



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Advent Term

Newsletter No.6

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

What a week of faith and generosity we have had at Holy Family! As we celebrate October, the month of Mary, our new Mission Team have been leading a daily Rosary Club at playtime. It has been lovely to see them take on their role as faith leaders so willingly, giving children the chance to pray together each day. Our Year 6 children have been taking part in the Mark Mission Rosary Challenge, with a decade of the rosary being said together every day; this has been a lovely opportunity for peace and reflection in amidst our busy school day.

Thank you to our PTA for organising the Little Recyclers collections on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We are very grateful to the PTA for their hard work and to every family who donated.

Today, members of our Mission Team travelled to Dunstable with Mrs Benn to attend the Diocesan Schools Mass, where they were formally commissioned in their new roles. We are very proud of them. Meanwhile, Years 4-6 walked to Holy Family Church to celebrate Mass together with members of the parish, as our school community has marked CAFOD Family Fast Day. It was a sight to behold as almost 200 children travelled down Trelawney Avenue, each wearing something bright along with their uniform, raising awareness for 'Go Bright for CAFOD'. Our younger children walked a lap of the school playing field. Thank you for contributing a donation via ParentPay – the money raised will go directly towards supporting CAFOD's work to help children in Zimbabwe access safe water and nutritious food. It is a lovely example of putting our faith into action.

Please be aware that pantomime tickets go on sale today next Friday (16th October); please see the details in this newsletter regarding how to secure your tickets. Please note the tickets sell out very quickly.

The deadline for returning the PTA Christmas Card order forms is Monday 12th October. If you are yet to return an order form and would like to do so, please pass it to your child's class teacher at drop off on Monday (12th October).

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Doyle

Prayer for CAFOD Family Fast Day (Children's Prayer)

Almighty God,

We thank you for the gift of education. We thank you for our teachers and friends and all the resources that enable us to learn.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in the developing world. We pray that the fighting stops, and that peace will prevail.

We thank you for CAFOD and for the amazing training programs they are providing that are changing lives.

We stand in solidarity with the call for all children to have access to good quality education, and we pray for a world where all resources are distributed fairly.

Amen.

SCHOOL STREET - ANPR CAMERAS ARE NOW LIVE

Please note that the ANPR cameras went live Monday 5th October 2026 during the School Street hours (8.15am-9.00am and 3.00-3.45pm). A few families may previously have been issued with paper permits – please note these will no longer be valid.

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th October	Week 1 of the Menu
Wednesday 14th October	Year 5 Swimming (5 of 10)
Friday 16th October	Mrs Powell's Year 2 Class Celebration of the Word 9am Parents Welcome Pre Loved Uniform Sale from 3pm
Monday 19th October	Week 2 of the Menu
Wednesday 21st October	STAFF INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 22nd October	STAFF INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 23rd October	STAFF INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
October Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026	
Monday 2nd November	Week 3 of the Menu
Thursday 5th November	School Photographs Year 5 Swimming (6 of 10)
Friday 6th November	Mrs Hume's Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word 9am Parents Welcome
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Sunday

October Holiday Camp 2026

Thank you to those parents who have completed the form. Further information will be sent to those parents early next week. Thank you.

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,

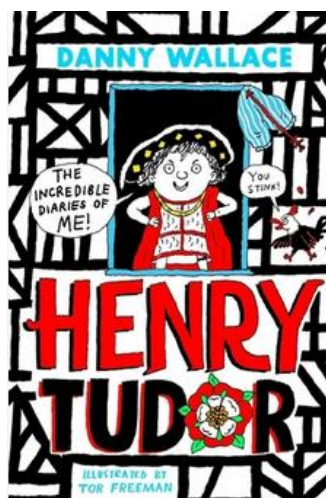
positive contribution) your child has achieved so they can be recorded on their school record and shared with children and staff. Please email bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk for notification. Your child will receive recognition for their achievement from their class teacher, and Mrs Benn, who will issue a 'Head teacher's Award' certificate.

Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Ciara Robinson who recently took part in a feis and came 3rd out of 23 dancers in the preliminary championships after only being back dancing a week after injury.

Book of the Week

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



Author: Danny Wallace

Illustrator: Tor Freeman

Interest Age: 7-11

Reading Age: 8+

Henry Tudor is 8 and a half, and he's the best at everything. But when a mysterious stranger challenges him to a series of competitions, things don't always go Henry's way. Outrageous! A very funny diary of one self-obsessed future king.

Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Green's Year 2 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (100%).

Reception Classes

The Slough Observer will be running an Our 'First Days' Supplement in the 23rd October 2026 edition of the paper. Please note that both of our two Reception classes are likely to be featured. Thank you.

Information re. Open Evening/Mornings for Secondary Schools September 2027 Entry and How to Apply

The Langley Academy – Please see the attached Application Timeline for Sept 2027 Entry

Qualification for Entry to Bucks Grammar Schools for Disadvantaged Students

Please see attached letter for more information.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer and School Visits

Year 6 children will need to complete a **Common Application Form** for secondary school **before 31st October** via your own local authority. Any parents of pupils who attend Holy Family School but live outside Slough should contact their home authority for a CAF.

Please also notify Mrs Oakes (Attendance Officer) if your child is attending secondary school open days this term. Please minimise absence by returning children to school promptly after school visits. Thank you.

Nursery and School Admission for September 2027

Admission to Reception September 2027

The above admission round opened on the 1st September 2026 and closes on 15th January 2027. You must apply via your local authority website completing a Common Application Form (CAF) for a place in a Reception class to start September 2027.

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 2027. Reception Supplementary Forms can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

Admission to 2 or 3 Year Old Nurseries September 2027

The Nursery 2027 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 2027.

STCAT Newsletter Celebrating the Catholic Life of Our Schools over the Last Year

Please see newsletter attached. The newsletter is also available on the STCAT website here <https://www.stcat.co.uk/about-us/catholicity-and-inclusion/celebrating-catholic-life-newsletter/>

Marian Month

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and children in KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6) will be invited to pray a decade of this wonderful prayer on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's in school. We invite you to maintain this month of dedication on Saturdays and Sundays at home. A decade of the Holy Rosary is:

1 x Our Father

10 x Hail Mary

1 x Glory Be

During each decade you can pray with a Mystery of the Rosary. Mysteries are moments in the life of Jesus and Mary. Please see the link below to help imagine them in your mind. There are four sets of five Mysteries:

The Joyful Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries

The Luminous Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries

We do hope that you can join us to pray the Rosary again this October. For further information, please see the following link: <https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/the-rosary-mysteries/>

Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly – RE Lead

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.

If you are unsure how to pronounce the sounds please the following link which goes through all the Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds and how to pronounce them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUbrJPA65g>

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Little Recyclers & Preloved Uniform Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who bought in bags of clothes for our Little Recyclers collection. We sent off two huge bags weighing 158kg and raising £40!

The Preloved Uniform collection was gratefully received and we have been busy preparing the items for the sale next week. Thank you so much for your donations!

Friday 16th October - After School - Preloved Uniform Sale

Our PTA will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale after school on Friday 16th October.

We will be selling branded jumpers, cardigans and PE jumpers for £3. Branded polo t-shirts and PE t-shirts will be £2.

There are plenty of white shirts, grey trousers, pinafores and other items that are all £1 or free! So come and grab yourself a bargain!

The event will be held in the hall in the event of wet weather.

Volunteers Needed for TLC morning! Date & Time TBC

Come and help make the outdoor environment flourish!

We are looking for enthusiastic parents and carers to roll up their sleeves and help give our school grounds some much-needed Tender Loving Care. Whether you have green fingers, DIY skills or just want to help out, there is a job for everyone.

Time and date to be confirmed but please speak to Chrissy, Halima or Becca or email holyfamilylangleyppta@gmail.com if you are interested or you can help provide tools or resources. Thank you!

Christmas Cards – Deadline Monday 12th October

This year, the PTA are offering the opportunity for parents to order merchandise, including Christmas cards, with your child's design on them. An amount from every item purchased is given back to the school so it raises vital funds. Within the next couple of weeks, your child will come home with a design which has already been completed or for them to colour at home. If you would like to place an order, please return the completed art work to your child's class teacher by Monday 12th October. Please fill in the details on the back of the form. These will be sent off to the company who runs it and once they have received it they will provide you with details of how you can order online. School cannot accept any designs handed in later than this date. Thank you from the PTA for your support.

PTA Pantomime

The PTA are delighted to announce we are returning to the pantomime at **The Theatre Royal Windsor** this year, which will be a performance of **Jack and The Beanstalk at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd December** <https://theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/beanstalk-26/> Once again, our favourites Kevin Cruise and Steven Blakely will entertain us all and get us in the festive mood.

Tickets will be going on sale in one week today on Friday 16th October.

We have excellent Front Stalls and Royal Stalls seats again this year, which are worth between £37 and £44.50 a ticket. You will be able to purchase up to 6 tickets per family, if your child

is a pupil at Holy Family School, and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We will, of course, accommodate any special access requirements, as always.

This is without a doubt a **FANTASTIC** night out for the children and adults alike, and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! Please look out for the school newsletter next Friday for further details of how to buy your tickets **Thank you for your support, from the Holy Family PTA**

OTHER

GEMS Autism & ADHD Support Service

Please see attached flyer for further information regarding what information, guidance, support GEMS can provide.

Slough Music Service

Slough Music Services '**Bands Workshop Day**' invites students **aged 9+** on their instrument to come and meet like-minded musicians, perform songs together, and work on what it means to be in a 'band' – learning about and developing their core musical and inter-personal skills in **October half-term, Tuesday 27th!**

This workshop is suitable for students who are **approx. grade 1 – 2** standard on their instrument, or higher (e.g. they have been learning a few terms at least and have some level of understanding. It is **not required** for students to be learning with Slough Music Service to attend – you could be learning elsewhere and simply want the opportunity to receive band coaching! Pupils will have the opportunity to performed well-known pop songs, as well as creating fun riffs and melodies, or their own small tunes as a group. Please see the link to sign-up, and the **attached poster** for full details. [Bands Workshop Day 27.10.26 - Chalvey Community Centre – Fill in form](#)

Curve Venue – October Half Term

Please see attached flyers for details of October half term events for families and children aged 3 to 11 years old.