



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.27

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a calm and productive week in school, with children particularly enjoying the lovely weather at breaktimes.

Children in our Nurseries and Reception classes enjoyed celebrating St George's Day on Thursday. Thank you to all our parents who dressed their children in red and white to help celebrate the day.

Year 1 and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed sessions with a visiting dance teacher. Children enjoyed expressing themselves creating simple routines that included spinning, sliding, hopping and bopping!

I appreciate that many parents recently completed the Ofsted Survey on Parent View. Your responses are hugely encouraging to staff with 96% of children feeling happy and 99% of children feeling safe. St Thomas Trust provide an annual parental survey which they analyse year on year so I ask for your support to complete another Parent and Carer survey (link within this newsletter). Trust communications team have also asked if any staff or parents are running the marathon this weekend that they would share a photo of themselves wearing their medal.

A few parents have asked when the Ofsted Report Card will be shared with parents. As yet, school leaders have not received the draft report so it is unlikely to be in the next week. I will share the outcome with you as soon as the final report is published.

With regards to the School Street initiative, some families may have noticed that a camera has now been erected. We have been told that this is not currently live and we will endeavour to forward further details to parents before it goes live. The council are moving all permanent School Streets to zones with automatic number plate recognition (ANPR). When this happens Mr Thercaj (Eddie) will no longer patrol the School Street.

Please also make a note of the dates for the PTA uniform sale (more details in this newsletter).

Please join with staff in wishing Mr and Mrs Mulrooney (Reception Teaching Assistant) every happiness as today they celebrate their wedding day.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th April

Week 3 of the Menu

Wednesday 29th April

Year 3 Swimming

Friday 1st May	Year 4 (Miss Dardis/Mrs Remfeld) Class Assembly 9am
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5th May	Week 1 of the Menu Year 1 Visit to the lookout Centre
Wednesday 6th May	May Procession – <i>Children Invited to Bring One Flower to School</i> Year 3 Swimming
Monday 11th May	Week 2 of the Menu KS2 SATS Taking Place This Week
Wednesday 13th May	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 14th May	Feast of the Ascension Reception Bug Ball
Friday 15th May	Reception (Mrs Scott) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am

Extra Curricular Activities

Please note that some spaces have become available in the Years 3 – 6 ICON Football Academy club and the Years 3 - 6 Athletics Club run by Mr Holder. If interested, please confirm your child's place (subject to availability) via ParentPay. 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

Congratulations to Zyana Masih for successfully completing Stage 3 of her swimming classes and progressing to Stage 4. Well done Zyana.

Attendance

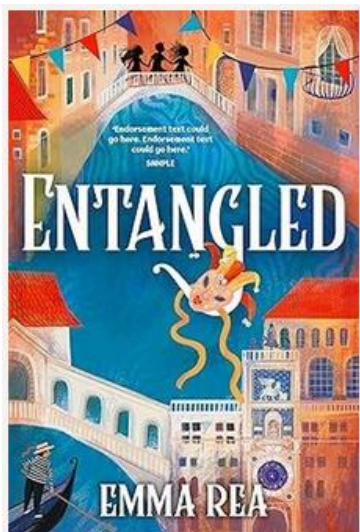
Congratulations to Mrs Forrest and Miss Dardis' 3 Year Old Nursery (PM) class for achieving the highest attendance this week (100%) and Mrs Scott and Mrs Wilson's Reception Class for achieving 99.7%.

Anyone whose attendance is recorded as less than 90% between 3 September 2025 and 27 March 2026 and anyone that has seven or more lates between 23 February 2026 and 27 March 2026 should expect to receive an attendance letter from our attendance officer, Mrs Oakes, over the next few weeks. Anyone whose attendance is between 90-96% will be spoken to by the class teacher. For anyone that has previously completed an attendance contract, please note that these will also be reviewed and updated letters will be sent.

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



Author: Emma Rea

Interest Age: 9-11

Reading Age: 9+

An unusual kidnapping, a diverse cast and a Venetian backdrop combine to create a readable mystery adventure.

Book Amnesty

We are currently reviewing our reading scheme book stock in school and have noticed that we have a shortage of books from stages 12-18.

If you have any school reading books at home, particularly from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme, we kindly ask that these are returned to school as soon as possible. We also ask that children return any previously borrowed books before taking out a new one. This will help ensure that all children have access to the correct books as they progress through the scheme.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our reading resources well organised and available for everyone.

Wednesday Word

Nifemi Tijani from our Year 6 Mission Team writes for us this week:

This week our Wednesday word is: Follow

We get our Wednesday word from John 10:1-10. This upcoming Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday. The Shepherd in the parable was kind, loving and caring. Jesus, the good Shepherd loves us everlastingly and guards our life. We are his sheep, his special people and we can rely and trust in him. Jesus calls us to trust him as he leads and guides us on the right path. Putting our trust in Jesus means letting him lead our life like a shepherd leads his sheep making sure they are safe, not lost or hurt. This week our mission is to follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd so our life is filled with love, joy and peace as we listen to him. We can follow Jesus every day in simple ways, by helping at home, being kind to our friends, family and teachers, choosing to do what is right even when it's hard or by showing others how to make good choices. Pope Leo XIV has dedicated this year to the spirit of Saint Francis. He wants us to live a simple life, care for others and bring peace to our world, just like St Francis of Assisi did.

Month of Mary – May Procession

As it is the month of May, we devote time to focus on Our Mother, Mary, and the incredible person she was.

In previous years, we have held a May Procession to honour Mary, and we will be doing the same this year, on Wednesday 6th May. Children are invited to bring **one** flower to school to honour Our Lady. We will gather together for prayer and procession to our shrine.

Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly.

May Half Term RE Homework

Religious Education Directory: Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter

"No one should be afraid that God has allowed there to be different religions in the world," Pope Francis said. "But we should be frightened if we are not walking together in life as brothers and sisters of one human family."

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our new curriculum for RE, we will begin Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter after the May half term. Children will learn about the importance of respecting, understanding and engaging with people of different faiths, beliefs and views. We will reflect on the question **'Who is my neighbour?'** in our lives and talk to each other about sacred texts that matter to others and why they matter.

To support this learning, we are creating a new whole-school display that celebrates the rich diversity of world views within our community and shows how, as a Catholic school, we value and respect the dignity of all.

We would love your support in helping your child create a fact file about your family's faith, beliefs, or worldview.

Children can present this in any creative way (poster, booklet, or PC produced document).

Format for your fact file:

Name (first name only if preferred)

Faith / belief / worldview

When did your faith or belief begin?

Who is an important leader or figure in your faith?

How and where do you worship?

What are your key beliefs?

How do your beliefs influence your daily life?

What is similar or different compared to the Catholic faith?

How does it feel to be part of our Catholic school community?

If you are happy to, please also include a photograph or image linked to your faith (e.g. place of worship, celebration, and symbol). We will take great care and can make copies if needed.

This project will help our pupils to:

- Develop respect and understanding of others
- Recognise both similarities and differences between faiths
- Live out our Catholic values of welcome, dignity, and love
- Experience faith as something that is lived, not just learned

Deadline - please return your child's work after the May half term.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to build a community where everyone is valued and respected.

With kind regards
Mrs O'Reilly

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

We would be grateful if parents and carers could complete the following survey by Monday 18th May 2026: [PARENT AND CARER SURVEY - HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025-26 \(PRIMARY SCHOOL\) – Fill out form](#)

Thank you for your support with this.

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	E- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8XQ897uT/mqDWgPF7 H- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aNWeQnpm/meoztLyI W- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/x34lb4n8/7aA8AaV1 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/auU2Qjcl/UmoVgMyj https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CtUwLuQg/Pbd6vAcZ https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FSizwSeQ/QG4jYsbH https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bRcqvI3n/okINODwz
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Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools – Information for Year 5 Parents

Please note that registration for the Slough Consortium 11+ examination will open on Friday 1st May 2026 and will close at 10am on Friday 5th June 2026.

There will be a Slough Consortium online 11+ information event on Tuesday 28th April 2026– please see following link for further details and how to register <https://www.lgs.slough.sch.uk/page/?title=Admission+to+Year+7+%2D+September+2027&pid=410>.

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.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – 13th & 15th May

Our PTA will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale after school on Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th May. This is a great opportunity to pick up quality uniform items at reduced prices, and to pass on outgrown pieces to other families in the school community.

We need your donations!

If you have any school uniform items your child has grown out of, we'd love to give them a new home. Please donate washed items in good, sellable condition by dropping them off next week. PTA volunteers will be collecting donations at drop-off and pick-up, by the benches near the main school gate. Please look out for them and hand your items over.

Every donation helps keep uniform costs manageable for our families and reduces waste, so thank you in advance for your generosity.

For any questions, please contact the PTA on holyfamilylangleypta@gmail.com

OTHER

GEMS Workshop - Sleep Autism and ADHD

GEMS are excited to announce a new date for their sleep workshop with the wonderful Parenting Special Children. This workshop is open to families in East Berkshire whose children have or are suspected to have autism and/or ADHD. It explores children's sleep cycles and sleep needs. Reasons behind night settling and night waking. Strategies to feel less stressed when sleep training. Strategies for settling your child to sleep, and staying asleep.

Booking can be found here: <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sleep-autism-and-adhd-berkshire-east-june-2026/>

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!!