

RVE St Winefride's Catholic Primary School



Autumn 2 2025
Prayer Box Themes
And
Missions

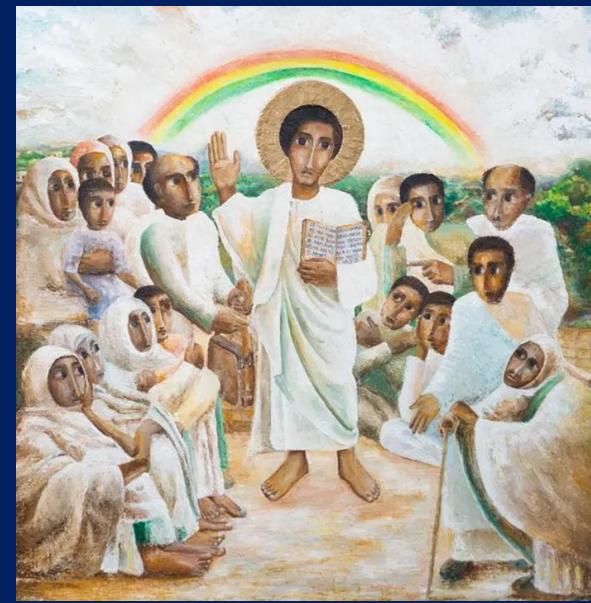


This half term, we have decided to link our prayer boxes and our missions to the Jubilee Year 2025 and to being Pilgrims of Hope.





The Jubilee Icon



- In order to celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, CAFOD commissioned an icon from artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.
- [The Jubilee 2025 icon: Meaning and symbolism | CAFOD](#)

Scripture:

- The icon interprets Jesus' teaching of healing and liberation in the Synagogue in Luke 4:16-21, which refers to Isaiah 61:1-2. This passage is particularly relevant to the Jubilee given its emphasis on bringing good news to those who are poor, and liberty to those who are captive or oppressed.
 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

LUKE 4:18-19

World Day of the Poor

- Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 16 November 2025 to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "You are my hope"
- The theme is taken from the Psalmist's cry "You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5).
- In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation"

Preferential Option for the Poor

Putting people most
in need first.



Your class prayer box tasks:

- Follow the words of Pope Francis:

“During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.”

POPE FRANCIS

- As a class and with your teachers, decide on an action which can bring good news to the poor or bring liberty to those who are captive or oppressed (treated harshly, had their freedom taken away and treated cruelly and unfairly.)

Dosbarth Glas

Nursery:

We decided that we wanted to give hope to people who had no food. We decided we would bring in food and other things for people who use the foodbank.



We looked at what the Food Bank needed most and then we asked our Mums and Dads if they could help us.

We brought in lots of things for the Food Bank including food, drink and toiletries. It will really help people this Christmas who don't have enough for themselves and bring a little hope!



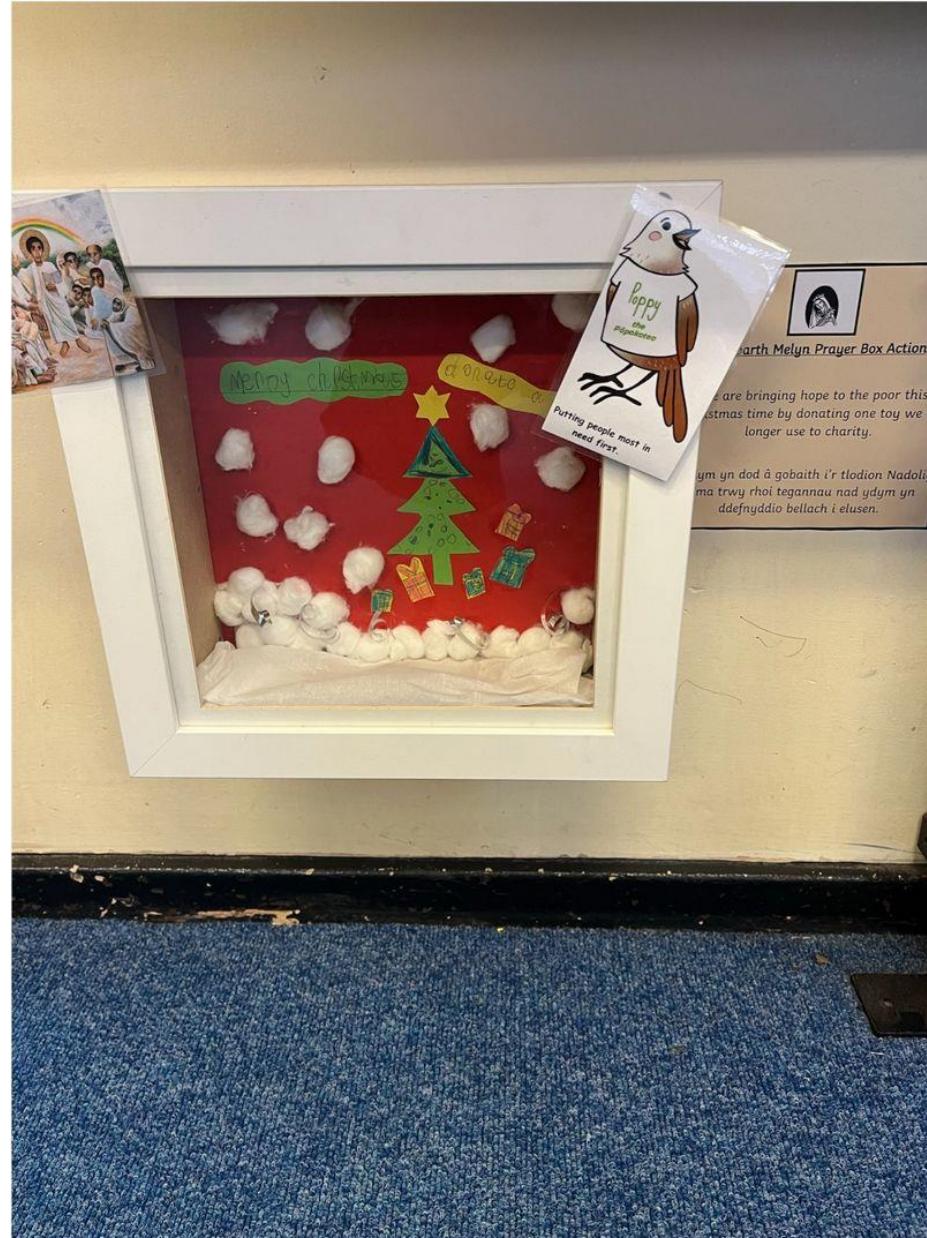
Impact:

How did we help?	What could we do better next time?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have collected items that people really needed for the Foodbank.• People will now have food and toiletries that they need to keep them healthy and safe.• We have worked with our parents to help people.• We know that not everyone has food and it is our job to share what we have with others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More of us could have joined in. Maybe if we had run it for a bit more time.• We could have walked to deliver the items so we could see where the foodbank is and what they are doing.

Dosbarth Melyn

Reception/Year 1:

Helping the poor
people in our
community.





Dosbarth Melyn decided to donate old toys to a local charity shop to support families who would benefit from toys at Christmas. Children worked with their parents and carers at home to find a toy they no longer play with or use, and then proudly brought them into school ready to donate.

This small act of kindness will help bring joy to others and encourages our children to think of others and put kindness first.

Impact:

How did we help?	What could we do better next time?
<p>We have up something that was once ours to make others happy.</p> <p>We helped a local charity shop by donating a range of different toys.</p> <p>We brought joy to other children.</p> <p>We worked together to share donations.</p>	<p>Next time, it would be nice for the children to take their donations themselves.</p> <p>Allow more time for children to explore the different local charities and ask them to choose one they would like to donate to.</p>

Dosbarth Coch

Year 1/2:

Cafod World Gifts



We decided that it would be nice to send Christmas cards to people who may not receive many this Christmas time.

As a class we then looked on the Cafod World Gifts website and chose some Christmas cards to buy. This meant our money would go towards helping others in need.

We wanted to take our cards to the local food bank so that when people went they could also take a card for free to cheer them up.

However, we found it hard to get to the food bank so our school choir took our cards to the local care home. The residents were thrilled and it gave them lots of joy at Christmas time.







Impact

How did we help?

We got cards from Cafod World Gifts which means we have helped poor people.

We have chosen cards which show the Nativity story. We are teaching people about the story of when Jesus was born.

We shared happiness in Plas Yr Wren. The residents loved our cards and we gave them all joy.

What could we do better next time?

Give more time to be able to take our cards to the food bank.

We could buy more cards and share them in more places.

Dosbarth Dyfi

Year 3/4:

Praying for the poor people in our community.



- As a class, we voted to create posters (choosing either to use Adobe or paper) to show the many ways people can bring good news to the poor and help others.
- While designing our posters, we took time to think carefully about the words and images we chose, and what they would communicate to others. This helped us reflect on how small actions can make a real difference.
- We displayed our posters on Seesaw and next to our prayer box to encourage our family and friends to think about how they too can help others during the Christmas season.

ST WINEFRIDES **BRING HOPE TO THE POOR**



Homeless



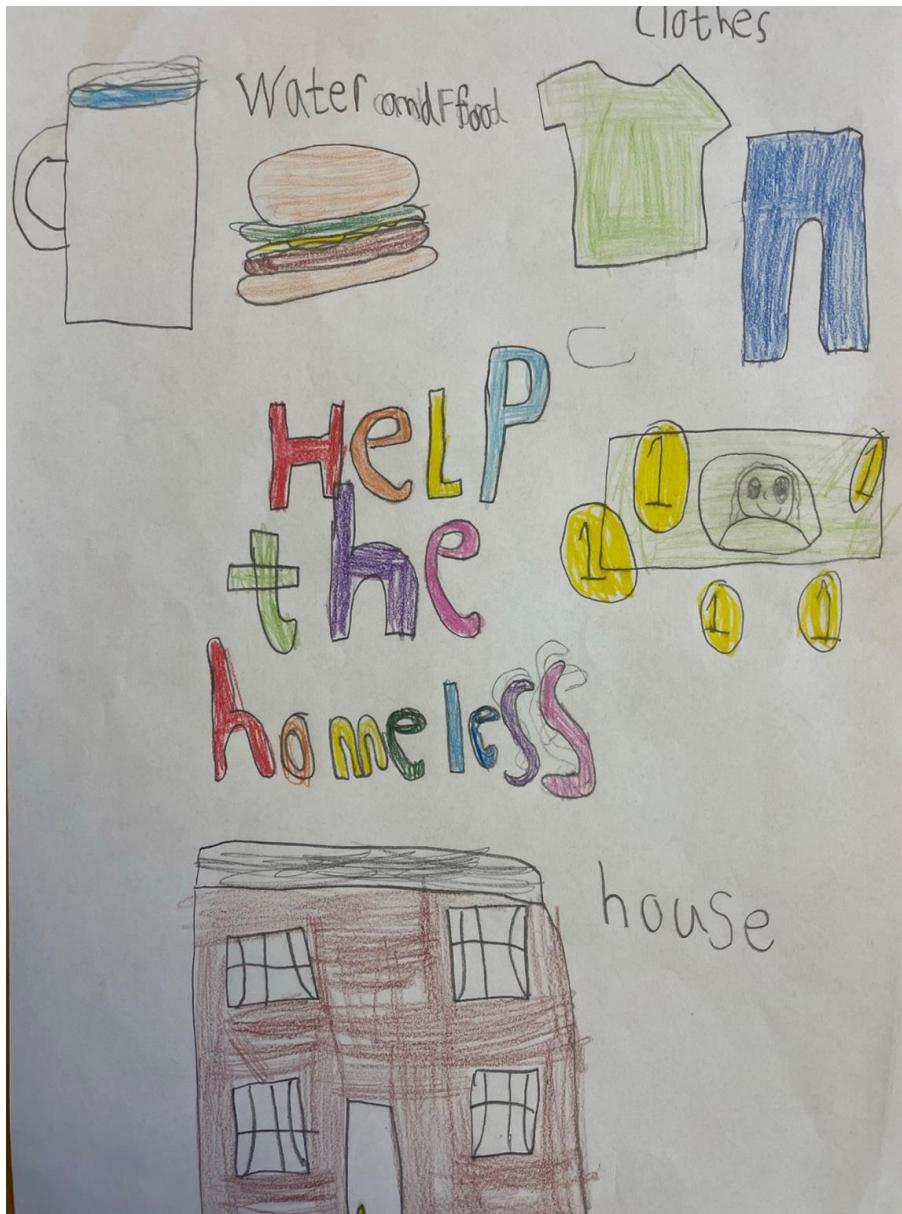


Bring Good News to the poor



homeless people **clothes**

Food



Impact:

How did we help?	What could we do better next time?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children in Dosbarth Dyfi understood ways to help others and bring good news to the poor.• Designing the posters encouraged discussion, reflection, and creativity.• We shared our posters with family and friends, raising awareness within our school community of ways to help others during the Christmas season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide more time for children to research real-life charities helping others.• Display the children's posters around the school and in Holywell so more people can see them.

Dosbarth Clywedog

Year 4/5: Operation Christmas Child



We had a non uniform day to raise money for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is organised by the Samaritans charity. Operation Christmas Child is where people donate important items and toys in shoe boxes and they are given to children in poorer countries.



We raised £50. This was enough for 2 shoeboxes. We made one for a boy aged 2-4 and one for a girl aged 10-14.



Impact:

How did we help?	What could we do better next time?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have helped two children by giving them important items to keep them warm and safe.• We have helped by giving them toys which will make them happy and keep them entertained.• We brought the children hope and joy.• We also sent kind messages to the children to make them happy.• We have made parents and carers aware of Operation Christmas Child so we can do more in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We could raise more money so that we can send more boxes.• We could team up with another class.• We could make and send our own boxes rather than choosing online. We would have to do this earlier to meet the mid-November deadline.• We could get the church and other members of the local community involved in the fundraising or asking for donations.• Spread the message more online.

Dosbarth Menai

Year 5/6:

Spreading hope by
singing in the
community.



Some of the children from Dosbarth Menai, along with the school choir, visited Plas Yr Ywen to sing some Christmas songs to the residents.



Impact:

How did we help?	What could we do better next time?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We gave Christmas cheer to others.• It made the residents feel happy, we could see them smiling and enjoying our singing.• We gave some cards to the residents from Dosbarth Coch. This made them happy as some of them said they don't get many Christmas cards.• It gave us chance to see the residents and have a chat with them, meaning they weren't lonely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We could sing more in the community, for example, in Tesco or at Holywell Hospital.• We could spend longer there, and then talk to the residents more or do an activity with them, such as reading or colouring.