



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Lent Term

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Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning, Mrs Kukla and Mrs Martinez's class presented a wonderfully uplifting assembly sharing all they have learnt in RE this term. Children reminded us to have faith, pray to God and He will provide us with what we need. They reminded us of the miracles, acted out the feeding of the 5000 and breaking of the bread at the last supper, the very first eucharist. Carla's words particularly resonated with me this morning: it is important we all love ourselves and we all deserve to feel special! Well done Year 3.

Staff have had a challenging week being inspected under the new inspection framework (introduced September 2025). We welcomed 4 inspectors on Tuesday and 3 inspectors on Wednesday. Many strengths were recognised and some areas to develop identified, which will be shared with parents when an Ofsted Report Card is published. We have been advised it is likely to be published after the Easter holiday. Inspectors were very impressed with how sociable and welcoming your children were and they really enjoyed the time spent meeting children.

Year 4 children enjoyed watching living eggs hatch and were particularly excited when the chicks were old enough to be handled.

It was Mrs O'Reilly's Year 5 class turn to visit the Digital Schoolhouse at Langley Grammar yesterday. They managed to achieve 4 activities based on Alice in Wonderland. The children showed their recent circuit knowledge and Mrs Jenkins was impressed with their vocabulary. Thank you to the parents who made the visit possible by supporting us with their time walking to Langley Grammar School.

Thank you to all our visitors who came to the 3 year olds nursery provision for our Mother's Day Celebration. The children loved having you as their audience as they performed their song and shared their special photos of themselves with their Mummies.

Congratulations to all our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend. This was made even more special because Father Kevin returned to our parish to join Father Tony in administering this sacrament.

Well done also to our Year 5 & 6 footballers who took part in a tournament hosted by St Bernard's school, with both the boys and girls' teams achieving 2nd place.

I hope all the parents who met their child's teacher this week found it productive. If you ever have any concerns please don't wait until the next Parents Evening to raise any concerns. Teachers are usually available at pick up and drop off for a quick word.

A gentle reminder to return Easter bookings forms if you would like your child to attend. We have extended the deadline to next Wednesday 18th March. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming author Colette Hiller on Monday and wish all our hard-working mums a lovely Mothering Sunday.

God bless,

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Monday 16th March	Week 2 of the Menu Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities Author Visit (Colette Hiller)
Tuesday 17th March	EYFS to Wear Green – St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 18th March	Year 4 Swimming Year 6 Visiting Langley Free Church for Easter Cracked
Thursday 19th March	HFCS Feast Day
Friday 20th March	Year 3 Tudor Day Year 4 Attend Parish Mass at 10am
Monday 23rd March	Week 1 of the Menu
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Victorian Day / Y3 PJ Day
Wednesday 25th March	The Feast of the Annunciation EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 26th March	Y5 Stations of the Cross 9.30am Parents welcome Nurseries Close For Easter
Friday 27th March	12.15pm School Closes For Easter
Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	
Monday 13th April	STAFF INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 14th April

Pentecost Term Starts for Nursery and School

Friday 17th April

Year 3 Visit to Hampton Court Palace

Easter Camp

Mr Holder will be running our popular Easter Camp for four days during the first week of the Easter holiday (30th March – 2nd 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 the extended deadline of Wednesday 18th March.

Parish Mass – Parent/Carer Volunteers

Year 4 will be attending the Parish Mass on Friday 20th March. 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.

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 Harper Dixon for being awarded a medal for achieving 25 metres in swimming. Well done Harper.

Weekly Sports Update

This week our Year 5&6 boys and girls team played in a football tournament at St Bernard's school. Both teams did incredibly well, with the boys showing incredible attacking talent and the girls showing an amazing defensive display and did not concede a single goal. We finished 2nd overall and played amazingly! Mr Holder.

Easter Bonnet Parade for 3 Year Old Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wednesday 25th March

This year, our Easter Bonnet Parade for children in 3 Year Old Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Wednesday 25th March. Children are asked to come in to school on that day wearing their Easter Bonnet that they have made at home. Children will get the opportunity to parade round school to show off their wonderful creations. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday Word

This week our Wednesday word is HEALING.

Our word is from: John 9:1-38. In this gospel it shows us that we should be like the blind man who had faith in Jesus even if he could not see him (before the miracle). So even though we don't see Jesus physically we can see him in our heart so if we are worried or scared, we can ask Jesus for what we need. For our mission this week is to ask Jesus to forgive our sin even if we can't see him.

Nifemi Tijani – Year 6 Mission Team

Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Fox's Year 5 class and Mrs Ragg's Year 6 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.4%).

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school time, please can you continue to notify school via 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: Jenny Pearson

Interest Age: 9-12

Reading Age: 9+

Emba Oak was hatched from an egg and dragon blood flows in her veins. When a power-hungry necromancer kidnaps her guardian, she sets out on a perilous rescue mission with her friend Odolf.

NSPCC Assemblies

This week some of our children took part in the **Speak Out. Stay Safe** assembly from the NSPCC. The assembly helps children understand that they have the right to feel safe and to be protected from harm.

During the session, children learned about the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they ever feel worried, upset, or unsafe. The assembly used age-appropriate videos and discussions to help pupils understand the difference between safe and unsafe situations, and to remind them that abuse is never their fault.

Pupils were encouraged to identify trusted adults they can talk to, both at home and at school, and were reminded that they should always speak out if something doesn't feel right. The NSPCC also introduced **Childline**, a service where children can talk to trained counsellors if they need help.

The assembly focused on empowering children with the confidence to speak out, stay safe, and know that there are always adults who will listen and help them.

These assemblies are being delivered in classrooms by class teachers this week and next week in both KS1 and KS2. During the Summer term Years 2, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a practical workshop delivered by NSPCC staff.

Big Lent Walk – Weekly Update

We're delighted to share that this week our Big Lent Walk participants have collectively walked **over 30,000 steps** (with Year 6 total tbc) — an amazing achievement and a real testament to everyone's commitment to our Lenten almsgiving.



Thank you so much to all who have taken part and supported us so far. A total of £370 has been raised so far! Your encouragement and generosity are helping us make the world a better place. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight global poverty.

If you haven't yet had the chance to donate, there is still plenty of time to support this year's CAFOD campaign. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us move closer to our goal and supports vital work during Lent and beyond.

Thank you for walking with us — in spirit and in support.

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.

Mrs Harris	Set 1	I - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OMTPNY79/KAXbsQJQ N- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kXEM8eqi/iordyBHh https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/duEgekJf/bbC3jIrl https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PHbWb454/WVmXtP0M
Mrs Scott	Word Time	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ce3Tway1/1S8CPPU7 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zvsSVzFd/bAFhcNJh https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zNt7jklV/3Eg2nLcv https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tZoZ9rTh/ayXvDUbh
Mrs Mulrooney	Ditties	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uaNv7V3D/6ALdnxxR https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/s8pDqXfW/LIRhPrUH https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bXSGy7Ti/dassXwmD

Mrs Keogh Mrs Hendy	Green Pink	AR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xkCvtOrG/79XWgzla OR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hGvjY7aV/jjiwUAdA
Mrs Wilson	Orange	AW- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Z6jYECls/Q7mwnw18 ARE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7PBPflpR/tOziHlGI
Mrs Crow Mrs Hogg	Yellow Blue	IRE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/o11iqrfS/JMEVpuC3 EAR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kMvB1sNF/6fSXAj5V

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.

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

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!!