



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.29

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely short week.

On Wednesday, we came together as a school family to honour Our Blessed Lady, Mary, Mother of God. Our Year 6 Mission Team led the whole school in a beautiful and prayerful liturgy, reflecting the devotion and faith at the heart of our community. Older children paired with younger children as they processed around the outside of the school, laying flowers at Our Lady's feet. It was a touching sight to see our older children walking alongside younger children as they processed around the school grounds, before laying flowers at the feet of Our Lady.



We were blessed with the support from many parents this week. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring flowers to school on Wednesday and for the kindness shown by parents sharing what they had brought. Thank you to the Year 1 parents who accompanied the trip to Bracknell 'Look Out' on Tuesday and the parents who walked to swimming with Year 3. Thank you also to our PTA volunteers who kindly gave their time on Thursday morning as part of the PTA Garden Project to tidy up the front of the school – the area is looking so much better and we are most appreciative.

A reminder that the PTA will also be holding a 'pre-loved' uniform sale next Wednesday and Friday after school.

Next week, our Year 6 children will sit their KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs), a culmination of their learning in English and mathematics over seven years at primary school. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as this important week approaches. We have every confidence in each and every one of them, and ask that you join us in praying that they approach their assessments calmly, knowing that their effort and hard work are something to be truly proud of.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Monday 11th May	Week 2 of the Menu KS2 SATS Taking Place This Week
Wednesday 13th May	Year 3 Swimming Pre-loved Uniform Sale After School
Thursday 14th May	Feast of the Ascension Reception Bug Ball
Friday 15th May	Reception (Mrs Scott) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am Pre-loved Uniform Sale After School
Monday 18th May	Week 3 of the Menu Y6 PGL Trip Departs
Wednesday 20th May	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 22nd May	Y6 PGL Trip Returns

May Half Term: Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June	Staff INSET – School Closed
Tuesday 2nd June	Week 1 of the Menu Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check This Week
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 3 Swimming

Updated Term Dates 2026/2027

Please note a correction to the 2026-2027 Term Dates; school returns following the May half term break on Monday 7th June 2027, not Tuesday 8th June 2027. Please see amended term dates attached to this newsletter. A printed copy of these updated term dates will be given to children to bring home next week.

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 Bertie Turner who celebrated his First Holy Communion last weekend and also celebrated his team's win in the Thames Valley Football Development League Vase Final where he scored one of the goals.

Attendance

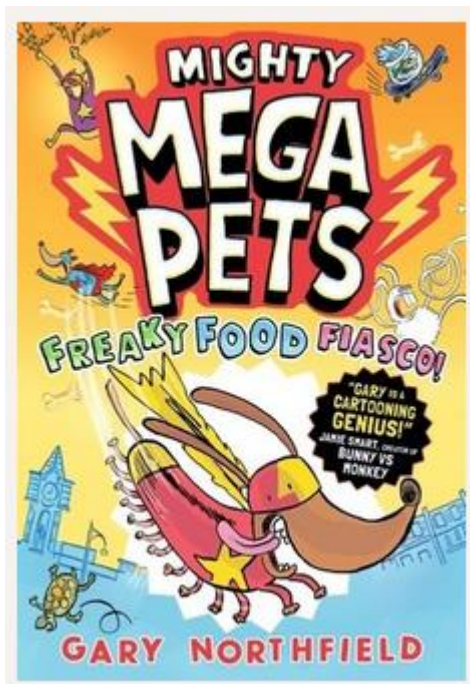
Congratulations to Mrs Hendy's Year 1 class and Miss Macfarlane's Year 2 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.2%).

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



Author/ Illustrator: Gary Northfield Davies

Interest Age: 6-11

Reading Age: 7+

This colourful, action-packed graphic novel combines zany humour with hilarious friendship dynamics. A very funny graphic novel about pets with superpowers!

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.

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Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools – Information for Year 5 Parents

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

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 Gardening Group – Green Fingers Needed!

Our school gardens are ready for some attention and we're looking for volunteers to help weed, cut back and plant. It's a small but lovely way to care for the natural world on our doorstep, and to show our children that tending the earth is something worth doing together. We're hoping to run a weekly session after morning drop-off, so if you can spare a little time, we'd love to hear from you. Please bring your own gardening gloves and any tools (small hand tools, secateurs to cut back).

Email holyfamilylangleyPTA@gmail.com with your name, mobile number and availability and we'll be in touch (and probably add you to a WhatsApp group!). Alternatively, please speak to Halima or Chrissy.

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. Please see attached poster.

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

OTHER

Slough Town Football Club – May Half Term Holiday Camp

Please see attached flyer for further details. The Early Bird discount is only valid until 13th May 2026.