



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

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Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The whole school was treated to Miss Dardis' Year 4 class assembly this morning and it was an absolute delight. The children looked beautiful in their blue and white outfits, and spoke confidently and clearly about all they have learned about Mary, our Mother. The messages they shared were consistent with all we know about how happy and fulfilled we can be living like Jesus asked us to: we can show gratitude for the many, many blessings we have; we can show kindness and love to others, and we can remember that God has a plan for us, even when times are tough. Thank you to the children and adults involved in preparing and sharing this liturgy with us.

This week, Mrs Benn and Mrs Mynett welcomed our new Nursery parents in a series of meetings. It is a real blessing to be welcoming so many families into our school community, and we look forward to working with children and parents alike for many years to come.

On Thursday, 165 St Joseph's students spent the afternoon in our school as part of their Feast Day celebrations. It was a brilliant afternoon, with Years 7-11 working in classrooms with Reception-Year 5, undertaking a range of activities - from maths and English to craft and PE. It was great to see so many of our past pupils having grown into mature teenagers and, although it wasn't the intention, was an advert for St Joseph's school: the students were a delight to work with and all of the Holy Family children that I spoke to have told me how much they enjoyed the experience. There was a real community feel in school.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 6 Faith Ambassadors spent the afternoon at St Bernard's Grammar School, where they enjoyed a most informative visit to the chapel to learn about its history. They have been invited to create a piece of artwork which you can read more about in this newsletter.

Today, Year 2 have spent the day at Windsor Castle; the weather has been very kind to them and I am sure they have had a wonderful day! We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who recognise the difficulties we have with parking during school drop-off and pick-up times; our School Street system has helped these times of day to feel much less frantic and safer for our whole community. Please read further in the newsletter for information regarding parking at The Toby.

It has been delightful to watch the children playing so happily in the sunshine this week! We have been blessed with the weather – here's hoping it continues into the long, Bank Holiday weekend and you all have an opportunity to enjoy some time with your families.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

God bless

Mrs Doyle

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for gifting us with another weekend to spend with our family and loved ones. This weekend, may we be refreshed spirit, soul, mind and body. May every worry disappear and give way to lasting peace. May we enjoy the fullness of God's grace this weekend. Amen

DIARY DATES

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 6th May

Week 1 of the Menu

Year 1 Visit to The Lookout Centre

Reception Children - Height, Weight, Sight & Hearing Checks (At School)

Wednesday 7th May

Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 8th May

Music Concert 9.30am

Monday 12th May

Week 2 of the Menu

Y6 SATS Taking Place This Week

Tuesday 13th May

Year 3 Class (Mrs Martinez/Mrs Kukla) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 14th May

Year 2 Class (Mrs Powell) Visit to Langley Library

Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 15th May

Music Concert 2.30pm

Friday 16th May

Reception (Mrs Scott & Ms Herring) Class Assembly
Parents Welcome 9am

Monday 19th May

Week 1 of the Menu

Y6 PGL Trip Departs 9am

Tuesday 20th May

Year 3 Class (Ms Iqbal) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 21st May

Month of Mary – May Procession (At School)

Year 4 Class (Miss Dardis) Visit to Langley Library

Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 22nd May

Reception Bug Ball

Friday 23rd May

Year 6 PGL Trip Returns 5pm

Half Term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025

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, 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

We have several fantastic achievements to celebrate this week.

Congratulations to Daniel Brumby who had his 1st karate grading yesterday and was awarded a half yellow belt.

Congratulations to Mickey-Ray Davies and Filip Michalik who both took part in the Slough district trials. They both made it through the first trials and are now on a 3 week assessment period where the district will make a final decision on the team for the 25/26 season.

Congratulations to Lyon Kuruppu for being awarded Player of the Week at Football Icon Academy yesterday.

Congratulations to Patrick McMahon's football team Windsor & Eton Eagles U7s who won their League Vase Final Cup at the weekend. Patrick pulled off a number of high quality saves when the scores were level to keep the team in the game, with the boys never giving up.

Congratulations to Devante Romney for progressing to Level 6 in his swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Daniel Shah for progressing to Stage 4 in his swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Abigail Thekkekkara for performing with her dance team at the All UK Cinematic Dance Competition organised by Kalabhavan London in front of a strong audience of around 400 including eminent dignitaries from the field of art and culture in Kerala, India. Abigail's team was one of the youngest contestants who competed in the event.

Weekly Sports Update

This week our Year 5/6 team had a match vs Cippenham school. It was a well fought match against a physical side. We started strong with two very impressive goals. One long shot from Marcel Sealy and a brilliant header from Jacob Henriquez. The game finished 2-2. For the majority of the team, it was their first game for the school and they did an amazing job. Well done boys. Mr Holder.

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: 10+

This is the sequel to *The Final Year*, which told us the story of Nate's last year of primary school and all the things he went through. *The First Year* carries on the story, as Nate is now in Year 7 and starting secondary school. We jump straight into Nate's story from where we left off, so this is a true sequel. Readers would need to have read *The Final Year* first to really understand the story.

Wednesday Word

Sienna-Rose writes for us this week:

This week's Wednesday word was: Witness.

Hello everyone, my name is Sienna and in this bible story we will learn how St Peter gave witness to what Jesus did and what Jesus really was.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples for the third time. The disciples had been out fishing and as soon as they came ashore they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast". After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon Son of John, do you love me more than these others do?". He answered "Yes Lord, you know I love you". Jesus said to him "Feed my lambs". A second time he said to him, "Simon Son of John, do you love me?". He replied, "Yes Lord, you know I love you". Jesus said to him "Look after my sheep". Then he said to him a third time, "Simon Son of John, do you love me?" Peter said, "Lord you know everything; you know I love you". Jesus said to him, "Then feed my sheep" – John 21:1-19

Peter had denied Jesus three times, but Jesus gave Peter the chance to show he loved him three times also. Because of St Peter and Pope Francis many people came to know and follow Jesus. Through our words and our actions we too can be God's witnesses. Thank you for reading.

Yours in faith, Sienna-Rose Carroll – Year 6

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 9th May: Deadline for entries to be submitted to Mrs O’Reilly

Friday 16th May: Winners will be announced

DATE TBC: Special prize-giving ceremony with Father Kevin

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 21st 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.

Year 6 Faith Ambassadors

This year, the Chapel at St Bernard’s celebrates its 150th year as a place of worship. A pillar of the school’s rich spiritual and educational tradition, the chapel was originally established in 1875 as an Anglican place of worship. Over the decades, it has transformed into a sacred space at the heart of the school’s Catholic identity, and to honour the chapel’s sesquicentennial, St Bernard’s has launched a series of celebratory events under the theme “Past, Present, and Future.” Our Year 6 Faith Ambassadors will now work together to create artwork that represents our school, inspired by our visit to the chapel, which will be displayed at St Bernard’s sesquicentenary celebrations in July.

Football

A polite request for parents and carers to please ask children not to play football on the green outside the pedestrian gate when waiting for the school gates to open in the morning as it has been reported that cars are accidentally getting hit by the footballs. Thank you for your support.

Car Parking at The Toby

To assist with any parking issues, The Toby has very kindly and generously agreed to continue to allow parents to use their carpark around school drop off/pick up times. Parents may park at The Toby from 8.00-9.15am and 2.45-4pm Monday to Friday during term time only.

However, please note the following:

- Before parking there for the first time, please ensure that you send an email with your car registration number and car make to The Toby at langleyslough@tobycarvery.co.uk, marking the email for the attention of Wendy.
- Parents should only use the main car park at the front of the restaurant. Parents must park on the side of the main car park nearest to the Travelodge, leaving the section of the car park closest to the entrance available for restaurant and hotel guests.

The Toby have noticed that some parents are parking in the back car park and across the front area without taking care to use the allocated spaces. The Toby has asked us to let

parents know that any continued misuse could result in the management revoking the vehicle registrations from their parking system. Also it is the responsibility of the parents to inform The Toby of any changes to vehicles which takes a while to do. Please do not use the carpark until The Toby has confirmed completion of your request, otherwise you will receive a parking notice from EuroCarParks.

Attendance

Well done to Mrs Powell's Year 2 class and Miss Dardis' Year 4 class for achieving the highest attendance (100%) this week. Please see attached poster which shows each year group's overall attendance for this week.

Studybugs - New System for Reporting Absences

Following a successful trial of the Studybugs absence reporting app with Year 6, we are now 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 opened on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 10am and will close at 10am on Thursday 5th June 2025.

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	R- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xPNMQ5gC/aBYqvXMJ J- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CrbylRzj/LU6jFaNS V- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/51u1Uhc7/OFD7KaVQ Y- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CT5BqVbE/vbGYiB53 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gRZ37LyJ/dNG0aXWX https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MMzrqir4/jycluw54
Mrs Scott Mrs Mulrooney	Ditties	CK- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XpsC5Reb/5SXSSEuY NK- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iNpQQI7n/h81nVSkM NG- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZCdP09Xa/NQ3XEy0n SH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nnLAApkT/aa1zdji7
Mrs Keogh	Green	OO- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/m9sUGGEG/oaigdzsf OO- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/prem6D7s/tpDStrhB AR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/43skZCiD/ntINODxj

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