



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.29

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of a short but busy week in school, and are grateful for all of the opportunities that our children have had and how much we have enjoyed the warmer weather.

On Tuesday, Year 1 enjoyed a day out at the Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. As ever, the children had a fantastic day, enjoying a vast range of hands-on science experiments and a play in the lovely woodland adventure playground. Thanks to our parent volunteers who were able to join us for the day.

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 boys football team who are now through to the semi-final of Slough Schools League.

Pupils and parents were treated on Thursday morning to a number of our Holy Family musicians performing in the first of two piano and violin concerts, with the next being next week. We know the enormous amount of time and effort that goes on behind the scenes when learning an instrument, which is particularly tough when you're just starting out. The children should feel especially proud of themselves and their well-rehearsed musical talents, and I know that Haru, our peripatetic music teacher feels rightfully proud too.

Thursday was also VE Day, and this was marked in various ways in school. We look back and remember the sacrifices made by whole generations of people which have enabled us to live the free and privileged lives we live today.

Many of our families would have been glued to the news yesterday evening, eagerly awaiting the announcement of our newest Pope. We keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he prepares to lead our Catholic Church, and continue the work of his predecessor, Pope Francis. In his first speech, as he stood on the Balcony over-looking St Peter's Square, Pope Leo said, 'We are disciples of Christ: Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs Christ as a bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us, and help each other, build bridges.'

Please remember Year 6 in your prayers as they take their SATs tests next week. Please remind children to do their best but not worry at all about the outcome. They each have bright futures waiting for them, regardless of the outcome of these tests. Let It Be!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

PRAYER

Almighty God, we give thanks for the gift of Pope Leo.
May he witness faithfully to the Gospel, leading with humility and compassion
and inspiring all people to be pilgrims of hope.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 2nd June	STAFF INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd June	Week 2 of the Menu Year 5 Class (Mrs O'Reilly) Visit to Langley library
Wednesday 4th June	Year 4 Swimming Reception (Mrs Harris) Visit to Langley Library
Sunday 8th June	Pentecost

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

Congratulations to Alice Brumby for progressing to Stage 2 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Carren-Grace Nganga for progressing to Stage 4 in her swimming lessons.

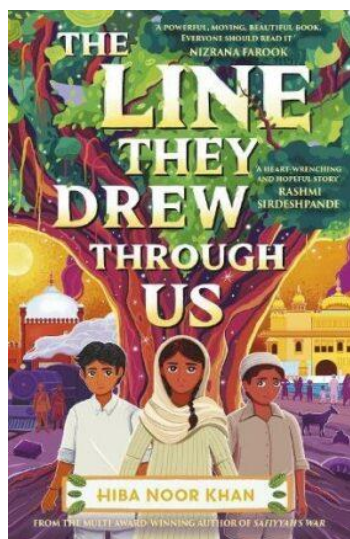
Congratulations to Maria Teresa Kiran for progressing to Stage 4 in her swimming lessons.

Weekly Sports Update

Our Year 5/6 Boys team played Western House in a quarter final match this week in a very close game. We started off strong with a very early goal and created a lot of chances throughout the game. The score at half time was 1-1. A fantastic bit of play including Ayden Kumar and Riley O'Neill was finished off perfectly in to the top corner by Alex Michalik. We finished the game with a 2-1 win meaning we are now into the semi-finals. 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: Hiba Noor Khan

Interest Age: 9-11

Reading Age: 9+

Born miles apart, and into different religions, Jahan, Ravi and Lakshmi are best friends and, by the age of 12, have been meeting for years in the village that has no name and does not appear on any maps. An accessible, humanitarian perspective on the Partition of India in 1947, seen through the experiences of three children and their families.

Junior Librarians

Thank you to all the Year 5 and Year 6 children who applied for the Junior Librarian roles — I was truly impressed by the enthusiasm, effort, and love for reading shown in your applications. Congratulations to Veer, An Noor, Sreyas, Emmanuela, Blanka, Eliza, Sienna, Alex, Emily and Oliver who have been chosen to be our Junior Librarians until July. As Junior Librarians, they will help look after the Whispering Pages library, encourage others to take care of it too, assist classmates in finding and recommending books, and act as reading role models across the

school. If you are going to be in Year 5 or Year 6 in September and would like to be part of this exciting role, there will be another opportunity to apply then. Miss Macfarlane

Wednesday Word

Our Wednesday Word this week is LIFE. This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, guiding us, his flock, in the right direction. Like sheep we can be easily startled and often run in the wrong direction. Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us; He helps us to keep on the right path. His care for us will lead us into the joys of eternal life. Our mission this week is to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and make life better for others at home and in school. We will try to always tell the truth, be kind and share; listen carefully to our parents and teachers; and those others who are leading us through life. We pray to Jesus that He will guide us on our mission this week.

Choir Students to Perform at The Hexagon – Monday 23rd June 2025

We are thrilled to announce that some members of our school choir will be taking part in a very special event at *The Hexagon* in Reading on Monday 23rd June 2025.

"Welcome to a Night at the Movies" is set to be an unforgettable celebration of music from the big screen! This exciting performance brings together choirs from across Slough schools and the Slough Youth Orchestra in a vibrant musical journey through film. From timeless classics to modern favourites, the evening promises rich harmonies, powerful orchestral arrangements, and a showcase of exceptional young talent from our local community.

Book your tickets now via the link <https://whatsonreading.com/venues/hexagon/whats-on/slough-music-service-night-movies>, by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer, or by calling the Hexagon Box Office.

Come and support our amazing young singers in what promises to be a magical evening of music!

Miss Caswell and Mrs Green.

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.

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 Green and Mrs Evans' Year 4 class and Mrs Ragg's Year 6 class for achieving the highest attendance this week. Please see attached poster which shows each year group's overall attendance for this week.

Studybugs - New System for Reporting Absences

Thank you to those parents who have downloaded the Studybugs app and are now reporting absences in this way. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please could I ask you to do this.

Here are a few tips and reminders for reporting on Studybugs:

- Please only report absence for **Illness** on the app, for reporting appointments, family emergencies etc please use the attendance email.
- Please report absences **daily**.
- Please report absences before **08:30am** on the morning, if reporting for next day please do so **after 6pm** but **before 08:30am** the following morning.
- If your child is collected early from school due to illness, should they be off the following day please remember to report this absence.

I appreciate all your help with this new way of reporting absences. Mrs Oakes, Attendance Officer.

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	W- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5nOuWNVH/AxfcpvVY Y- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FsMg4NKm/BBS5PBdG QU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bndT1sO7/qMmHopji X - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kQLC0xCV/o4kYmCaY
Mrs Scott Mrs Mulrooney	Ditties	TH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/in0MagFB/da570qTC CH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/DZbZqj4g/V8jAFQHX QU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bndT1sO7/qMmHopji NG- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kP7P0D3V/JGbuGRpu
Mrs Keogh	Green	AIR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MPUECUhb/VmiHdZ5a IR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/I9DecYS7/CWkw0khG OU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Pna5rxcV/zy5UG0oZ OY- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fPU9ezB8/o0MJdViA
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