

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Lent Term

Newsletter No.24

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week and have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been blessed with. Children have certainly enjoyed being able to play on the field and we have had a typically busy and fun packed week.

On Tuesday, some children visited RAF Hendon. After viewing the planes children practiced choosing their own lunch and buying items in the shop. Well done all.

Every school in our multi-academy trust was asked to take part in filming a promotional video talking about the new values of Faith, Hope and Love. Children and staff are eagerly waiting to find out if they made the final cut!

On Wednesday, Langley Free Church hosted their annual 'Easter Cracked' workshop. Year 6 were warmly welcomed and reminded what Jesus went through prior to His crucifixion and then children took part in a rap about when Jesus rose from the dead.

Yesterday, Fr Tony celebrated Mass in school on the Feast of St Joseph (19th March). We chose to mark the Feast of the Holy Family, which falls during the Christmas holidays (29th December), annually on the Feast of St Joseph. It was lovely to welcome Fr Tony and some parishioners to this Mass and we look forward to welcoming them back into school for another Mass soon. Thank you also to Daniel, Clara and Brian for serving at this Mass and Mrs Williams for being our Eucharistic Minister.

Thank you to all our EYFS parents and carers who supported school this week by sending their children in to school wearing green on Tuesday to mark St Patrick's Day. The children had great fun learning about St Patrick.

Year 3 tell me they have had a brilliant Tudor Day today. They have tried different sports such as bowling and learnt about jousting. They report children who misbehaved were treated badly by teachers! Thank you for supporting their learning by providing Tudor outfits. Carla Williams designed her own costume and mum did a brilliant job making a bespoke Katherine Parr outfit. The sixth and final wife of Henry VIII and one of only two who survived.

We look forward to next week's Easter bonnet parade and Easter Egg hunt.

A gentle reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays next Friday (27th March) at 12.15pm.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd March	Week 1 of the Menu Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Victorian Day Year 3 and Year 5 PJ Day
Wednesday 25th March	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	Week 1 of the Menu Pentecost Term Starts for Nursery and School
Wednesday 15th April	Y2 and Y6 NSPCC Workshops
Friday 17th April	Year 3 Visit to Hampton Court Palace
Monday 20th April	Week 2 of the Menu
Wednesday 22nd April	Year 3 Swimming

Extra Curricular Activities

Please note that this term's Extra Curricular Activities finished this week. The extra-curricular activities schedule for the Pentecost term 2026 will be sent out next week.

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). Bookings have now closed. If you have already submitted a completed booking form, your child's place has been confirmed and you will receive a further letter early next week. Please can you check ParentPay and make payment before next Wednesday 25th March. 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.

Achievements

Well done to Carla Williams for competing in her first external gymnastics competition recently. Carla has been working hard in preparation for this competition, since successfully joining the advanced class for 8-10 year old girls back in September (despite not having turned 8 years until January). Carla received 5th place ribbon for her floor routine and went on to achieve Bronze in the vault, and Gold on the beam.

Well done to Natalia Przybylska for progressing to Stage 5 in her swimming classes.

Well done to Iga Skorupka for progressing to Stage 5 in her swimming lessons.

Well done to Dalmeet and Harman who lived out the school's vision of valuing, inspiring and challenging others when they visited the charity house "Slough Homeless Our Concern" and donated food items. They personally helped deliver and hand over the donated items. They were actively involved in the entire process, going shopping, helping choose the items to donate, and assisting in loading the food into the car. Being involved in each step helped them understand the effort behind helping others and gave them a real sense of participation and responsibility in the act of giving. Well done boys.

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 have the opportunity to parade round school to show off their wonderful creations. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Hendy's Year 1 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (98%).

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: Sheila Kanani

Illustrator: Ellen Surrey

Interest Age: 7-12

Reading Age: 7+

Embark on a journey of scientific discovery with this interactive non-fiction book that features 25 key scientists and 25 unique experiments to try.

Big Lent Walk – Amazing Progress!

What an incredible achievement! Together we have now walked a fantastic **189 km** for the Big Lent Walk — just a whisker away from our **200 km target!** We have also raised an amazing **£433** so far. Absolutely brilliant!

A huge THANK YOU for your ongoing support, encouragement, and generosity. Every step walked and every pound donated is making a real difference, and we are so proud of what we have achieved together.

With one final week to go before we break up for Easter, we are feeling confident and excited — we're sure we can smash our target!

If you would still like to support us, donations are still very warmly welcomed and can be made via ParentPay. Every contribution, big or small, helps us to make the world a better place.

Thank you so much for being part of our journey this Lent.

Year 5 Lenten Fundraising

Each classroom has been walking to raise funds for CAFOD and will also do something special to raise funds for Thames Valley Hospice.

In Year 5, we ask that children come to school on Tuesday 24th March, dressed in their pyjamas as part of our fundraising activities. We will wear our PJs into school to stand in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable of our world; this will remind us to remember and pray for those less fortunate than us - those who do not have lots of lovely clothes to wear.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families in advance for any donations you can make – please donate via ParentPay from Monday 23rd March.



School Class Photographs

Your child will have brought home their class photo proof yesterday so please check your child's school bag if you have not already received this. Each proof card has a personal barcode and passcode and our school number is also on the proof card. Please keep this safe as it has all the details you need to order your photo online. Please follow the instructions on the card. **You must order by 30th March please.** 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.

Mrs Harris	Set 1	N- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/s0Myhl6p/TYLded9B G- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ULTyp04I/ot0V6tM2 O- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/cpDrF7yD/lqF0Z4Bb https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HUPCGiB5/ojv3m7oO https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WpDqA9hk/RbqNAY7Z
Mrs Scott	Word Time	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JakVhpMm/wMz50Euy https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/yTkiMu1u/plAGYVhm https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/u91VgoDG/NcRkoN0O https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5KeubyVm/WZRoecTy https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/H6bGvXsj/4d9XzIbY https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vFTW3DdX/ZIjS8xj6
Mrs Mulrooney	Ditties	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rnid2RgL/GEplFy8t https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/d2LS0wXM/vFhc9BRa https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/d2LS0wXM/vFhc9BRa https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FDgXjCWE/kMHyC2SL
Mrs Keogh Mrs Hendy	Green Pink	AIR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qMH2F2DY/TJQdZIYp IR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7wsiuMMP/OhkvnsPB OU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/f14srPr1/q2RPE5Yb OY- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sKGbplOR/EJjafQjw
Mrs Wilson	Orange	UR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CmXqmvJK/Bs4fCvk7 ER- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/isDIU9hs/tfKoydFN OW- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iVoKuWwd/pk58ftk4 AI- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nB7seLoN/NWWDIsJB
Mrs Crow	Yellow	URE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dJzNvmLr/oWqiEvm3

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Mrs Hogg	Blue	KN- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/K8HWUAQ4/jY1c7gTc UE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JZjKzujT/Djg8YA59 EW- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IpULGaOZ/AEo24tdK PH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WdIqEAfK/6gN4Hp5F

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!!