



St Mary the Virgin Church in Wales Primary School
St Mary's Church

A DAY OF WELCOME & REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee Week

OUR HOME

Refugee Week 17-23 June 2024
#RefugeeWeek #SimpleActs #OurHome

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Welcome

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“To me, a home is where you feel loved, safe, and cherished.” Malala Yousafzai

The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is “Our Home”. From the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what our Our Home means to them.

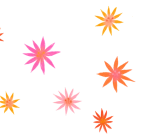
Home can be a place of refuge, a feeling or a state of mind. It can be found in smells, tastes and sounds. From the clothes we wear to the words we grew up with. It’s in food, music and arts. It’s in our cultures and in our landscapes.

Home can be more than one place and finding it can be a journey, as it is for so many of us who have to leave our countries and rebuild our lives. Sometimes we can find home in a single person. Other times it’s in a whole community. And often, it’s in a single gesture of care and welcome.

What would happen if this Refugee Week we extended our warmth and hospitality beyond our own homes and made entire neighbourhoods more welcoming? Simple acts like having a chat, walking together, or sending a message of welcome can help everyone feel like they belong. Together, we can work in solidarity to ensure all our neighbours, new and familiar, have safe and welcoming homes.

Our home is also global. We are interconnected; we share the earth’s resources, climate and its challenges. As we speak, millions of people are being displaced from their homes because of the climate crisis. But, exchanging knowledge, both new and traditional, can help us in practical ways to build hope for the future.

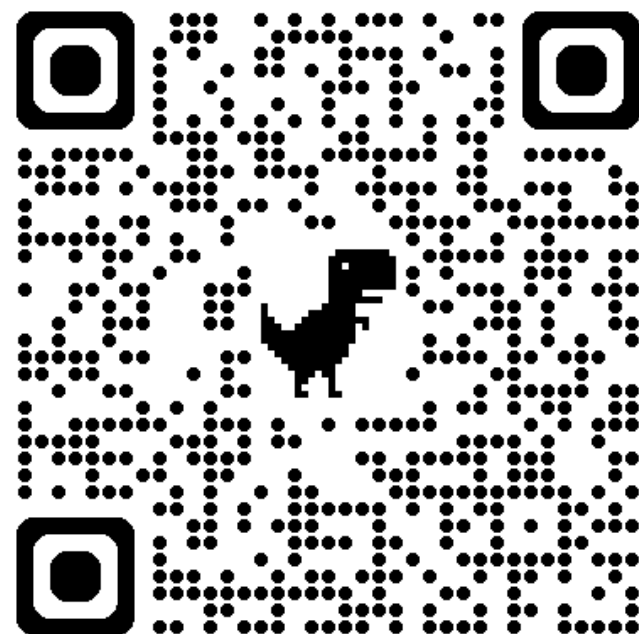
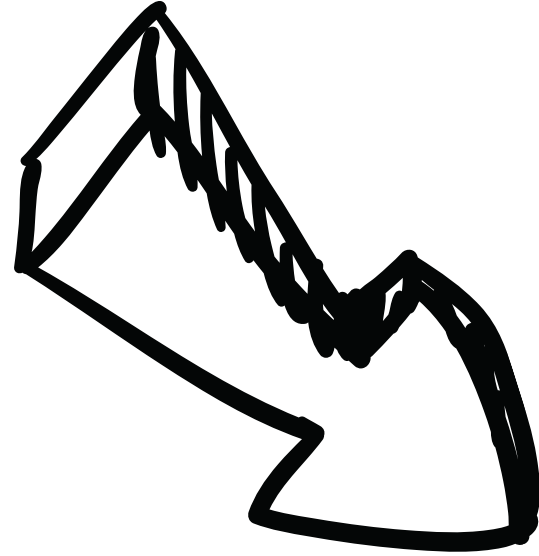
Together, this Refugee Week let’s practice our solidarity and make Our Home a more welcoming, safe and sustainable place for all.





We'll be in partnership with St Mary's Church again this year to bring you even more wonderful, exciting and moving events.

Check out their programme here ...



REFUGEE WEEK

 **Oasis**
17TH-21ST JUNE

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS! 

 **IO CAPITANO FILM SCREENING**
FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE

MONDAY 17TH JUNE
7 pm Oasis Small Hall
Doors open 6pm
Tickets: £3, £5

 **OASIS CULTURAL CABARET**
CIRCUS, MUSIC, STREETFOOD!

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE
7-8:30 pm Oasis Main Hall
Doors open 6pm
Tickets: £5, £10

 **GET TOGETHER LUNCH**

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE
12:30 pm Oasis Main Hall
Free entry, ALL welcome!

Tickets on our website:







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Fiery Jack Entertainment

OUR HOME

SCREEN ALLIANCE WALES

Refugee Week

  @oasiacdf  oasiacardiff.org  698 Splott Road, CF24 2BW

Why not join Oasis for a week of Celebrations as well?



- A place that fosters a culture of **welcome** and **safety** for people seeking sanctuary, including asylum seeking and refugee families
- **Educates** the whole school community about the human right to sanctuary and identifies practical means for schools to demonstrate that commitment.
- Builds **empathy** and **intercultural awareness** through promoting the voices and contributions of people seeking sanctuary, encouraging an understanding of the experiences of displaced people and helping to combat stereotypes

What is a School of Sanctuary?



www.schools.cityofsanctuary.org/about

What is a Day of Welcome?

A day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees and asylum seekers.

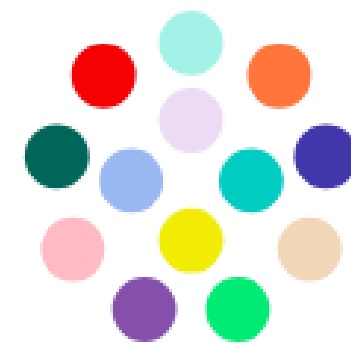
It supports schools and families in marking Refugee Week.



What is Refugee Week?

The world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary

Through a programme of arts & culture, sports and educational activities alongside exciting media and creative campaigns, Refugee Week brings people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels, as well as foster a deeper understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges people face when seeking sanctuary.



Refugee Week



<https://www.norfolksos.co.uk/dow-2023>

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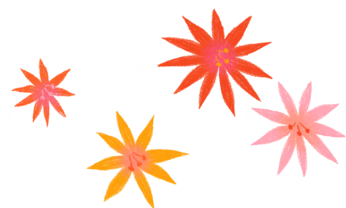
What is the Great Get Together?



Inspired by the late Jo Cox MP and her message of unity, twice a year people are encouraged to come together in their communities and make new connections.

In June, on the weekend closest to Jo's birthday, these community events bring life to her 'more in common' message.

In January, Great Winter Get Together community events demonstrate the power of meaningful connection to reduce loneliness.



<https://www.greatgettogether.org/>

What are the Simple Acts?

Simple Acts are easy, everyday actions we can all do to stand in solidarity with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

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SIMPLE ACTS

- share a meal
- walk together
- make a new connection
- get active
- join the movement
- share the message
- care for our home
- watch a film
- discover a story

#RefugeeWeek #SimpleActs #OurHome

#SimpleActs
#CompassionIntoAction
#RefugeeWeek

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/>





Refugee Week

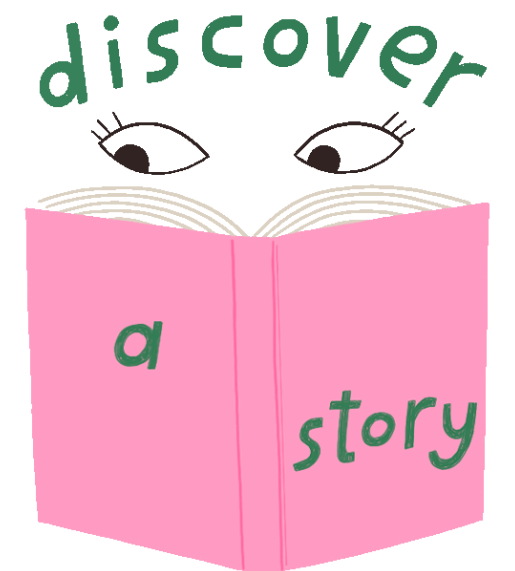


During the week, throughout the school we will be engaging in these Simple Acts.

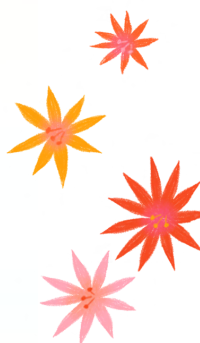
Why don't you try these at home or in your workplace?

Tweet and tag us in!

#SimpleActs



What are Prayer Spaces?



Prayer Spaces enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.

@PrayerInSchools

<https://prayerspacesinschools.com/>



Our Prayer Spaces this year ...

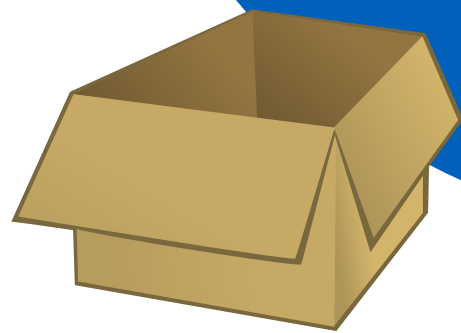


Cardboard Home

Most of us have nice warm, clean homes. Many children around the world don't. Some children have no homes or are forced to move about from place to place.

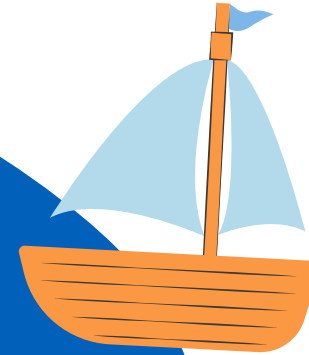
Sit in the box.
How would it feel to live in a box like this?

Write or draw your thoughts and prayers on the box.



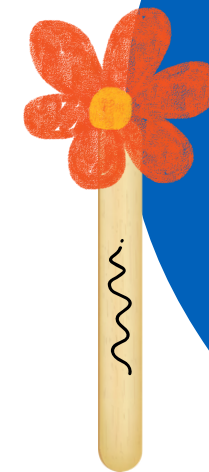
Refuge

People take huge risks to get to safety, for example, travelling in unsafe and overcrowded boats and they can't take anything with them. Look at the items in the boat - write a message of hope for those people who have had to leave their homes and lost precious possessions.



Peace Garden

What makes you peaceful? How can you find peace? Take a lollipop stick and flower and write something about peace. Put your flower in our Peace Garden



Climate

Our climate is changing. What are your hopes for our amazing world? What could we do to restore it? Create a windmill and think about what you could do to make your prayers and hopes a reality.

PRAY

Friday 14th June

A Day of Welcome

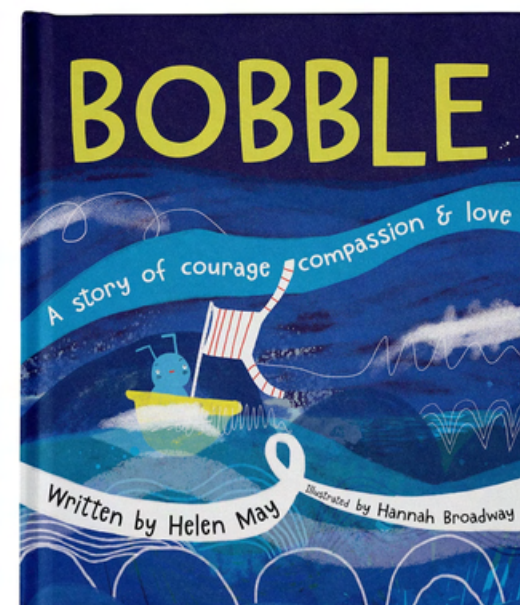


Whole School

We will be updating our Welcomes in our home languages and languages linked to our community

Years 1-4

Meet Bobble with Gulwali Passarlay



Year 5/6

The Power of Welcome with Nadine Kadaan



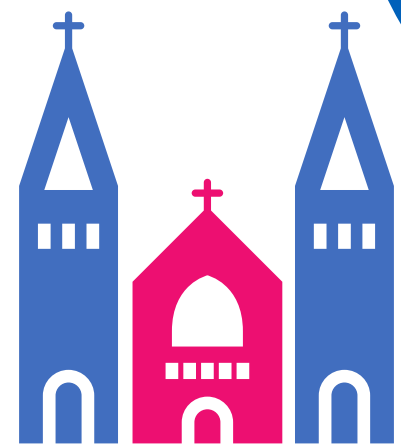
Sunday 16th June

**11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass followed by
12:00 p.m. Ice Cream Sunday**



Solemn Mass

A joyful Sung Mass - with words of welcome in all languages associated with the families of the school and the Butetown Community.



Ice Cream Sunday

EVERYONE welcome to join us at 12 noon in the gardens, whatever your faith!



St Mary's School and Church only

Monday 17th June (1)

Break Out in Faithful Butetown



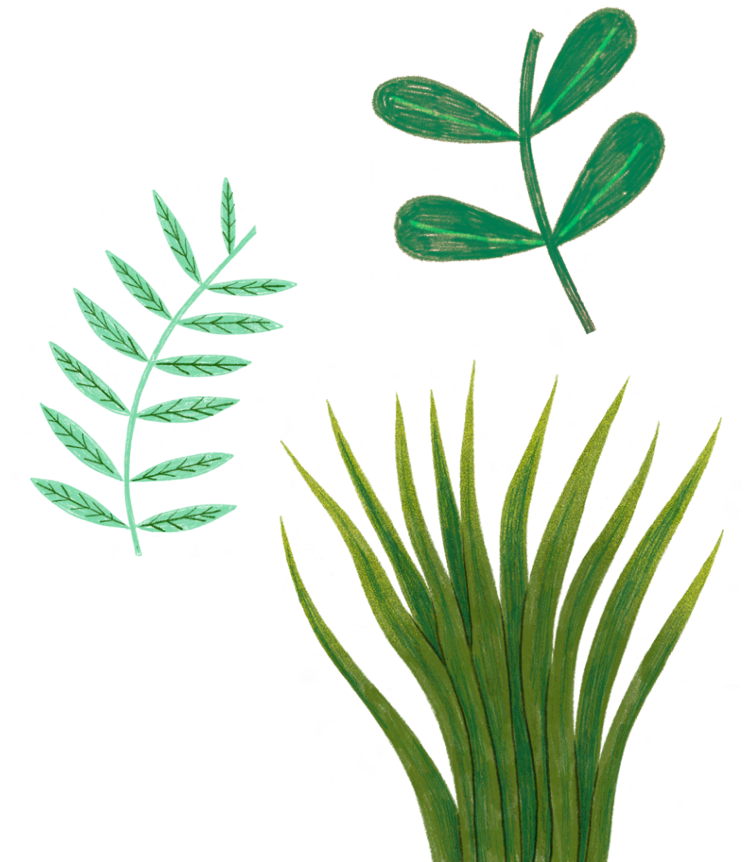
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Staff from St Mary's school and pupils will be breaking out and taking a walk through Faithful Butetown.

We'll be visiting various places of worship and landmarks of different faiths and cultures from the past and present ending at Cardiff Bay and the statues of Gandhi and the Rugby Codebreakers.

We'll be handing out packets of wildflower seeds sharing our Refugee Week message.



St Mary's Church - please register

Monday 17th June (2)



Justice Cafe



18:30



Jim Stewart from the charity **Open Doors** which supports persecuted Christians in more than 70 countries.
All welcome



Tuesday 18th June

School only



Blaenavon Heritage
VC Primary School



11:00

Faithful Butetown
Discovery Day



1:00

Betty Campbell: A
journey through
Butetown

This is the beginning of a
wonderful twinning between
Blaenavon Heritage VC
Primary School and St Mary
the Virgin Church in Wales
Primary School.
The beginning of a wonderful
friendship.





Wednesday 19th June

St Mary's Church - all invited

11:00

Sanctuary School Mass
at St Mary's church

Muslim Assembly in
school

11:45

Staff Bring & Share lunch
in Staffroom



15:30

Year 6 end of year
Creation - show for
parents and invited
guests.

Afternoon

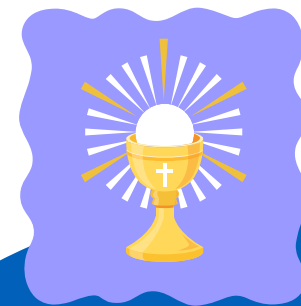
St Mary's Church with
pupils from St Mary's
School will be planting a
Sanctuary Herb Garden -
a living larder for the
whole community!



St Mary's School

St Mary's Church - parents & guests.

Thursday 20th June



10:00

Faithful Butetown
Discovery Day - invited
schools



12:30

Said Mass.
Time to pause for a
short time of
worship as we
celebrate Mass.

1:00

Betty Campbell: A
journey through
Butetown - invited
schools



St Mary's Church - by invitation

Friday 21st June

10:30

Time for schools: book corner, treasure hunts & prayer spaces



12:30

Time for schools: book corner, treasure hunts & prayer spaces



15:00

Global Banquet
St Mary's children & staff will wear clothes important to our own culture or religion.



St Mary's Church



School community, families, invited guests and other partners

Saturday 22nd June



Windrush Day

FREE explore Your Cardiff Library

Wythnos Ffoaduriaid Cymru Refugee Week Wales

Cardiff Central Library Hub
in partnership with
Welsh Refugee Council
presents

Our Home

A Refugee Week Celebration

SATURDAY
22 JUNE 2024
11AM-3PM

MULTICULTURAL MUSIC & DANCE
COMMUNITY FASHION SHOW
INSPIRATIONAL TALKS
THEMED WORKSHOPS
ART EXHIBITION
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2:00

Celebration of Song

Year 5 pupils will join pupils from St Paul's CW Primary and Tredegarville Primary Schools to sing with Aloud.

There will be 100 voices singing songs in different languages as well as a rendition of Yma O Hyd.



Sunday 23rd June

St Mary's Church

11:00

Sanctuary Sunday Mass



Sanctuary Sunday - as Refugee Week comes to an end, we'll be looking back on the past week, giving thanks for all the blessings received during the week, all we have learned and done to care for 'Our Home'.

12:00

Great Get Together Barbecue

Celebrating **Great Get Together** inspired by Jo Cox, we gather in St Mary's Church gardens for a **Barbecue** - **ALL WELCOME!**

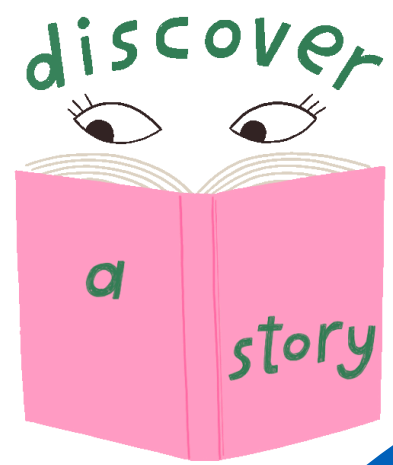
There will be Halal, Vegetarian and Vegan options available. It's time to get together and celebrate what we have in common!



#moreincommon



**THE GREAT GET
TOGETHER.**
INSPIRED BY JO COX



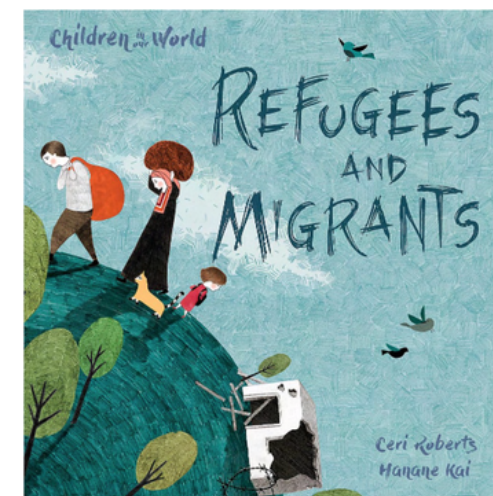
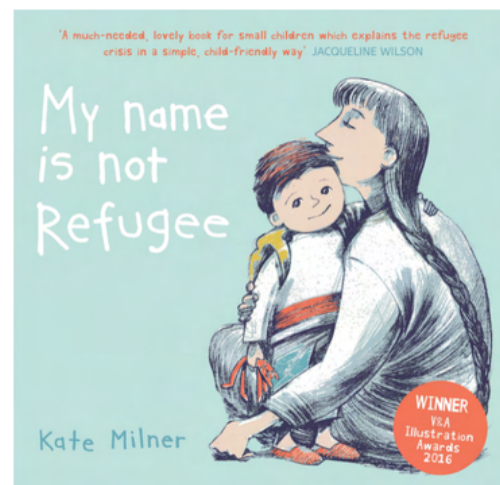
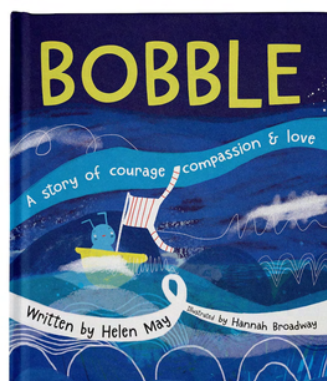
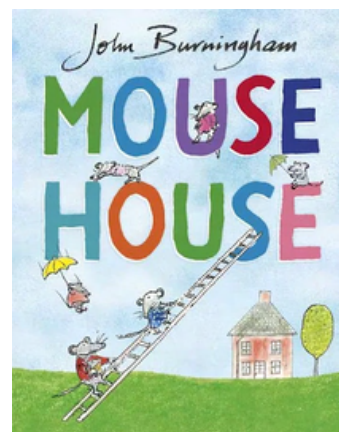
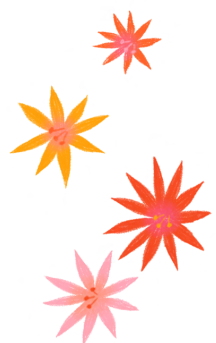
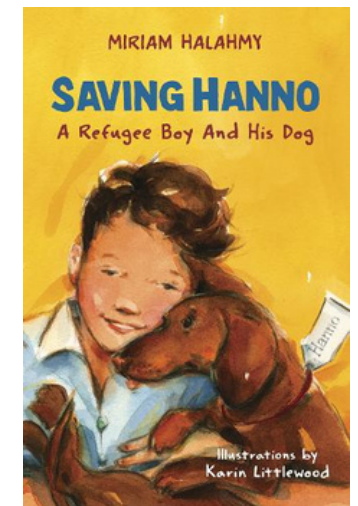
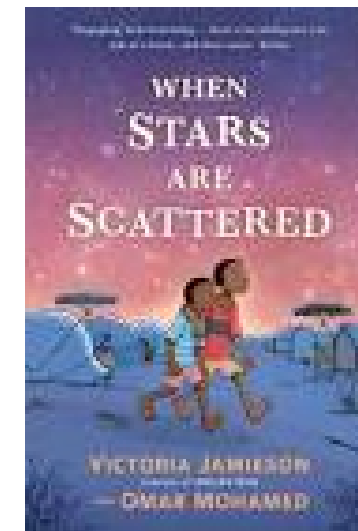
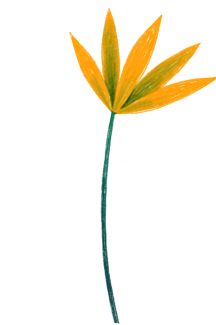
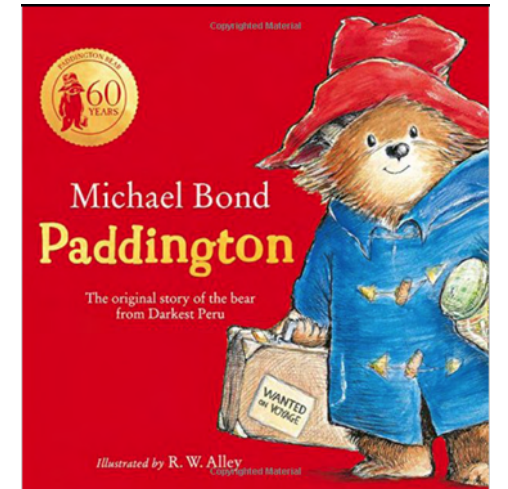
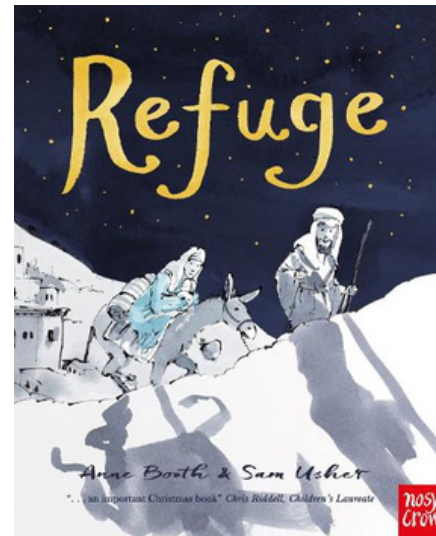
Read a book ...



Why not share one of these books?

Here is a range of books to help you learn about refugees, migrants and asylum seekers as well as to develop empathy.

Do you have any more suggestions? Let us know!



Where next ...?

School of Sanctuary

We will continue to work in partnership with schools in the Llandaff Diocese, our Cardiff School of Sanctuary Network and the national Schools of Sanctuary Network to be a place of safety, nurturing and welcome for all.



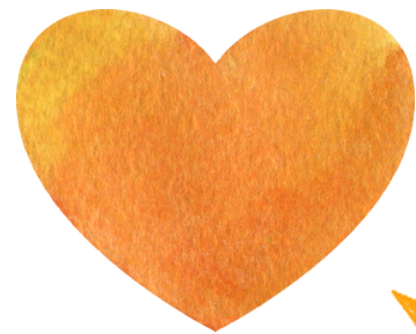
Sanctuary Committee

As our Year 6 members go to High School we will need new members of our Sanctuary Committee - from our current Year 5 and from our current Year 4. They will help us continue our School of Sanctuary work and prepare for re-accreditation next year.



Croeso Butetown

Our new Sanctuary Committee's first job is to create a welcome booklet/video for new families moving into Butetown.





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