



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.30

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents

Nothing beats starting a Friday with a Reception class liturgy! This morning we were wowed as some of our youngest children took to the stage to share with us what they have been learning in RE: all about our Church and the Year of Hope. It is mind-blowing that children as young as four and five can stand in front of nearly five hundred people and speak, act and dance with such confidence! Thanks to the parents who came and enjoyed the assembly with us, and many thanks – as ever – to our hard-working EYFS team who achieve so much with our children.

This week our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard and demonstrating all they have learnt as they have sat their KS2 SATs in Reading, Grammar and Maths. Thank you to all Year 6 parents who ensured their children were in school and on time each day; as a result, the tests ran incredibly smoothly. The children should feel proud of the hard work they have put in this week, and can look-forward to a less work-intense week next week, with 47 of our children heading off to their PGL residential on Monday and the remaining children taking part in a variety of activities both in and outside school for the week.

We are delighted to announce that we have received approval from the Department of Education to extend our provision to include 2 year olds from September, and this has been agreed and is supported by our Local Academy Committee and our Trust CEO. Please read further in this letter for the timescales we are working to.

Please be reminded that on Wednesday 19th May we will be celebrating Mary, in our May Procession. Please read further in the newsletter for details.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Doyle

DIARY DATES

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 (Mrs Green/Mrs Evans) 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 4 Multiplications Tables Check (Week 1 of 2)

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

Feast of the Pentecost

Monday 9th June

Week 1 of the Menu

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Year 4 Multiplications Tables Check (Week 2 of 2)

Tuesday 10th June

Year 5 Class (Mrs Fox) Visit to Langley library

Wednesday 11th June

Year 3 Swimming

Year 4 Class (Miss Dardis) Visit to Langley Library

Thursday 12th June

Author Visit – Dr Fuzz

Saturday 14th June

First Holy Communion

Sunday 15th June

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Extra-Curricular Activities 19th – 23rd May 2025

Mr Holder will be attending the Year 6 PG next week and so any extra curricular activities run by him (Wake Up Shake Up, Football, Athletics) will not be taking place next week. 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 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 five fantastic achievements to celebrate this week.

Congratulations to Aayra Jain for learning to ride a bike without stabilisers and then cycling to school by bike.

Congratulations to Abigail Dsouza for progressing from Stage 5 to Stage 6 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Avia Alphonz Dijo for completing Level 8 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Mickey-Ray Davies who was announced this week in the 2025/2026 Slough district football team.

Congratulations to Xavier Smith for being named Players' Player of the Year for the Ascot United U7 Titans due to his goalscoring, sportsmanship and leadership during the 2024/25 season.

Weekly Sports Update

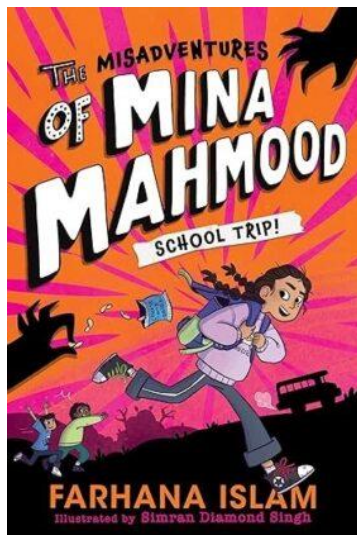
This week our Year 3/4 Team played against Cippenham school. It was a very good game where the boys showed great teamwork, showing some fantastic bits of play. We came so close with both Philip Roginski and Mason Harry both hitting the woodwork. It was only their second game of the season and they played really well. Well done boys.

More exciting news for one of our players: Mickey-Ray was announced this week in the 2025/2026 Slough district football team; a very impressive and very proud moment for himself and the school. Congratulations!

Mr Holder

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: Farhana Islam

Illustrator: Simran Diamond-Singh

Interest Age: 9-11

Reading Age: 9+

Best friends Mina, Reema and Mobeen are buzzing with excitement as they embark on their school residential trip to Shiremoor Oaks, the ultimate outdoor adventure camp. This hilarious chapter book is enhanced by dynamic black-and-white illustrations. The main characters are Muslim and Mina's Bangladeshi heritage adds another dimension to this entertaining and slightly spooky adventure.

Two Year Old Nursery Provision

Having received the necessary approvals from the DFE, HFCS Local Academy Committee and St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust CEO, we are very excited to announce that we are now receiving applications for our 2 year old provision and would like to inform you of the following timescales:

Application form on website from 16th May 2025

Closing date for applications by 28th May 2025

Initial allocations made on 30th May 2025

Parents to have accepted places by 13th June 2025

Further allocation rounds will take place after 16th June 2025 if there are places available.

Please visit the [Admissions Section](#) of our school website for all necessary information and documentation.

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.

PGL Staffing

Accompanying 47 of our Year 6 children on their residential trip is Mrs Doyle, Miss Caswell, Mrs Ragg, Miss Dardis and Mr Holder. Whilst they are away, Miss Dardis' Year 4 class will be taught by Mrs Remfeld. Class teachers will teach PE. Those extra curricular clubs run by Mr Holder will not take place next week. Thank you.

Year 5 - PE

Please note that Year 5 will have PE on Thursday (22nd May) next week instead of Friday. Thank you.

Attendance

Well done to both Year 6 classes for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.6%). 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.

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| Mrs Keogh | Green | AY- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iKMWrtHS/pgje2FyF EE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GGQPdwnq/Qm8pqUXX IGH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NIt6VmNi/WjVsKkQI |
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| Mrs Crow | Blue | TION- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mTgE3gTJ/a8IG6rQM KN- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iM07WihG/qDH6IfcN ARE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2nzIkixL/0agV470c URE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pBjSnPxi/AgZUKdCD AU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HReCWWjr/wDAZDG4I IRE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PCiWNXKW/FUb4e8tP |
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