



A DAY OF WELCOME & REFUGEE WEEK 2026

St Mary the Virgin CW Primary School & St Mary's Church



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#REFUGEEWEEK #SIMPLEACTS #Courage



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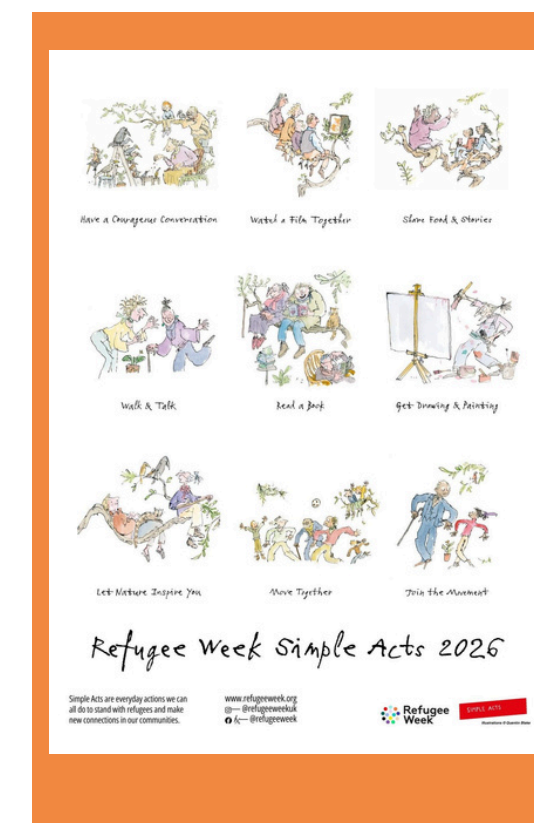


SOUTH CARDIFF MINISTRY AREA'S REFUGEE WEEK PAGE

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REFUGEE WEEK

A Day of Welcome & Refugee Week are now an integral part of our annual school events and observations. We love working with St Mary's Church & South Cardiff Ministry area to share the message - All Welcome Here!

In addition to the programme following, we will be distributing packets of seeds through the community to share our compassion.

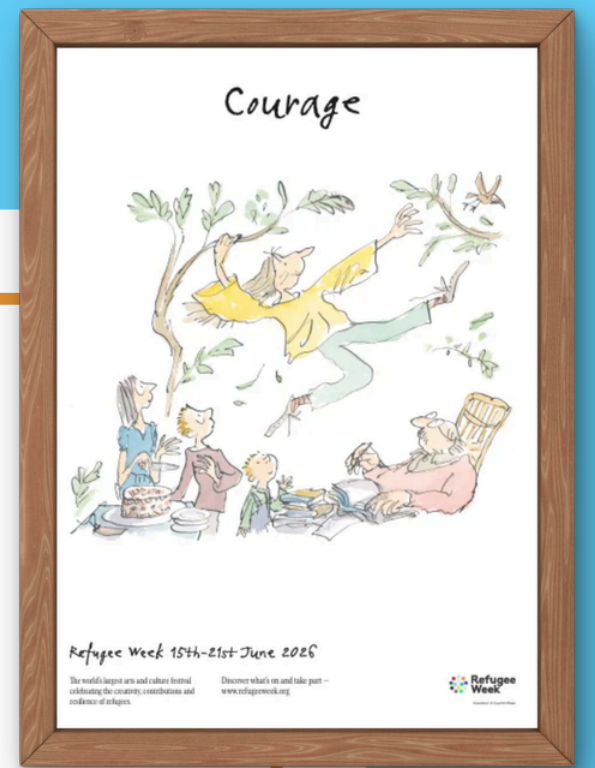
COURAGE

The word courage comes from the Latin 'cor' meaning 'heart'.

For refugees around the world, courage is often a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, navigate unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world.

“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.”

Nelson Mandela

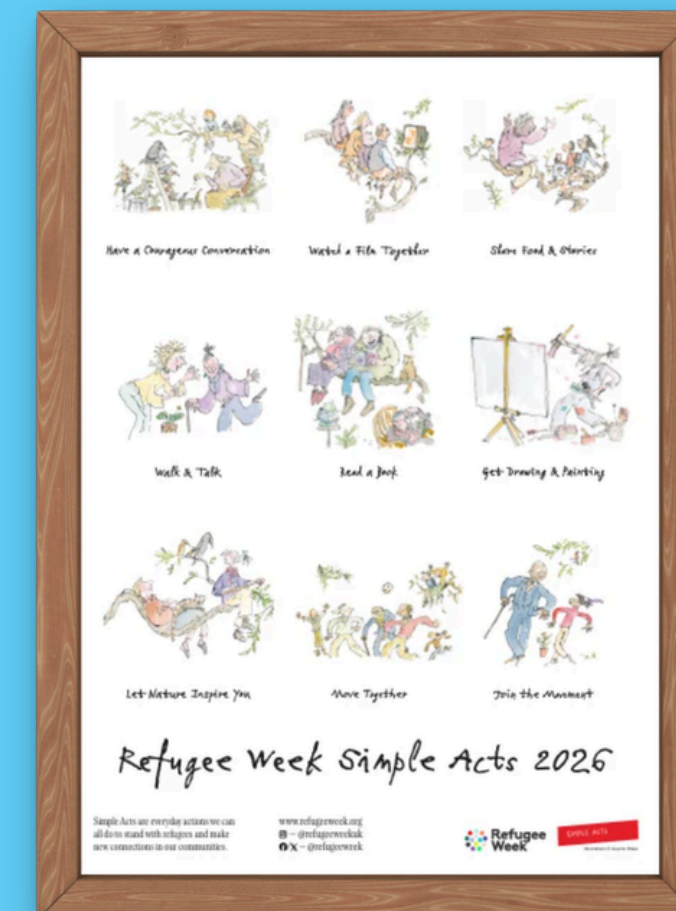
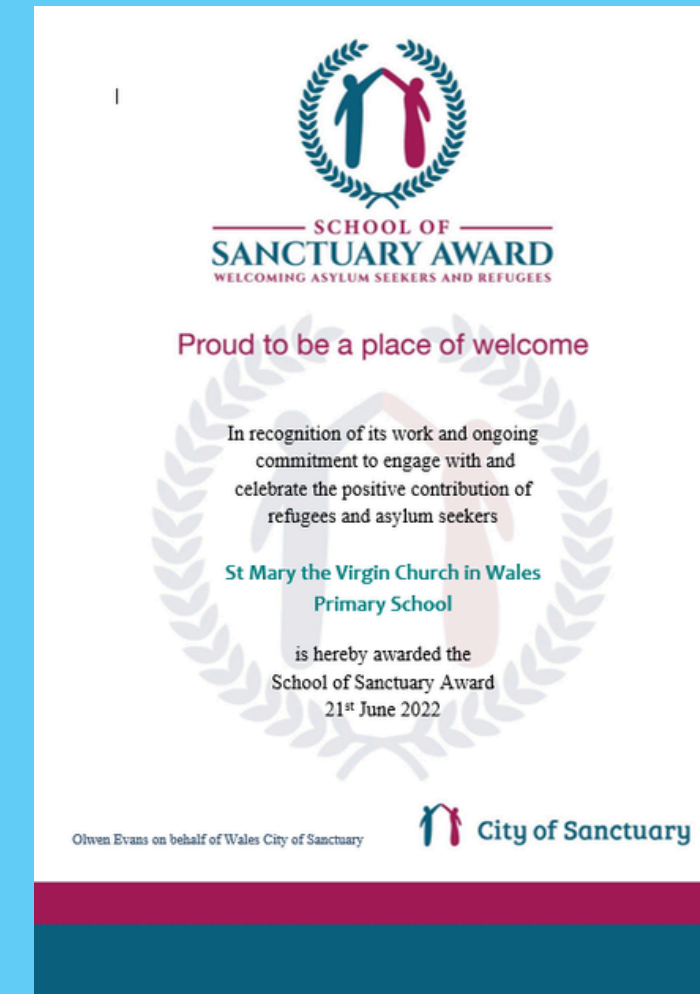


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WHAT IS A SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY?

- 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

www.schools.cityofsanctuary.org/about



WHY DAY OF WELCOME?

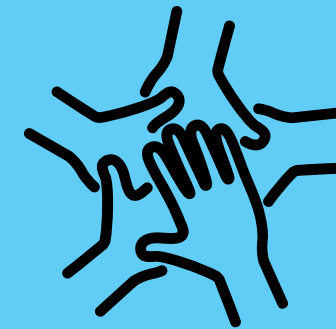
A day of solidarity and learning in schools that aim to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees and asylum seekers.

It supports schools and families in marking the beginning of Refugee Week.

At St Mary's we review our welcome greetings in the languages we speak at home and use these in our Llyfr Dda Celebration Worship each week.



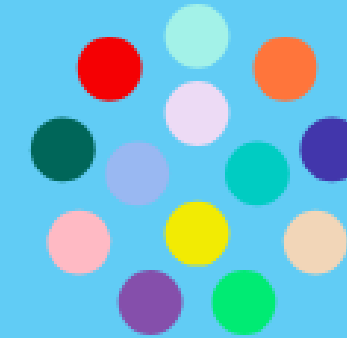
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REFUGEE WEEK

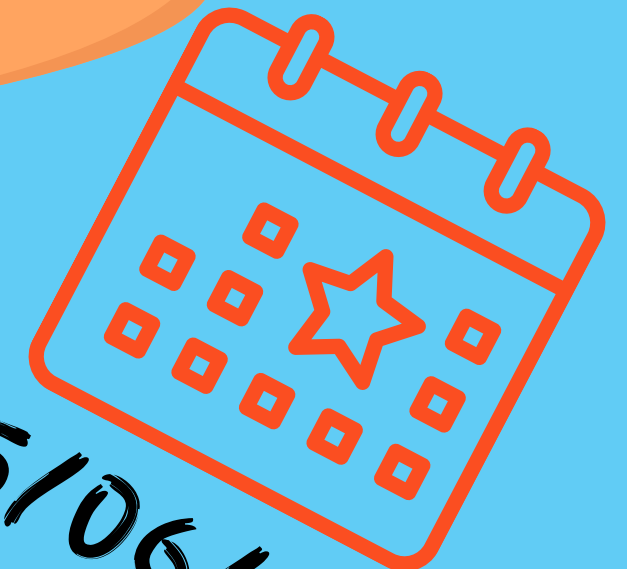
The world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

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

**"... the school places a significant focus on raising the plight of refugees and is a welcoming place for all."
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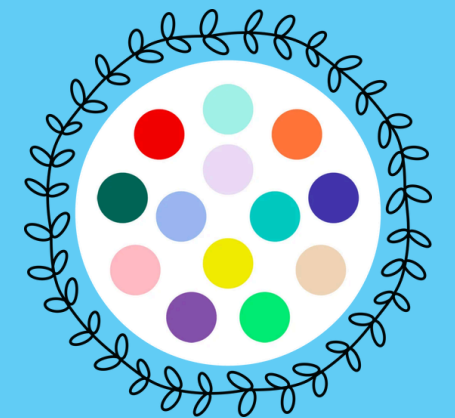
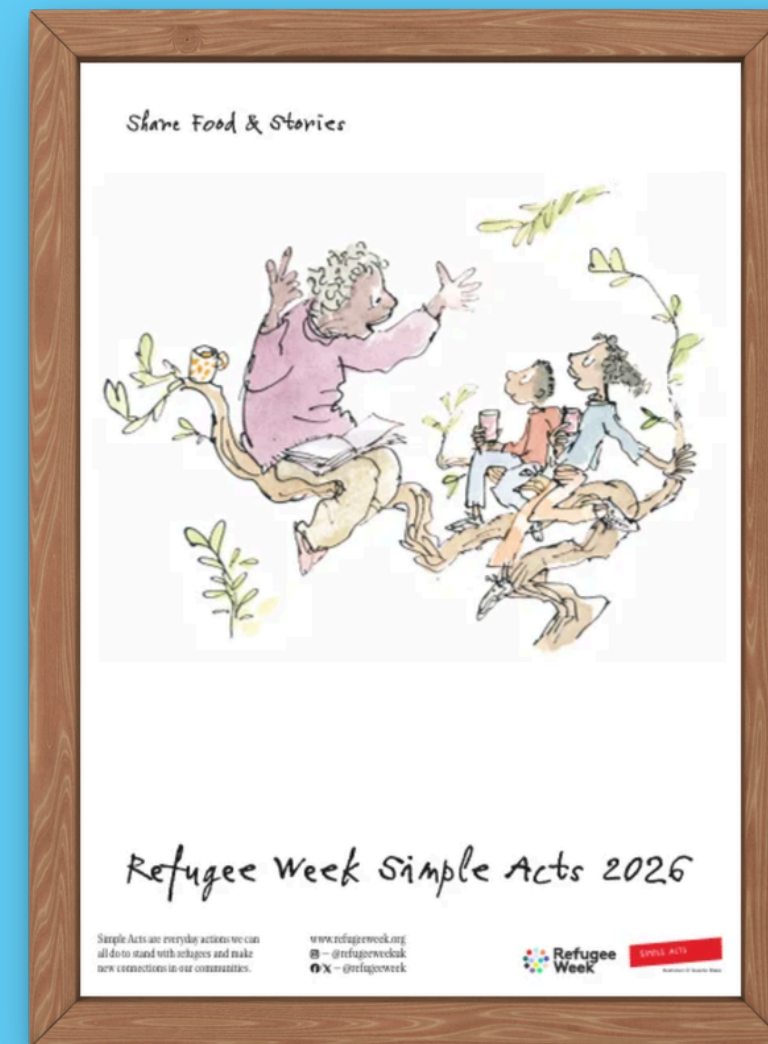
**15/06/26 -
27/06/26**

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

The Great Get Together is the UK's annual celebration of everything that connects our communities, inspired by Jo Cox's belief that we have more in common than that which divides us.

“While we celebrate our diversity, what surprises me time and time again as I travel around the constituency is that we are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us.”

Jo Cox

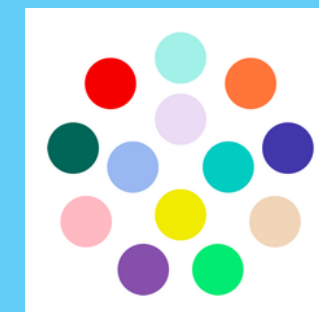


SIMPLE ACTS

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

#SimpleActs

#RefugeeWeek



Have a Courageous Conversation



Watch a Film Together



Share Food & Stories



Walk & Talk



Read a Book



Get Drawing & Painting



Let Nature Inspire You



Move Together



Join the Movement

Refugee Week Simple Acts 2026

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Refugee Week

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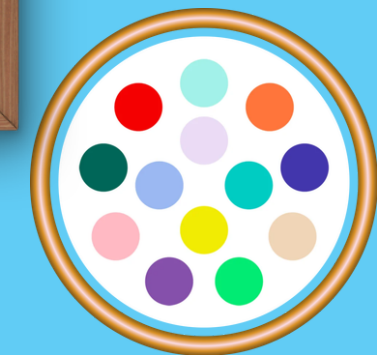
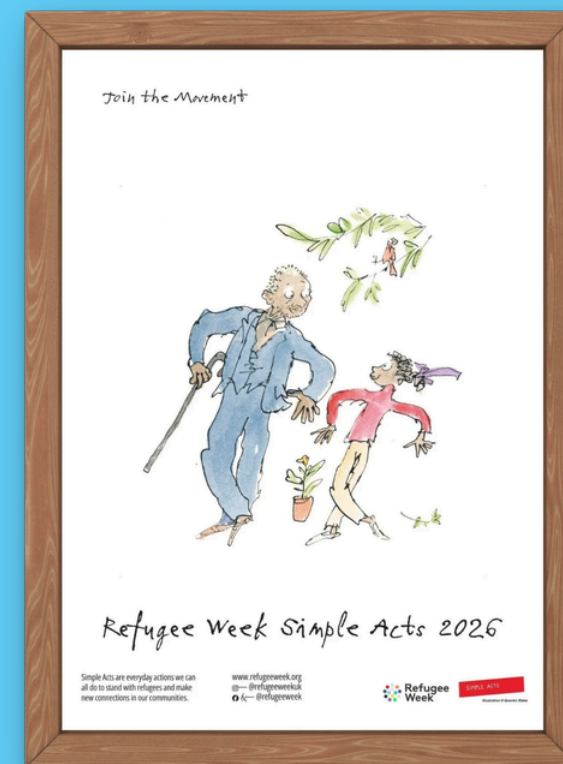
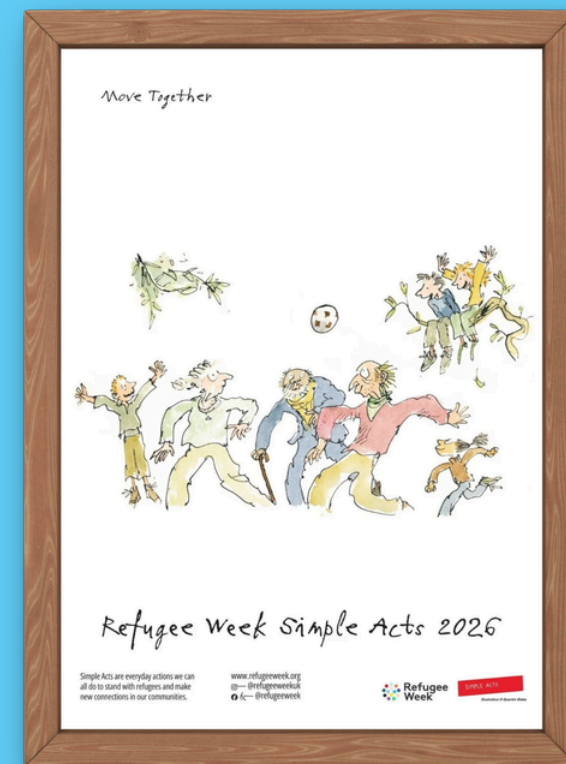
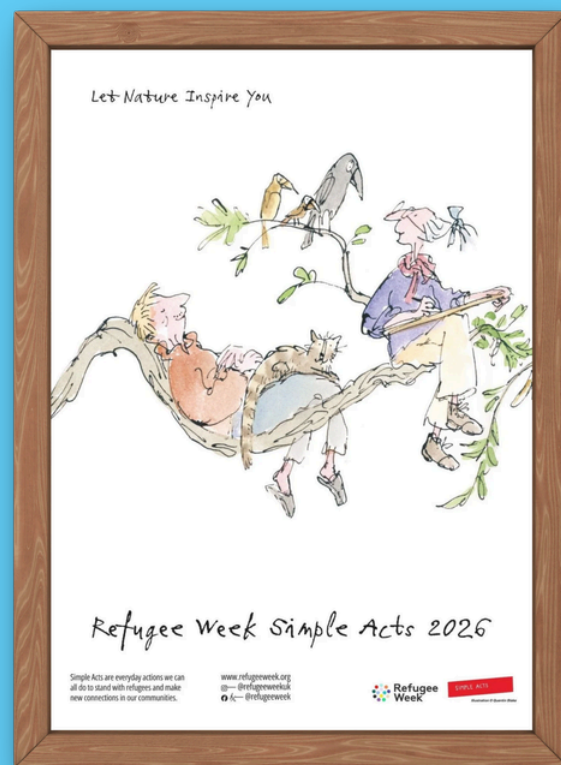
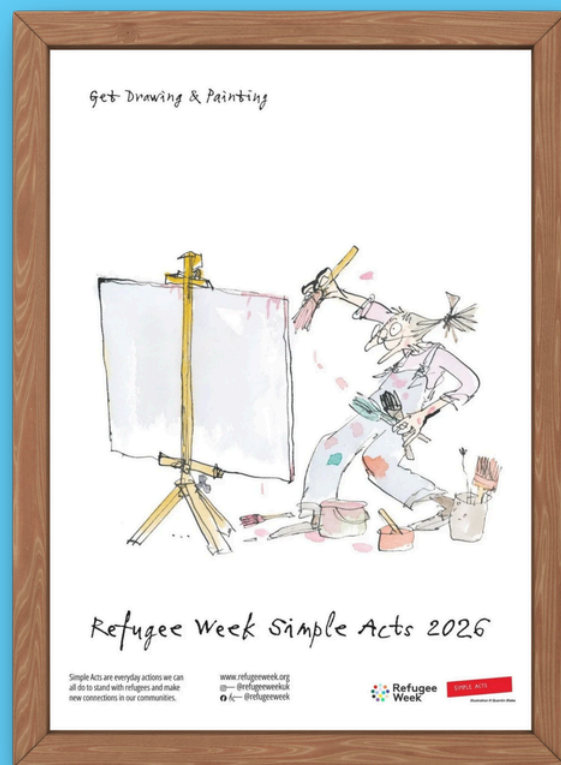
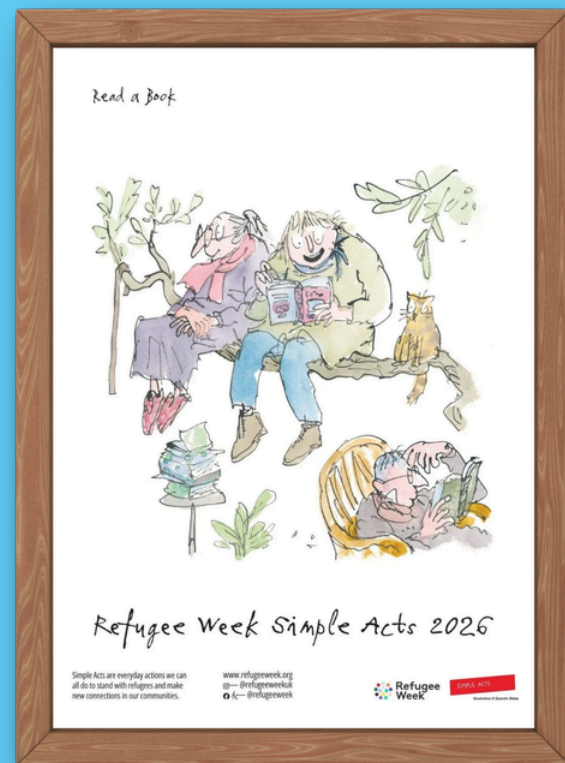
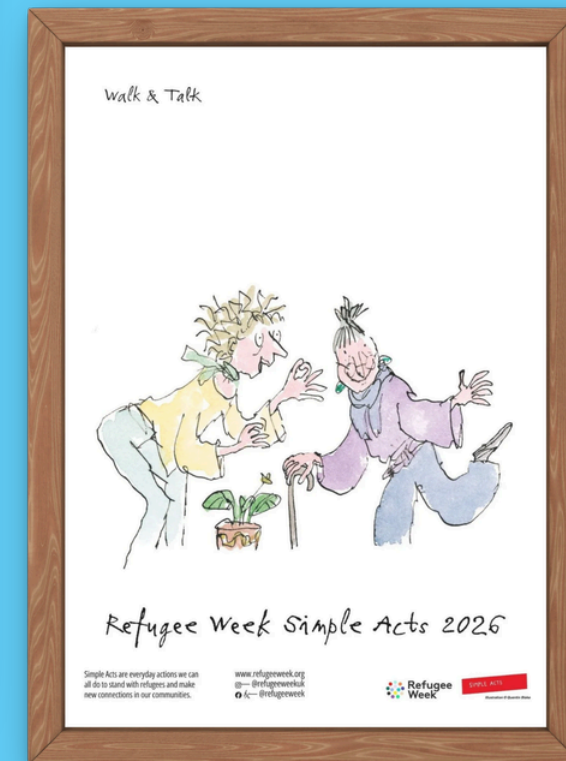
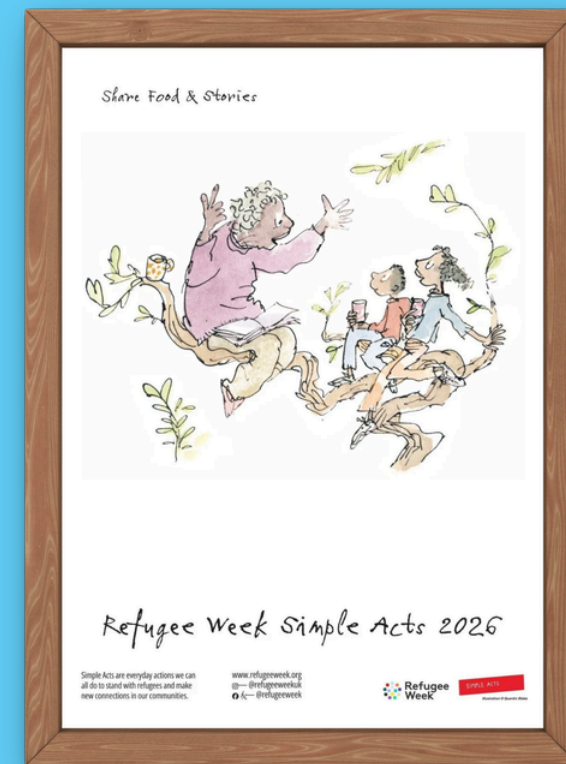
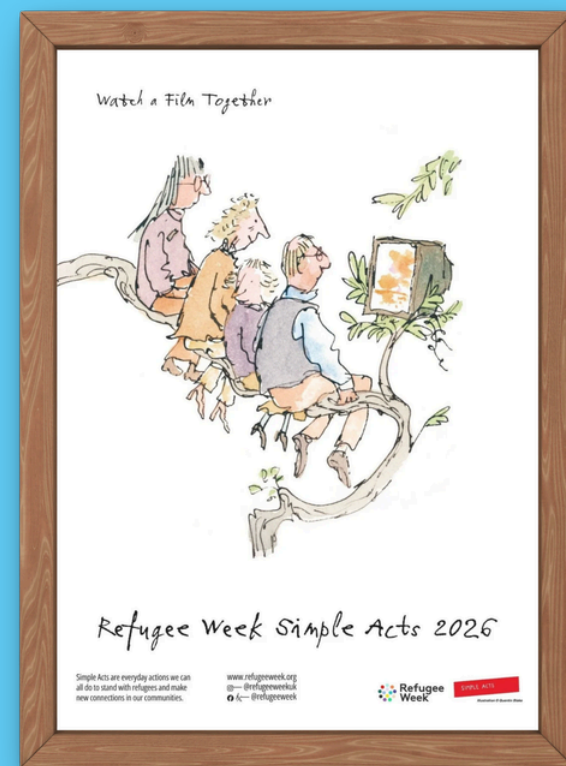
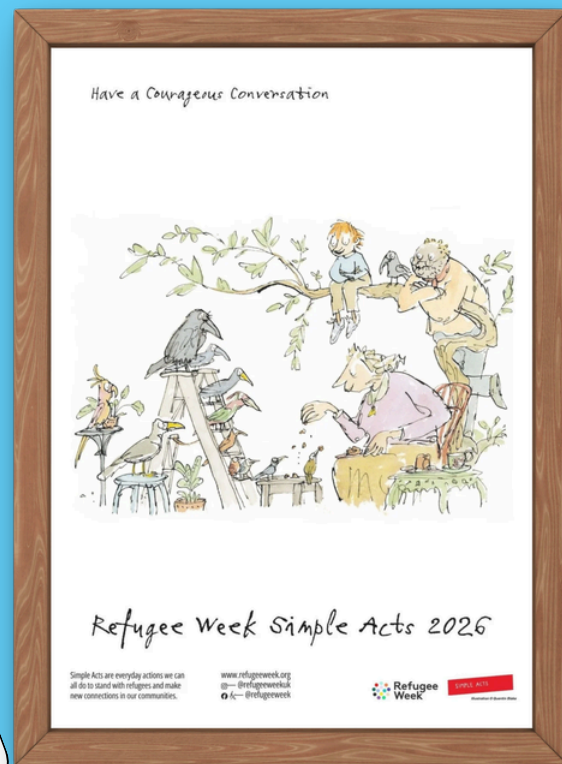
During the week throughout the school we will be engaging in these Simple Acts.

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

Tag us in on Instagram (@smtvcadiff)

#SimpleActs

#RefugeeWeek



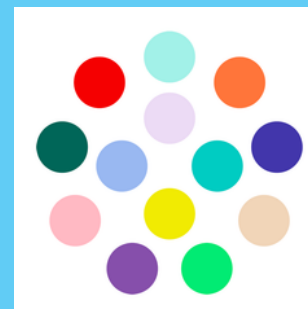
PRAYER SPACES

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

@PrayerInSchools

<https://prayerspacesinschools.org/>

Let your
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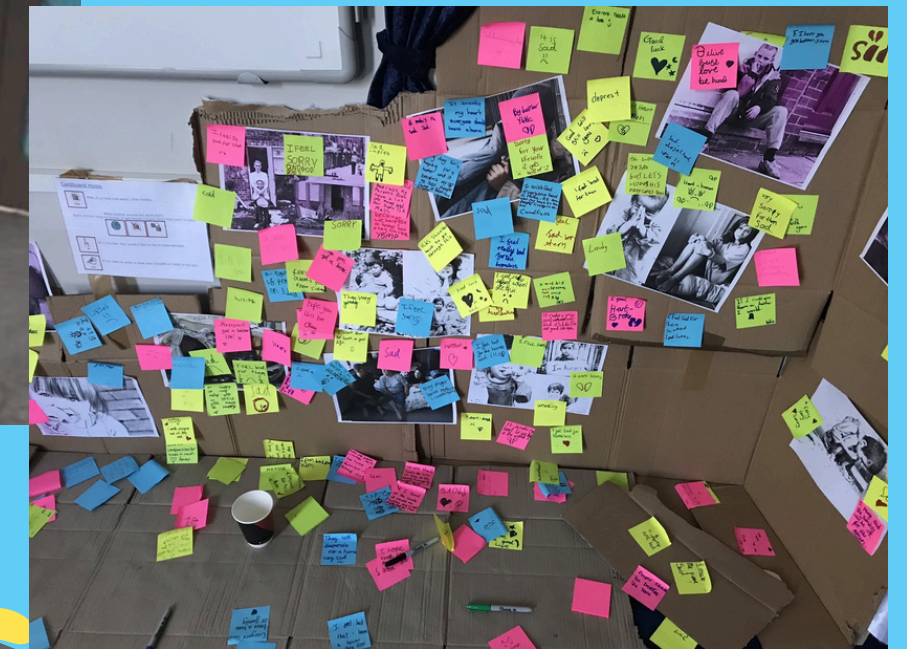
CARDBOARD HOME

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 hopes or prayers onto the cardboard box for people who have no homes.



I was hungry and you gave me some food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me some water to drink. I was visiting your town and you asked me to stay in your home.

Matthew 25:35

Matthew 5:3-12



PRAY

Happy are the people who know that they need God very much. The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like that.

Happy are the people who are sad now. God will come near to help them.

Happy are the people who are kind. The whole earth will belong to them.

Happy are the people who want to obey God, as much as they want to eat food. God will give to them everything that they need.

Happy are the people who help other people and who forgive them. God will forgive people like that.

Happy are the people who have only good thoughts. They will come near to God and see him.

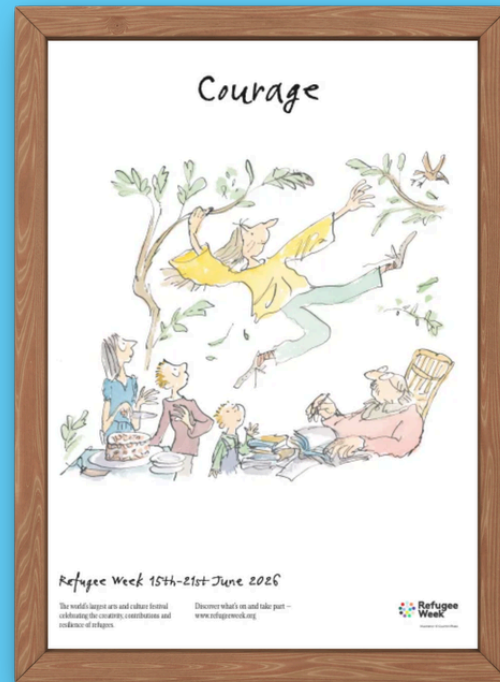
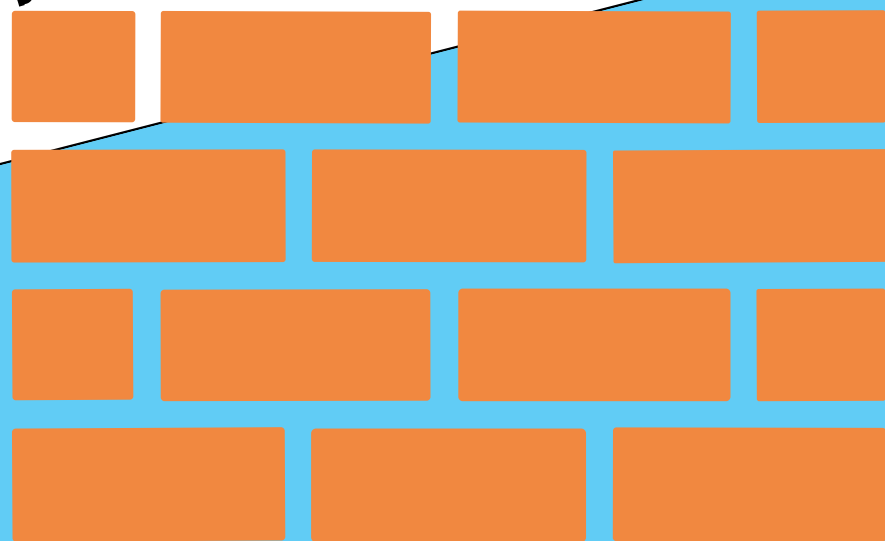
Happy are the people who bring people together to be friends. God will call them his children.

Happy are the people who do what is right but other people hurt them because of it. The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like that.

Yes, happy are you when people say bad things against you because you believe in me. Or they may hurt you. Or they may say things about you that are not true. God is preparing many good things for you in heaven. So you should be very happy when people do these bad things to any of you. People did these same things to God's prophets who lived long ago.'

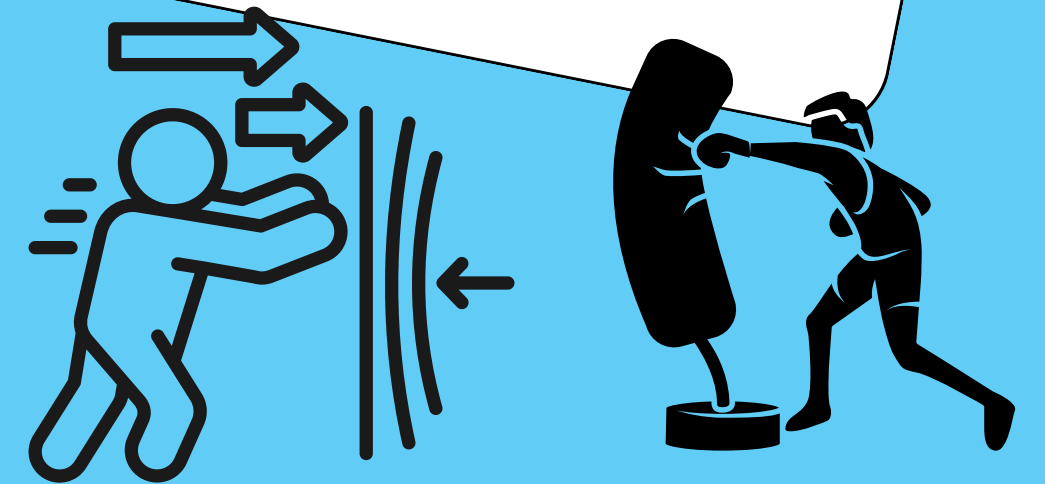
THE BEATITUDES: RESILIENCE

Sometimes we find life hard – we can feel knocked down, defeated or low. Certain things encourage, strengthen and build us up. It's different for everyone. This can be called resilience – the ability to recover from difficulties. Choose a brick – think of something or someone that strengthens you or helps you recover when you're having a hard time. Write or draw it onto the brick as we strengthen our walls.



THE BEATITUDES: RESILIENCE

Resilience is about bouncing back when life knocks you down. Think about something that has knocked you down recently – perhaps you've fallen out with a friend, or found something tricky – if you want to you can talk to a friend or teacher. When you're ready, push the top of the punchbag all the way down and watch how it springs back up (be careful it doesn't hit you!). As you push the punchbag down a second time, think about what has knocked you down. Say a wish or a prayer asking for resilience – for the strength to bounce back.



PRAYER SPACE

THE BEATITUDES: JUSTICE

Some people are treated unfairly – look at some of the examples.

Scales are often used as a symbol of justice: look at the scales – one side is weighted down with things that aren't fair.

On a piece of paper, write a thought prayer or action that you could do to help bring fairness to the world.

Together will you be able to balance the scales with your thoughts, prayers and actions?



PRAYER SPACE

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BEING BRAVE

In the Christmas story, Mary was brave when the angel told her that she was having a baby. And the wise men were brave when they decided to take a different path home instead of going back to see King Herod.

We all need to be brave sometimes. We need courage to face difficult situations.

What do you need to be brave about?

Find the letter that starts your name and then, if you want to, write or draw a thought or a prayer about being brave on it

PRAY



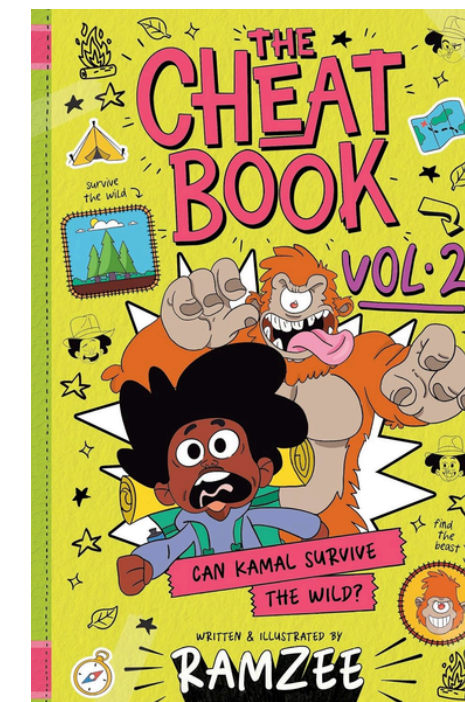
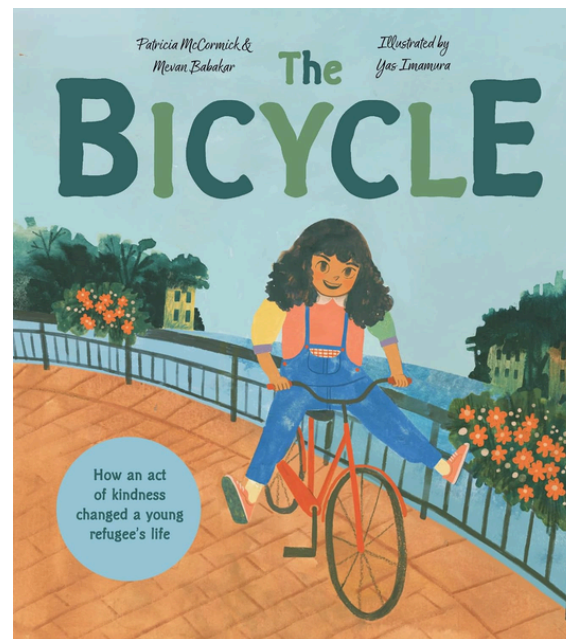
“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!”
Psalm 31:24



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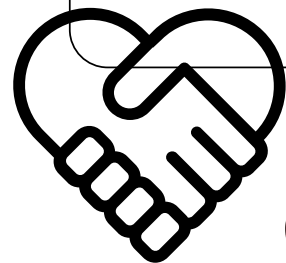
THIS YEAR'S BOOKS



FRIDAY 12TH JUNE: A DAY OF WELCOME

WHOLE SCHOOL

Reviewing our Welcome greetings so they reflect our whole school community.
Welcome Posters for classrooms created.



YEARS R-6

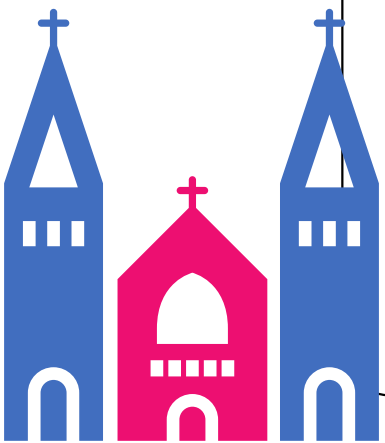
VNET CIC Webinars:
Storytime with Michael Rosen
Meet & Greet with Dina and Ayman
The Cheat Book with Ramzee

WORSHIP SQUAD

Setting up Prayer Spaces in Church with Mrs Prichard



SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026



ST MARY'S CHURCH

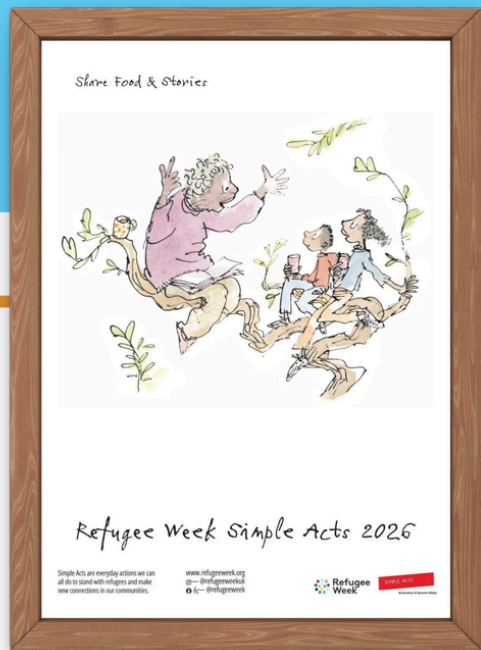
11:00 Solemn Mass.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH

12:00 Ice Cream Sunday

ALL welcome to join us, whatever your faith, in the church front gardens for some delicious Ice Cream.



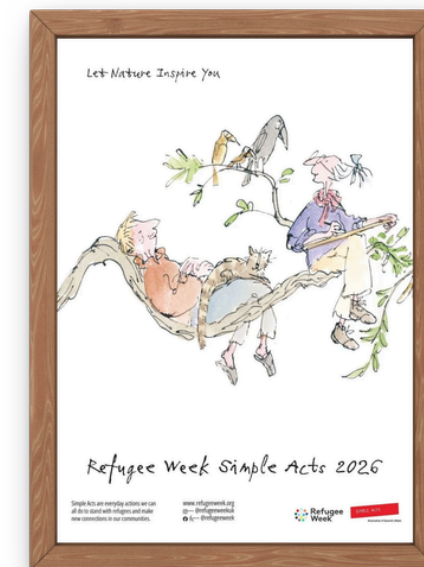
MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2026

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Groups of children from St Mary's School to visit Prayer Spaces during the day.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Eco Committee Pupil Action Group prepare seed packets to distribute around the community.



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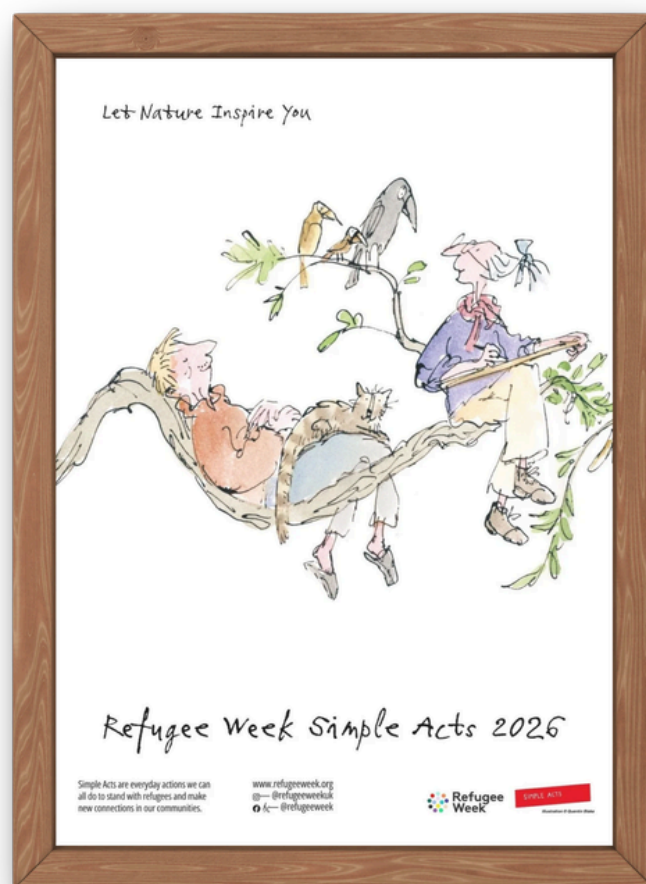
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Gardening in St Mary's Church Carpark - groups of children from school help Fr Dean!

IN SCHOOL

Range of Refugee Week activities in all classes.

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026



ST MARY'S CHURCH

6:30 p.m. Requiem Mass to remember all Refugees and Asylum Seekers who have died.



WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

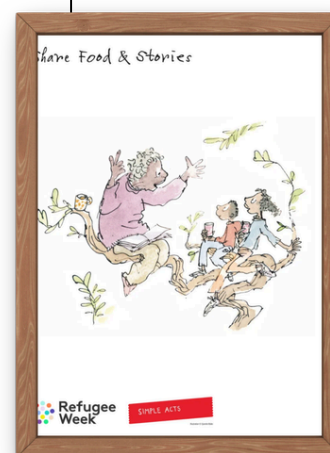
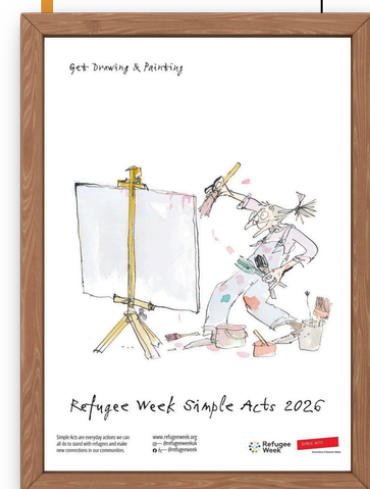


IN SCHOOL

11:00 Muslim Assembly

Range of Refugee Week
Activities in classes.

Staff Bring & Share Lunch.



ST MARY'S CHURCH

11:00 School Mass

6:00 'Croeso Butetown' at St
Mary's

We're excited to be working with Tabernacl
Chapel in the Hayes to support refugee
groups through micro grants.



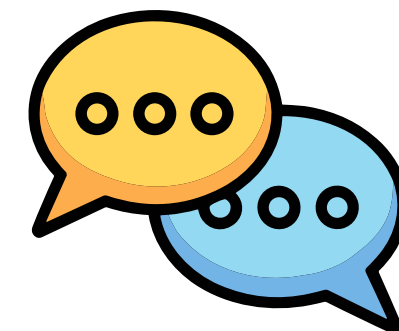
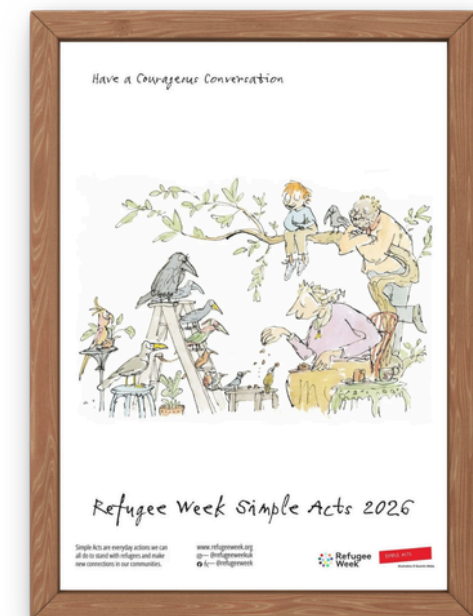
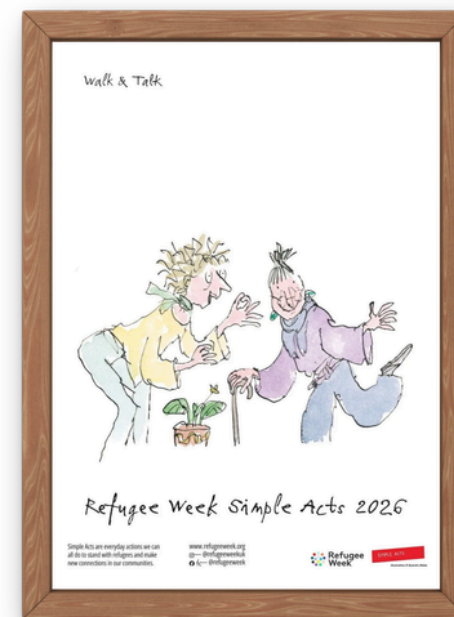
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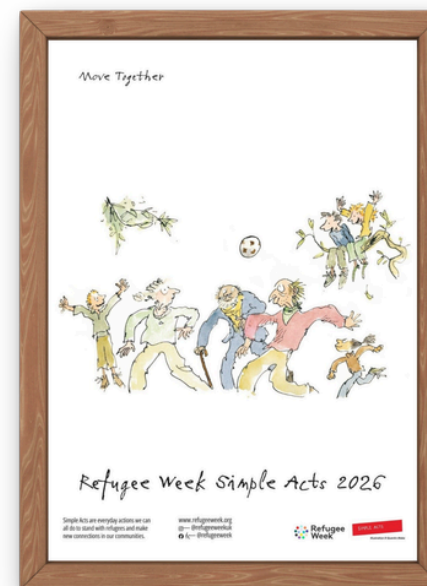
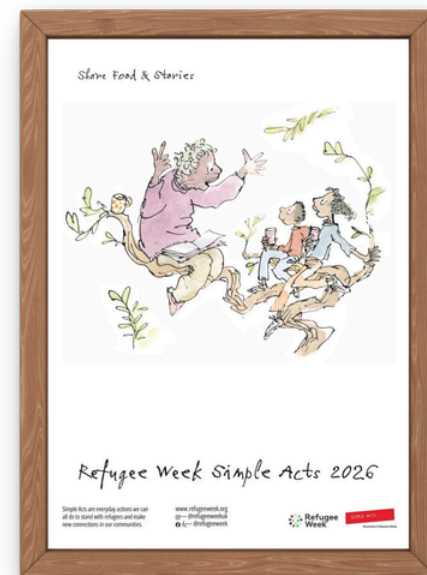
Worship Squad meet pupils from Archbishop Rowan Williams CW School and do Faithful Butetown Walk together



THURSDAY 18TH JUNE



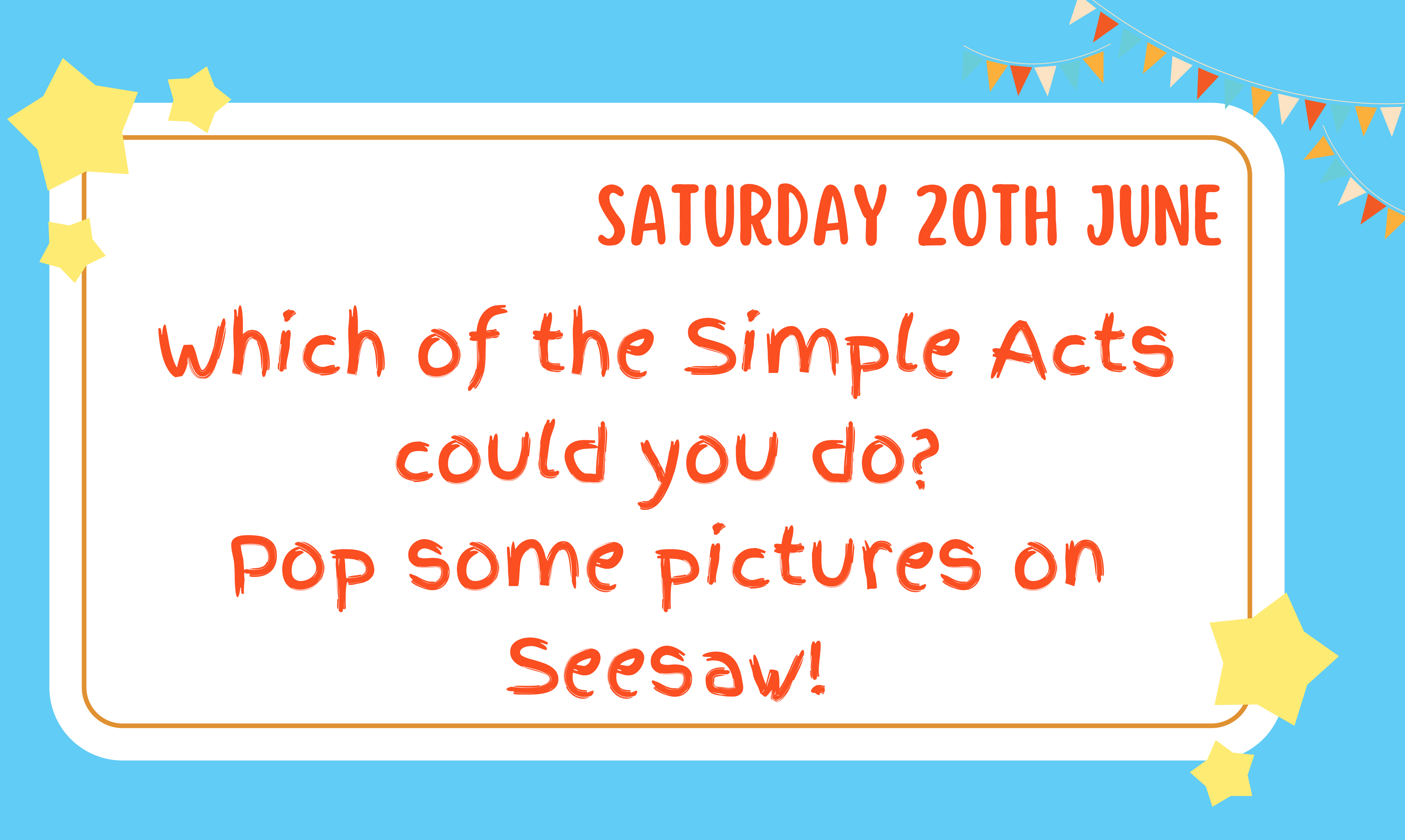
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE



SCHOOL

**Children wear clothes linked
to their heritage/home to
school.**

**3:15 p.m. our Annual Global
Picnic - ALL WELCOME
Bring some food to share**



SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

Which of the Simple Acts
could you do?
Pop some pictures on
Seesaw!

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026



ST MARY'S CHURCH

11:00 Sanctuary Sunday Solemn Mass.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH GARDEN

12:00 Great Get Together Barbeque

ALL welcome to join us, whatever your faith, in the church front gardens for a barbeque - halal, vegetarian and vegan options available!



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!

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