

# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

## Holy Family Catholic Primary School



**Lent Term**

**Newsletter No.22**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and exciting week in school as we celebrated World Book Week together.

The week began with our Book Fair in School and in Nursery. Every purchase helps the school raise money to buy new books for our classrooms and library - so thank you!

On Monday we began 'Big Readers, Little Listeners', where some children from Reception to Year 6 spent time reading with our youngest learners in nursery and in our two-year-old provision. It was wonderful to see the older children sharing their love of reading.

Thursday was World Book Day, and the children looked fantastic in their costumes. They took part in a World Book Day quiz and spent the rest of the day creating work based on a Waterstones Children's Laureate. The day finished with an Author Trail, where children celebrated their learning, and we hope many of you enjoyed it after school as well.

Our final event to celebrate World Book Day this year will be author Colette Hiller visiting school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to Colette inspiring our children. My thanks go to Miss Macfarlane for organising such lovely opportunities for children to encourage their love of reading.

This morning, Mrs Green and Mrs Evans Year 4 class led a very reflective assembly as they shared their learning about the season of Lent. Children reminded us to pray, fast and be more charitable during Lent. They explained that by God's grace we will be forgiven throughout our lives if we say sorry to those we have upset and turn to God seeking mercy. Year 4 joyfully led the whole school in an action song about the churches social teaching pointing out this is how we live out our school mission statement: to make the world a better place. Well done Year 4, you gave the whole school a great start to our day.

Also, this week, 10 Living Eggs arrived in Year 4 on Monday and during the course of this week children have excitedly watched them hatch. Although this is part of Year 4's science topic many children and found a reason to walk through Year 4 shared area to visit the chicks!

Many Key Stage 2 children have independently and successfully run a club for other children in school over the last four weeks. Some children have shown themselves to be experts at 'thinking on their feet' whereas others have displayed thorough preparation and organisation. They have proved there are many ways to be successful and hopefully grown in confidence and communication skills during that time. Anyone who has run a club for four consecutive weeks will receive a 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move' badge in recognition of their success.

Thank you to everyone in the Early Years who brightened our school by wearing yellow on St David's Day. Next Wednesday we have a website photographer in school; if children can make a special effort to be in full uniform and full PE kit that would be appreciated.

Thank you to all those families who have already sponsored our Big Lent Walk. We have so far already completed 130 kilometres.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping us make this such a successful and enjoyable week for the children.

We kindly ask you to offer some prayers this weekend for those children in Year 3 whose First Reconciliation will take place tomorrow.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Benn

### **Children's Reconciliation Prayer**

Dear God, Help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen

### **DIARY DATES**

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Week 1 of the Menu
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 attend parish Mass at 10am
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 4 Swimming Website Photography Y5/Y6 Football Tournament St Bernard's Prep School
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Photographs Year 5 (Mrs O'Reilly) Class Visiting Langley Grammar School for ICT Experience Optional Parents' Evening 2-6pm (School hall)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 (Mrs Martinez & Mrs Kukla) Class Assembly

Nursery (3 Year Olds) Mother's Day Celebration  
11.30am and 2.30pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities

Author Visit (Colette Hiller)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

EYFS to Wear Green – St Patrick's Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 4 Swimming

Year 6 Visiting Langley Free Church for Easter Cracked

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

HFCS Feast Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 3 Tudor Day

Year 4 Attend Parish Mass at 10am

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 4 Victorian Day / Y3 PJ Day

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Y5 Stations of the Cross 9.30am Parents welcome

Nurseries Close For Easter

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

12.15pm School Closes For Easter

**Easter Camp**

Mr Holder will be running our popular Easter Camp for four days during the first week of the Easter holiday (30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April). A booking form is attached to this newsletter and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The Easter Camp is open to children from Reception to Year 6. We reserve the right not to go ahead with this club if we do not receive sufficient bookings by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**NSPCC Sessions**

We are pleased to share that we will be participating in the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay Safe.' programme this term. This is a programme for those aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter which goes into further detail. Included in the attached letter is an option to 'opt out' of completing the survey. **Any opt outs would need to be returned to your child's class teacher at school morning drop off on Monday (9<sup>th</sup> March) latest.**

**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](mailto: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 Amreen Kaur who recently competed in the NGA Spring Classics gymnastics competition in Rugby. It was Amreen's first time competing in the standard 4 piece - floor,

vault, bar and beam. For Amreen's level and age group, she came 2nd for her floor routine and 4th for the vault. She came 3rd for overall. Well done Amreen.

Congratulations to Natalia Przybylska for being awarded a silver medal in her Karate competition. Well done Natalia.

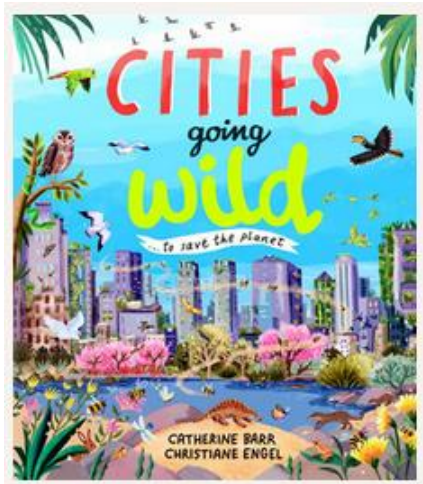
### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Mrs Green and Mrs Evan's Year 4 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.4%). Please see attached poster which shows each year group's overall attendance for this week.

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school time, please can you continue to notify school via [attendance@hfcs.org.uk](mailto:attendance@hfcs.org.uk) and also send in proof of the appointment. Thank you.

### **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:** Catherine Barr

**Illustrator:** Christiane Engel

**Interest Age:** 7-11

**Reading Age:** 8+

Discover the world's greenest cities in this inspiring non-fiction book, which is stunningly illustrated.

### **Reading in Random Places Competition**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in with our Reading in Random Places competition! I thoroughly enjoyed looking through your wonderfully creative and imaginative ways of reading. It was fantastic to see so many of you taking your books on adventures! It was a very hard choice, as all of the entries were brilliant.

Congratulations to the winners of the £5 Book Fair vouchers:

Delston A (Year 1) – for reading in London next to Tower Bridge.

Maria K (Year 3) – for reading under the darkness of an umbrella with a torch.

Bertie T (Year 3) – for reading in his garden with his chickens, Hattie and Betsy.

Natalia P (Year 4) – for reading with a snake!

Devante R (Year 5) – for reading with his favourite dentist during his dental examination!

I hope all of our winners enjoyed spending their vouchers at the Book Fair and choosing some fantastic new books to read and share at home. Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you again for making it such a fun and memorable competition. Keep reading in exciting places!

Miss Macfarlane

### **Wednesday Word**

Our Wednesday Words this week are **GOD'S LOVE**. In this Sunday's Gospel we learn about the *living water* that Jesus offers us. Jesus speaks to a woman from Samaria, even though Jews and Samaritans usually did not talk to each other. By doing this, Jesus shows us something very important — **God's love is for everyone**.

Jesus tells us that the water (His love) He gives will become like a **spring of water inside us**, leading to eternal life. When we accept God's love, it fills our hearts and can flow out to others through our kindness and care.

**Our mission this week** is to think about how we feel God's love in our lives. Perhaps you feel it through the love of your family or the kindness of friends. Perhaps you feel God's love when you pray or when someone helps you.

This week, try to think of **one way you can share God's love with someone else**.

- Who could you share it with?
- What could you do to help them?
- What kind words could you say?

Let's see how many ways we can spread **God's love** this week.

Jacob Remmer – Year 6 Mission Team

### **Our Big Lent Walk Update**

A huge **well done** to all our children and families who have been taking part in our **Big Lent Walk**. It has been wonderful to see so many of you getting involved, walking together and supporting this important cause.

Together, as a school, we have already walked **over 130 kilometres!** This means we are **well on our way to exceeding our 200km target** for this five-week half term — a fantastic achievement so far.



We have already raised **£133**, and we are very grateful for the donations we have received. If you are able to contribute, **we would be very thankful for any continued donations** as we keep walking throughout Lent.

During **Lent**, we remember the important journey of **reflecting, repenting, returning and repairing our relationship with God**. Our walking gives us time to think, pray and grow closer to God while helping others. A special mention goes to **Danny in Year 5**, who shared

that he prayed the **Our Father** while he was walking. What a wonderful example of turning our steps into prayer and praise.

Let's keep going, keep walking and keep showing kindness this Lent. Every step brings us closer to our goal and helps us make a difference.

Thank you

Mrs O'Reilly

### **Parish Mass – Parent/Carer Volunteers**

Years 3 and 4 will be attending the Parish Mass on the following dates:

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4

If there are any parents or carers that may be able to accompany the children, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

### **Optional Parents' Evening**

Teachers will be available to speak to parents from 2pm-6pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you wish to make an appointment. If you do not have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and would like to make an appointment, please email [carole.gonoud@hfcs.org.uk](mailto:carole.gonoud@hfcs.org.uk) indicating your preferred time (we will try to allocate a time close to your preferred time but cannot guarantee this). Thank you.

### **School Class Photographs – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March for school class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing smart winter school uniform. Thank you.

### **Multiplication Tables**

Year 4 parents may already know that there will be a Multiplication Tables Check for all Year 4 children in June. There will be 25 questions of mixed times tables up to 12 x 12. All schools will be taking part in the check each year as it is now part of the standard testing for schools. All Key Stage 2 children should be practising their times tables weekly as part of their homework and can use Times Tables Rockstars to do so. This is especially important for Years 3 and 4. We recommend using <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> as it is similar to how the Times Tables Check will look. Please encourage your children to practise regularly.

### **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.

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### PTA (Parent Teacher Association) NEWS

If you want to be involved in the PTA in any way, 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 [holyfamilylangleypta@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilylangleypta@gmail.com).

### OTHER

#### Music Opportunity for Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 (11-year-olds) with an interest in **songwriting, composing or music production** are invited to enter **The Dani Award 2026**, a composition and songwriting competition organised by Slough Music Service in memory of local musician and teacher **Dani Richardson**.

This competition encourages young people to explore their creativity, develop their musical voice and share original work.

#### Students can submit:

- An **original song or musical composition** (MP3 recording)
- **Lyrics sheet** if the entry is a song (PDF)
- A **short description** of the piece if it is instrumental
- **Name, school and year group**
- A **supporting statement** about themselves and their piece (max 500 words)

**Who can enter:** Students aged **11–16**

**Submission deadline:** Friday **8th May 2026**

**Entries should be emailed to:** [sloughmusicservice1@gmail.com](mailto:sloughmusicservice1@gmail.com)

Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, musical understanding and emotional impact.

The winners will enjoy an evening celebrating their music as well as great prizes!!