilan-ishen@cardiffmenevia.org asap.

Thankyou.

Sad News and a Heavy Heart

It was announced this week that one of our past governors and a tremendous friend to our school Monica Maddox , had passed away. Monica was also the mother of our current Chair of Governors , Anna Buckland and beloved wife of Dave.

Monica was a much loved member of our primary school community and had a special passion for early years education and children's books .

She played an important role in helping to establish our school library . She wanted it to be a happy, welcoming place where children could discover new stories, use their imagination and develop a love of books that would stay with them for life . Because of her dedication , our library continues to be a place of learning and enjoyment for all.

Monica also took great pleasure in the development and upkeep of our school garden. She assisted with the gardening club for many years and was instrumental in the school winning a Cardiff in Bloom competition a few years ago.

Monica will be greatly missed by our school community, We are thankful for everything she gave to our school , and we will remember her each time a child opens a book in the library that she helped to create.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed , through the mercy of God, rest in peace . Amen "

STEM WEEK 2026 : 9-13 March

Next week in school the entire school will be undertaking exciting STEM activities throughout the week (Science , Technology , Engineering , Maths) . A variety of workshops have been planned for our pupils including Spark Lab Science , Cosmic Poetry, Bit Buggys , Lego Spike , BBC British Science Week online lessons and Space Tech for Human Health . We even have parental volunteers who are coming into school and sharing their knowledge of the scientific world with our pupils . We are very lucky that we are in the position that our parents can come into school and educate our pupils . A huge thank you to all parents who have offered their services to our school next week. On the last day of the week we are inviting any parents from Rec– Y6 to take a look in the hall at our science fair . The fair will begin at 2pm and run until 3pm. All parents are welcome.

[Parent Consultations – Fill in form](#)

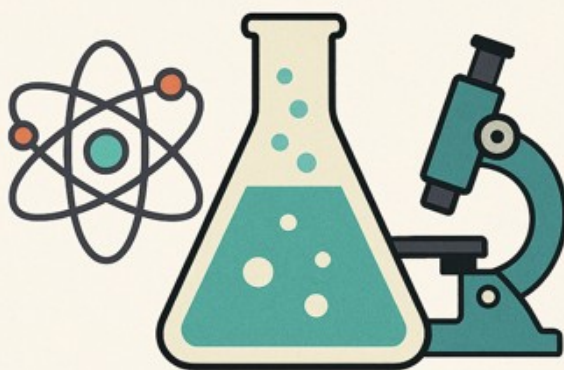
Parent Consultations



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent consultations. It's always invaluable to speak with you about your child's progress and wellbeing.

We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete our short Parent Consultation Feedback Form. Your feedback helps us continue to improve the experience for families and ensure the meetings are as beneficial as possible.

Don't forget, next week
we'll be taking part in
SCIENCE WEEK



We will have a celebration of work
on Friday afternoon at 2pm.

Please come along and take a look
at all of the science work your
child has been taking part in.

CTK
PFA

£2.50
per child

Easter **EGG HUNT**

Friday 27 March

3:30pm

Meet @ INFANT Playground



Please pay in advance to the PFA account

Refreshments available

Dietary Requirements - let us know!

This Week's Attendance

Parents are reminded that any type of absence from school must first be requested by email to Mrs Miles at christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk.

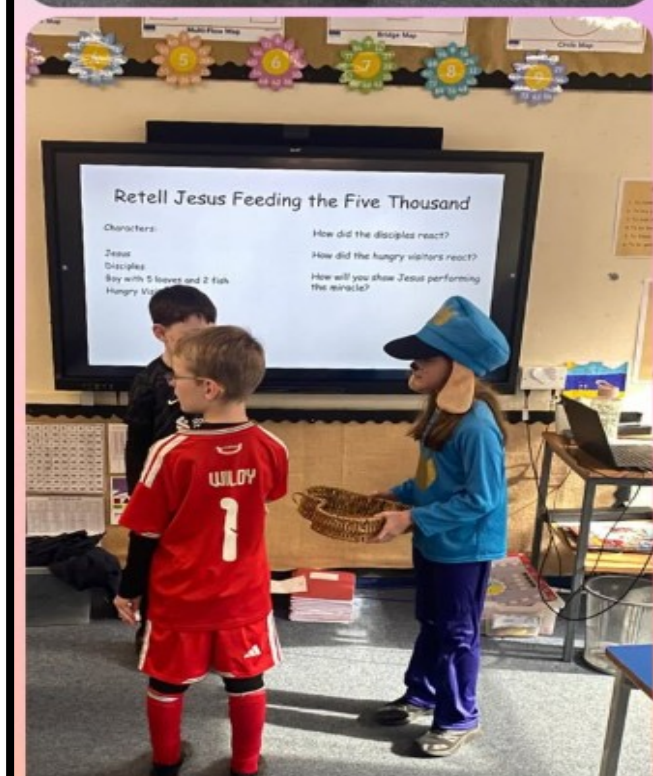
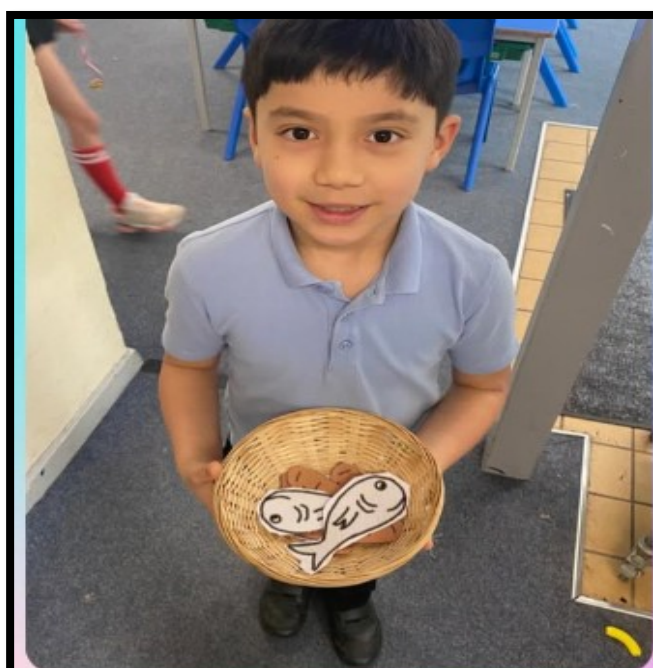
For safeguarding reasons any child arriving late at school must be accompanied to the KS2 playground gate and handed over to a member of staff by an adult.

If your child is unwell, a telephone absence message or email should be left before 9.30am giving the nature of the illness/reason for absence.

Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Reception	98%	0 mins
Year 1	97.1%	0 mins
Year 2	99.3%	0 mins
Year 3	96%	18 mins
Year 4	96%	21 mins
Year 5	95%	3 mins
Year 6	95.8%	39 mins

Catholic Life of the School

Year 3 explored the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand today! We began by recapping what a miracle is and how Jesus shows love and compassion to all. We then brought the Gospel to life through drama, using expressive arts to retell the story in a creative and meaningful way. [#CtkCardiffRE](#) [#Branch4](#) [#ExpressiveArts](#)



Celebrating Good Work

Nursery

We celebrated St. David's Day in style this week in nursery! The children looked brilliant in their Welsh costumes and Welsh coloured clothing! We shared welsh cakes, painted dragons, explored daffodils and had lots of fun with friends! Da iawn pawb!



Reception

We have had a great week in Reception class this week! In celebration of World Book Day, we were visited by secret readers, dressed in our best costumes and went on a visit to our local library! We have loved sharing wonderful stories together



Year 1

Year 1 has taken part in the Mars Day 2026 Moon Landing Coding Adventure Special! They learnt about the first person to land on the moon and how many people helped work out how to get them there. They worked together to create an algorithm for AL the robot and then decorated their own robot! [#STEM](#) [#MarsDay2026](#)



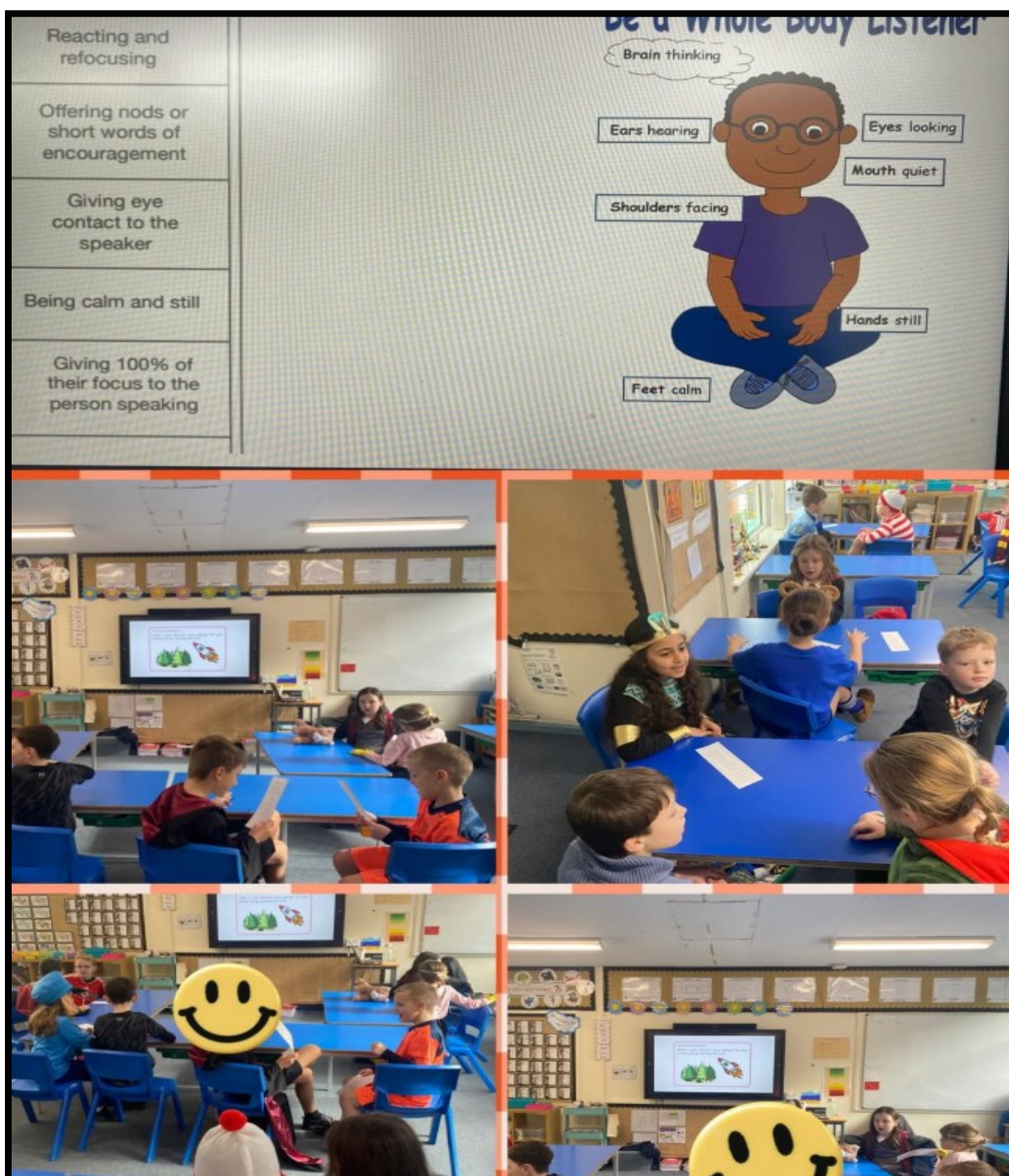
Year 2

Year 2 have been exploring food chains and discovered what is living, dead or never alive. They worked in groups to build their own food chains and identified which animals were herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. Lots of teamwork, thinking skills and fantastic cutting practice too! [#Discovery](#) [#FoodChains](#) [#STE](#)



Year 3

Happy World Book Day from Year 3! We spent some time developing our listening skills using Voice 21 strategies. We took turns answering questions about books and focused on showing eye contact, positive body language and respectful listening. Wonderful speaking and listening in action! [#WorldBookDay2026](#) [#LLC](#) [#Voice21](#)

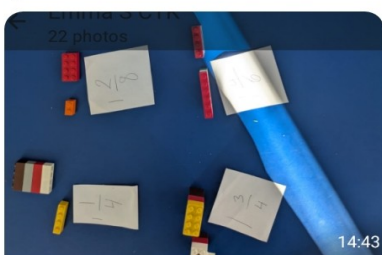
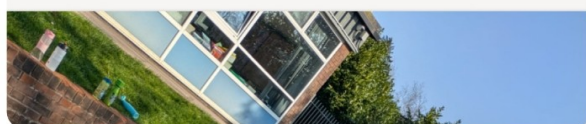


Year 4

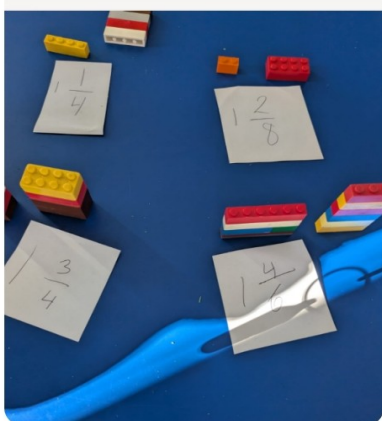
Today we have developed our understanding of 'fractions more than one' by getting outside in the sunshine and using nature as our manipulatives!



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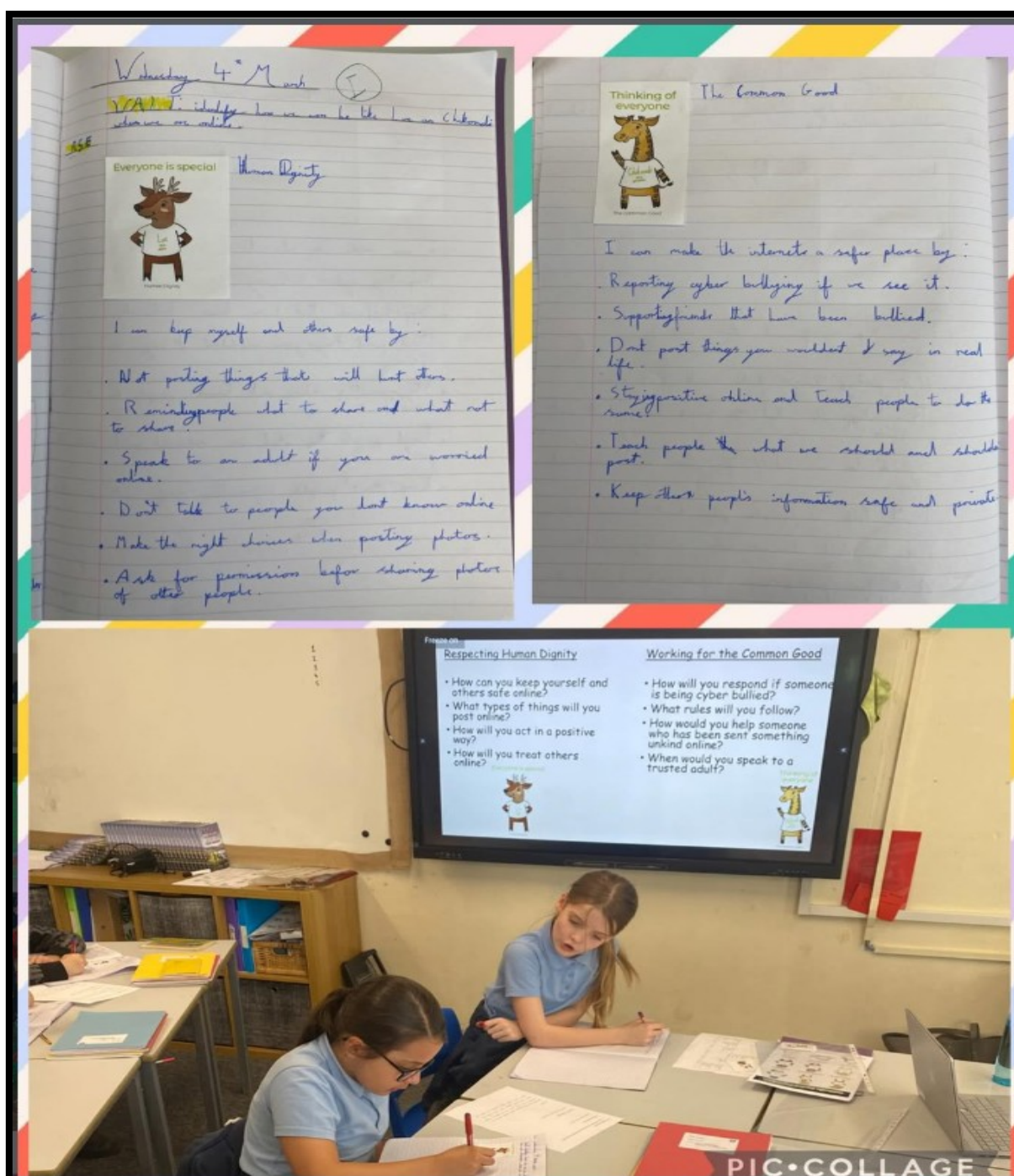
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Year 5

Year 5 have learnt sharing isn't always caring and talked about how cyberbullying can make people feel. We discussed what we should do if we see or experience cyber bullying online. We then made a list of ways we can be like Luc and Chikondi so that everyone feels respected and safe online! [#RSE](#) [#LifeToTheFull](#) [#CatholicSocialTeaching](#)



Year 6

Year 6 wore some fantastic costumes for World Book Day 2026. Lovely to see their favourite characters come to life. [#worldbookday2026](https://twitter.com/worldbookday2026)

