



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Advent Term

Newsletter No.10

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone for braving the bitter cold weather this week and very heavy traffic and still arriving at school in the mornings in good spirits with children ready to learn.

Today is Jubilee Celebration Day. Children gathered together in their classrooms to watch a National Jubilee Assembly celebrating and giving thanks for all we have achieved as Catholic school communities in this Jubilee Year.

We are one of more than 1,000 schools that made a Jubilee Pledge, a long-term commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and global solidarity. We reminded ourselves about the Jubilee Year, what Pope Francis asked us all to do, and our pledge to support Slough Food Bank.

On Tuesday, Mrs Remfeld accompanied all 16 members of our newly appointed Mission Team to St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School for their first training day. Working in mixed groups with children from other primary schools in the Trust, they enjoyed icebreaker games, discussion activities and prayer experiences. After lunch, each group had a task to prepare an act of worship. Our children represented our school beautifully, and were outstanding ambassadors for our school – thank you children and thank you Mrs Remfeld.

Our 3 year old Nursery children also enjoyed their 'When I Grow Up day' on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the children proudly describing who they wanted to be when they grow up; there was an array of professions represented, including police officers, doctors, fireman, chefs and footballers. Thank you so much to parents and carers for organising these costumes.

Thank you to all our Parents and Carers who attended their child's Parents' Evening this week. We hope parents and carers found the evenings informative and were pleased with the progress your child has made this term. We know many parents enjoyed viewing the Year 1 and Year 4 work on display in the hall.

A reminder that we will be having a mufti day in school next Friday (28th November) to raise donations for the PTA Christmas Fair. Further information can be found in this newsletter. We are very appreciative of any support you can give to our school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 11.30am Feast of Christ the King Youth Mass this Sunday. It really is a lovely occasion for our pupils - past and present - to come together to celebrate faith, friendship and belonging.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Sunday 23rd November	Feast of Christ the King Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church 11.30am
Monday 24th November	Week 2 of the Menu
Tuesday 25th November	Year 6 World War II Day (At School) Year 1 Class (Mrs Hendy) Visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 26th November	Year 5 Swimming Year 1 Class (Mrs Hume) Visit to Langley Library
Friday 28th November	Mufti Day PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 1st December	Week 1 of the Menu
Tuesday 2nd December	Reception Class (Mrs Scott) Visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 5 Swimming Year 6 Class (Mrs Doyle & Miss Caswell) Visit to Langley Library PTA Pantomime at The Theatre Royal Windsor 7pm
Friday 5th December	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Monday 8th December	Mufti Day – Donations for Love Christmas Campaign
Tuesday 9th December	Year 6 Visit to Battle of Britain Bunkers Year 5 Class (Mrs Fox) Visit to Langley Library EYFS Nativity to Parents 2pm
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS Nativity to Parents 10am
Thursday 11th December	KS1 Nativity to Parents 10am KS1 Nativity to Parents 2pm
Friday 12th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch (Own Clothes/Christmas Jumpers)

Celebrate Success!

To link in with our Vision statement, 'To value, inspire and challenge all', we invite parents/carers to notify us of special achievements (outside of school e.g. music, sports, positive contribution) your child has achieved so they can be recorded on their school record and shared with children and staff. Please email bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk for notification. Your child will receive recognition for their achievement from their class teacher, and Mrs Benn, who will issue a 'Head teacher's Award' certificate.

Achievements

Congratulations to Aarish Thirukkumaran who last weekend was awarded Player of the Match for the Chalfont Saints Inclusive Football Club in Chalfont St. Peter. Aarish also achieved his

5m Aided Swimming Certificate at the Hillingdon Sports & Leisure Complex in Uxbridge. Well done Aarish.

Congratulations to Ciara Robinson who danced at the Southern Oireachtas last week. Ciara was placed 11th out of 24 in the Under 9 girls' category for the whole of Southern England. This was Ciara's first big major competition. Well done Ciara.

Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Doyle and Miss Caswell's Year 6 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.7%). Please see attached poster which shows each year group's overall attendance for this week.

Book of the Week

Each week, we will recommend a lovely new book, which will hopefully inspire our children to broaden their reading tastes.



Author: Onjali Q Raúf

Interest Age: 9-11

Reading Age: 9+

10-year-old Zak must give up his room when his Nani comes to stay. At first the pair lock horns, but as Nani begins to lose her memory, Zak uses her love of chess to remind her of her glory days. A beautiful.

Wednesday Word

Jacob Remmer in Year 6 writes for us this week:

Our Wednesday Word this week is MERCY.

Our Gospel this week is from Luke 23:35-43:

While Jesus was on the cross, the leaders of the people insulted him saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One". The soldiers also mocked and made fun of him saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself". Above Jesus was a sign which said, 'This is the King of the Jews'. There were also two criminals who were on crosses alongside Jesus, and one of them said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Jesus replied, "I promise you, today you will be with me in Paradise".

In the gospel, Jesus showed mercy to the soldiers by forgiving them for mocking him and he forgives the sins of the criminal who was on the cross next to his .

Jesus is the perfect example of how to show mercy in our school life by forgiving someone if they have done wrong, even if it feels like they don't deserve it.

In the Bible mercy is the 'gift of God's undeserved kindness and compassion'.

Let's try to share this gift with people around us at school, home and our communities.

This Sunday is also the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Kind of the Universe, also known as the Feast of Christ the King.

Feast of Christ the King – Youth Mass

This Sunday 23rd November, all pupils (past and present) are invited to attend the 11.30am Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church for a youth Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of our liturgical year. This is our annual reunion Mass which we have started to hold each year. An opportunity for pupils and staff, past and present to re-connect and strengthen our sense of belonging to the Holy Family School Community as lifelong.

Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Own Clothes Day

Whole-school Christmas lunch will be served to all full time pupils on Friday 12th December free of charge, this includes our full time 3 year old Nursery children. A letter was sent home with children today detailing the meal options (please see attached also).

For Reception to Year 2: Please make your selection on the Colham Catering Portal: www.colhamcateringplus.co.uk.

For Nursery and Years 3 to Year 6: Please email your meal choice to orders@hfcs.org.uk stating your child's name, class and meal choice. (Selections that have already been made for these year groups on the portal will be refunded to your account)

Please make your selection by Friday 28th November 2025. On this day, children may wear either a Christmas jumper and/or their own choice of clothes. Thank you.

Love Christmas Campaign – Bags of Kindness – Monday 8th December MUFTI DAY

We would like to build on your wonderful generosity last year and request your help in supporting the Diocesan Love Christmas Campaign again this year. On Monday 8th December, we invite children to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in donations of much needed gifts to put smiles on the faces of young families, children and the elderly living in isolation and poverty, as well as young people leaving the care system and living alone, and young carers who do so much all year round for others and have little time to actually be a child.

Donations needed include a range of small items such as: selection boxes, small toys, books, games, colouring books, puzzles, shortbread, biscuits, sweets or chocolate, clothing such as scarfs, hats, gloves, games that can be played as a family, make up, nail varnish, hand cream and other treats, with the goal of both helping each recipient to feel the warmth of human connection and the joy of Christmas and to know that someone is thinking of them and cares for them.

Please can we kindly ask that all donations be brought into school on Monday 8th December and passed to your child's class teacher (please do not wrap any gifts).

Please contact Mrs Chandler (bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk) if you have any queries.

We will be very grateful for any donations received, whether it be one item or several. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

We still have one vacancy for a Foundation Governor on our Local Academy Committee. As Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop of Northampton, we welcome any Catholic parent who may be interested in serving our school in this way. Please either speak with Mrs Benn or email our clerk to Local Academy Committee, Mrs M Gilmartin if you are interested. Mgilmartin@stcat.co.uk

Nursery and School Admission for September 2026

Admission to Reception September 2026

The above admission round opened on the 15th of September 2025 and closes on 15th January 2026. You must apply via your local authority website completing a Common Application Form (CAF) for a place in a Reception class to start September 2026.

In addition to completing a CAF, please complete our Supplementary Form (Called 'Reception School Supplementary Form' on our website) and return with the relevant supporting documents to Holy Family Catholic School by 15th January 2026. Reception Supplementary Forms can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

Admission to 2 or 3-Year-Old Nurseries September 2026

The Nursery 2026 admission round is now open. Nursery application forms can be obtained from the school website or the school office; please complete our Application Form and return with the relevant supporting documents by 15th January 2026.

Phonics

If you would like to continue to support your child at home with their phonics, the following links below might be useful. If you look for the name of the adult who leads your child's RWI group or the colour of book that they are on you will see links to the sounds that have been taught this week. This support is primarily aimed at those children in Reception – Year 2 who are currently learning their phonics; however, all parents are very welcome to access the links below regardless of what year their child is in.

Mrs Harris	Set 1	P- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/horGCqBZ/vILH3F71 G- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UyzA6aj3/QsKKuBEf O- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nJxecNjr/xxF06W8q C- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dtqZkiVI/l2owinbH http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CATuaxLJ/ghQ4fzP1 http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/F5KOEtyD/IT5JRF4i
Mrs Scott	Set 1	H- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tCvLT5Qo/8S1CkqTf Y- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7tNrjzJc/E3V9u4k9 B- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/b974QSLs/LGWAjzJW X- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XsUVIFuz/QbPboUgp http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CATuaxLJ/ghQ4fzP1 http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/F5KOEtyD/IT5JRF4i
Mrs Mulrooney / Mrs Birch	Word Time	http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kfsTDIwD/A0MbSYSK http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8USGMpTY/ODneAWru http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TJ6byrRw/n1QJ38Nn http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wAJCoMFm/fuD4riZx

Mrs Crow	Ditties	CK- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OuCx6YSG/KdSIRB69 SH- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VNOSfe9y/1ZXY99mY TH- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PjUYwnqv/zQswZ6Bl CH- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oQh28WUY/h2ARg4Lq
Mrs Keogh Mrs Hendy	Green Pink	AR- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/O22fMJBg/t49hcAl8 OR- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SYwuDCVO/ghsKG2Du AIR- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hAn6wb79/LfXUfkld IR- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LaLWwk5L/NVOaPr6y
Mrs Wilson Mrs Hogg Miss MacFarlane	Orange Blue Grey	AW- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3noSr4WO/nFMMrPU6 ARE- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ajOrjc6u/Ackg166T UR- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RqLOWIbW/5ZlxKxfH ER- http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GO29dBn6/Y3aLLrdC

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) NEWS

If you want to be involved in the PTA in anyway, maybe you have an idea for an event/project or want to volunteer. It's a great way to meet other parents and gain some new skills. Please contact holyfamilylangleyppta@gmail.com.

PTA Christmas Fair – 5th December

The Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 5th December after school to 4.30pm. Please see attached poster.

If you would like to volunteer at the Christmas Fair, please join a volunteer meeting at the school on Wednesday 26th November at 8.50am. Meet at the office entrance.

You can also email holyfamilylangleyppta@gmail.com if you would like to get involved but can't make the meeting time.

PTA Mufti Day Friday 28th November

We would like donations of the following for the Christmas Fair in return for a Mufti Day.

Bag of wrapped sweets or lollies

Chocolate bars - large and small

New, small party bag type toys - fidget toys, yo yos, puzzles, crayons, stickers etc. (For use as small prizes on our games stalls).

Christmas Food items such as mince pies, wine, festive snacks and treats - for use in our hampers.

Please ensure items are in date. Thank you

PTA – Pantomime update – Tickets will be in book bags next week

Thank you to EVERYONE who bought tickets for the pantomime at The Theatre Royal Windsor, which will be a performance of Cinderella on Wednesday 3rd December at 7pm <https://theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/cinderella-25/>. Your tickets will be sent home in your children's book bags next, so please keep an eye out for them. Thanks for your support – Holy Family PTA

OTHER

Apply for The Great British Bake Off!

Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker?

Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you! If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply now at www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk or email us on applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form. Closing date for applications is 1pm on Monday 15th December 2025.