



## Holy Family Catholic Primary School

**Pentecost Term**

**Newsletter No.27**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and I hope your children have had a good start to term. Staff have returned refreshed and rejuvenated after the break and children seem to have slipped back into their routines beautifully. The good weather has contributed to us having a calm and enjoyable first week back.

Despite our sadness at the news of the passing of Pope Francis, we reflected and gave thanks for his life, inspirational service and the direction he has led our global church over the last twelve years. Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope. One of the many ways we have marked the Jubilee in school is by installing a Holy Door around our hall doors. On Tuesday, the whole school left assembly by passing through the Holy Door. Children were reminded of Pope Francis' key messages for young people:

1. God loves them
2. Never give up on hope
3. Have opinions and take action to help others

Our Nursery and Reception classes marked St George's Day on Wednesday. Children looked at where England was on a map, learnt the story about George the Knight and why he became a Saint, and then dressed up and used small world toys to act out the story. Some of the children also made shields or flags, and some retold the story while playing with our castle. Thank you to all our parents who dressed their children in red and white to help celebrate the day.

Please may I kindly ask parents to be especially considerate to our neighbours. Slough Borough Council have informed us that neighbours have contacted them regarding the issue of litter being dropped by parents/pupils near the school. Please remind children any litter must go in pockets until they are onsite/arrive home and have access to bins.

Thank you to the staff and children who led or attended Easter camp. Everyone seemed to enjoy each other's company and the sunny weather was enjoyed by all.

Please do consider the warm invite from a parent who is keen to rejuvenate our PTA and encourage your children to enter our Jubilee Art Competition. Further details about both opportunities in this newsletter.

Next Thursday, we look forward to welcoming 160 St Joseph's secondary school pupils who have planned to lead lessons and activities for all our children from 1.30-2.30pm as part of their Feast Day celebrations.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

God bless  
Mrs Benn

Prayer for Pope Francis  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen

## **DIARY DATES**

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Week 2 of the Menu
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 4 Swimming
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	St Joseph's in the Community Day
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Year 2 Visit to Windsor Castle  Year 4 (Miss Dardis) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Week 1 of the Menu  Year 1 Visit to The Lookout Centre  Reception Children - Height, Weight, Sight & Hearing Checks (At School)
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 4 Swimming
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Music Concert 9.30am
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Ascension Day
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Week 2 of the Menu  Y6 SATS Taking Place This Week
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 4 Swimming
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Music Concert 2.30pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception (Mrs Scott & Ms Herring) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Please note that extra-curricular activities will start again from next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

In relation to those extra-curricular activities run by HFCS staff (including HFCS Invite Only clubs), parents will be notified which club(s) their child is enrolled on today, so please check school bags. With regards to externally run extra-curricular activities (ICON Football, Gymnastics and Street Dance), parents should have been informed directly by the provider if their child has been enrolled.

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](mailto:bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk) for notification. Your child will receive recognition for their achievement from their class teacher,

who will award them a marble for the class jar, and Mrs Benn, who will issue a 'Head teacher's Award' certificate. If you send a photo of your child's achievement it will be posted on Mrs Chandler's 'Wall of Fame.'

### **Amazing Achievements**

Congratulations to Lyla Khan for taking part in her first Stage Coach performance, playing the part of a frog in the musical "Croak". Lyla read her lines clearly and projected very well so the audience could hear here. Well done Lyla.

Congratulations to Zoe Rogulska for progressing to Stage 4 in her swimming lessons. Well done Zoe.

### **Weekly Sports Update**

It is the end of the football season for both our Year 5 and 6 teams who have both played incredibly well.

The girls have fought in every game they have played, and, no matter the situation, they have put in all their effort and should be incredibly proud of how much they have improved.

For our Year 5 and 6 Boys team, it has also been a season to be proud of; we finished 5th in the Slough league meaning we have been automatically placed into the quarter finals for the teams in the league. This means we still have more games to play. Another highlight of the boy's season was narrowly finishing second in the tournament that took place at Marish.

Both teams have made the school immensely proud.

Well done to all of you. Mr Holder.

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

#### **Invitation from Halima Hussain (Mum to Lyla, Reception)**

In the previous newsletter, Mrs Benn asked for volunteers to lead the PTA. I believe no parents have come forward and understand this is a daunting task for one or two people. I was wondering if parents would consider volunteering to be class reps? The class rep would represent their child's class and contribute to the PTA with their ideas and time. This would give us a group of 14 parents to create a PTA group from which we could begin to plan events and fundraising projects. Hopefully from that group we can find a PTA chair or co-chair.

Thank you, Halima Hussain

### **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:** Matt Goodfellow

**Illustrator:** Joe Todd-Stanton

**Interest age:** 9-11

**Reading age:** 9+

Heart breaking yet filled with moments of pure joy. Matthew Goodfellow's touching and innovative verse novel tells the raw story of 10-year-old Nate, in his own words, who is preparing to move into his final year of primary school. Nate navigates the challenges of his final year of primary school, including friendship issues, family illness, and preparing for secondary school.

### **Jubilee Year of Hope - Holy Family Art Competition**

We are very excited to invite all pupils to enter our Jubilee Year of Hope Art Competition.

Your submissions will be judged by a panel of judges consisting of at least one pupil, one parent, Mrs Benn and Father Kevin. We are hoping for prizes to be awarded by Father Kevin before he retires in July.

Your artwork can be created in any medium (e.g. painting, sculpture, printed digital artwork) and ideally be inspired by a Jubilee theme – such as Pope Francis's reflections, scripture verses and/or the Jubilee logo.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Deadline for entries to be submitted to Mrs O'Reilly

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Winners will be announced

**DATE TBC:** Special prize-giving ceremony with Father Kevin

### **Littering**

We have been contacted by an enforcement officer for Slough Borough Council.

Slough BC have had some complaints, alleging that some parents and pupils of Holy Family School, regularly drop litter on the ground outside/near the school, and this is causing the area to look messy and can attract pests.

We have been asked by Slough BC to send out advice to all parents and pupils of the school, to ask parents and pupils to put their rubbish in the bin or take it home.

Currently the fine for littering is £600.

Thank you in advance for your continued support to help ensure the area close to school is kept tidy.

## Attendance

Well done to Mrs Scott and Ms Herring's Reception class for achieving the highest attendance (100%) this week. Please see attached poster which shows each year group's overall attendance for this week.

## Dr Fuzz, Author Visit: Date Change

We would like to inform you of a change in the date for the much-anticipated author visit from Dr. Fuzz. Originally scheduled for Tuesday, 29th April, the event will now take place on Thursday, 12th June. We understand that many of you were excited about this event, and we want to reassure you that the book signing, where pre-ordered books will be signed by Dr. Fuzz, will still go ahead as planned. For those who have not yet placed a pre-order but would like to do so, please note that you have until 5th June to complete your order. We look forward to celebrating this exciting event with you and your child!

## Studybugs - New System for Reporting Absences

Following a successful trial of the Studybugs absence reporting app with Year 6, we will be rolling this out across school for all pupils from April 2025. This app is used to report absences to school. We will be asking all parents and carers to download the app and use this instead of emailing or calling school to report absences. Please read the attached letter for further information.

## 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.

## Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools – Information for Year 5 Parents

Please note that registration for the Slough Consortium 11+ examination will open on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 10am and will close at 10am on Thursday 5th June 2025.

There will be a Slough Consortium 11+ Online Information Event on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 6pm – please see following link for further details and how to register [Langley Grammar School - Admission to Year 7 - September 2026](#).

## 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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