



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.30

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents

The whole school had a wonderfully uplifting start to our day today. Mrs Scott's Reception class led a beautiful class liturgy sharing all their learning about St Francis of Assisi. They inspired us to look after animals and our environment following the examples set by St Francis and David Attenborough. They linked this to the Church's social teaching about Stewardship and encouraged us to live out our school mission statement of 'Making the world a better place'. It was truly impressive. Children spoke so confidently; it's hard to believe they are only 4 or 5 years old. Children and staff had clearly worked hard preparing their liturgy. Well done to everyone who took part.

On Thursday, both Reception classes had a wonderful Bug Ball Day to celebrate the end of their 'Minibeasts' topic, all the children looked amazing! The classrooms were filled with ladybirds, bumble bees, butterflies, spiders, we even had some dragonflies, snails and one Hercules Rhino beetle! Children enjoyed drawing and writing about the minibeast they were dressed as. At the end of the day the children danced to the 'Ugly Bug Ball' song. A great day was had by all; thank you to our parents who put so much effort in to making this day really special.

Also on Thursday, Ascension Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, every class gathered together in prayerful liturgy to celebrate Christ's triumphant return to His Father in heaven, ensuring that this sacred and joyful feast was marked with the reverence and devotion it truly deserves.

In contrast to the fun that has been taking place in Reception this week, Year 6 completed their Statutory Assessment Tests daily, from Monday to Thursday. Children sat three English and three mathematics assessments. These tests indicate whether children have met the age-related expectations for the end of primary school. We look forward to receiving their results in July. Today, Year 6 arrived at school in an assortment of pyjamas and sports clothes intent on relaxing. Next week, 53 of our Year 6 children will venture to PGL Liddington for a week of outdoor adventurous activities. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

As we have six members of staff accompanying Year 6 on their residential, including Mr Holder, there will be no after school clubs run by Mr Holder next week. Wake Up, Shake Up will go ahead as normal on Monday before school.

As we head into our final week before half term, let us dig deep into that last little reserve of energy and enthusiasm, safe in the knowledge that a well-earned rest is just around the corner for children and staff alike.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 8th June Week 2 of the Menu

Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check This Week

Wednesday 10th June Year 3 Swimming

Saturday 13th June First Holy Communion

Sunday 14th June First Holy Communion

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. Amended term dates were attached to last week's newsletter and a printed copy was sent home with children this week also.

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 Josiah Oyetunji who progressed to Stage 2 in his swimming lessons.

Congratulations to An Noor Ma who has progressed to Stage 4 in his swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Amreen Kaur and Saran Torcal-Serrano who both performed at the Eton May fete last weekend. They did a beautiful ballet dance dressed as flower fairies.

Congratulations also to Amreen Kaur for winning 3 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal at her recent gymnastics competition. Amreen also passed her pre primary ballet exam with distinction and is now preparing for her Grade 1 Ballet.

Congratulations to Seren Yarrow who plays in the district football team for Slough Schools FA11 Under 11 and played in Oxford at a tournament last weekend for the Southern Counties League Trophy, with her team coming second.

Congratulations to Emrys Yarrow for mastering riding a bike.

Congratulations to Xavier Smith who celebrated his First Holy Communion last weekend and also successfully completed his Stage 4 swimming lessons.

Well done Josiah, An Noor, Amreen, Saran, Seren, Emrys and Xavier.

School's Got Talent is Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that, with the support of the School Council and the PTA, we will soon be holding our very own School's Got Talent Concert!

Over the May half-term holiday, we would love children to start thinking about and practising a talent they may wish to share at auditions. This could include singing, dancing, playing an instrument, comedy, magic tricks, poetry, or any other special talent they would like to showcase.

Auditions will take place after half term, and further details will be shared with the children at school. We encourage all children to give it a go — it's a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, have fun, and celebrate the many talents within our school community.

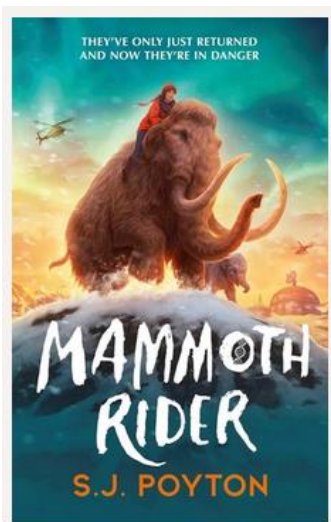
We can't wait to see the amazing performances our pupils prepare!

Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Ragg's Year 6 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.4%).

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: S J Poyton

Interest Age: 9-11

Reading Age: 9+

Mammoths have been brought back from extinction through cloning technology and have mostly been left alone. But, when a rare white calf is born, it attracts the attention of poachers, leading to an icy adventure as Ash tries to protect the herds.

Staffing Update

On Friday 22nd May, we will say a fond farewell to Chloe Ellis-Callow (2-year-old Nursery staff member). Chloe has worked in a few different roles in school over the last 3 years. We thank her for her dedication and wish her every success and happiness as she embarks on her next steps.

PGL Staffing

Accompanying 53 of our Year 6 children on their residential trip is Mrs Doyle, Miss Caswell, Mrs Fox, Miss Dardis, Miss Macfarlane and Mr Holder. Whilst they are away, Miss Dardis' Year 4 class will be taught by Mrs Remfeld, Mrs Fox's Year 5 class will be taught by Mrs Ragg and Miss Macfarlane's Year 2 class will be taught by Mrs Williams, Mrs Hogg and Mrs Wilson. Class teachers will teach PE. There will be no music lessons. Those extra-curricular clubs run by Mr Holder will not take place next week. Thank you.

Pupil Premium

Over the next few weeks, our Children's Champion, Mrs Conlon, will be checking in with those families in receipt of Pupil Premium to see if there is any additional support that can be provided.

Free School Meals Voucher Update

Please see attached letter.

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 – Closes 18th May

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 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Unfortunately, the PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale could not take place this week. It will be rearranged for after the May half term.

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

OTHER

GEMS

GEMS are holding two different virtual coffee morning on 22nd May and 19th June – please see attached posters for more information.

Slough SEND Parent Care Forum

There is a coffee morning on 21st May – please see attached poster for further information

Curve Venue

Please see attached poster for details of an event taking place during May half term.