



## Holy Family Catholic Primary School

**Pentecost Term**

**Newsletter No.31**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

Dear Parents

We have had a lovely week in school. We have an amazing outdoor space which children really enjoy when the weather is kind to us as it has been this week.

Year 6 returned happy and tired from their residential trip to PGL Liddington. Please scroll down on our website to see the Instagram photos that staff uploaded each day; they all appear to have had a lovely time! On behalf of the children and parents, I extend huge gratitude to the six members of staff who gave up one week away from their own families to ensure Year 6 could experience a residential trip and enjoy outdoor and adventurous activities, marking the end of their primary school journey.

With five teachers and Mr Holder accompanying Year 6, we had far fewer staff in school this week than usual. I hope children enjoyed working with different teachers and support staff during this time. My thanks go to all the staff who stepped up and took on different roles this week.

Year 6 children who did not attend the residential trip enjoyed being off timetable, with the highlights of their week being a day trip to Windsor and a pizza-making session.

Year 1 – Year 5 have worked hard with their end of year assessments this week. Teachers will use these outcomes to inform their annual written reports which we aim to share with parents at the beginning of July.

Please do take a few moments to read the Meningitis information in this newsletter and also the STCAT May newsletter. This newsletter has a lovely article about our 2-year-old Nursery.

Please may I also kindly remind all Parents and Carers to exercise caution and consideration to our neighbours and pedestrians when parking near school and in surrounding roads.

This Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost, the feast on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, filling them with God's grace and sending them out to share the Good News with the world.

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend and half term and hope everyone gets to enjoy the good weather we have been promised. We look forward to seeing your children return to school refreshed on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June being an INSET Day) as we embark on the last half term of this school year.

God bless

Mrs Benn

**\*\*MENINGITIS OUTBREAK – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS\*\***

For any information about the recent meningitis cases in Reading please visit NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/> or see the information available from two charities who offer free support via their websites and helplines:

The Meningitis Research Foundation

[www.meningitis.org](http://www.meningitis.org)

Helpline UK 080 8800 3344

Meningitis Now

[www.meningitisnow.org](http://www.meningitisnow.org)

Helpline 0808 80 10 388

or [helpline@meningitisnow.org](mailto:helpline@meningitisnow.org)

A PDF leaflet about signs and symptoms of meningitis is available online here: [Meningitis – Signs & symptoms of septicaemia](#)

**DIARY DATES**

**May Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>     | <b>Staff INSET – School Closed</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>    | Week 1 of the Menu<br>Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check This Week   |
| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>  | Year 3 Swimming   |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>     | Week 2 of the Menu<br>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check This Week<br>Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check This Week |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> | Year 3 Swimming   |
| <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | First Holy Communion  |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | First Holy Communion  |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | Week 3 of the Menu  |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> | Year 3 Swimming   |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | New Nursery Parents Meeting 7pm   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>    | Reception (Mrs Harris) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am   |

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027, not Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2027. Amended term dates were sent out with previous newsletters and a printed copy was also sent home with children last week.

### **STCAT Trust Newsletter for Parents**

Please see a copy of the STCAT May newsletter attached.

### **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](mailto: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 Devante Romney who took part in a recital at the Curve this week and performed a lovely piece on the piano.

Congratulations to Tejveer and Amreen who performed "Golden" from K-Pop Demon Hunters as a piano duet at a Recitals evening presented by Slough Music Service.

Congratulations to Autumn Akaki for learning to ride her bike without stabilisers.

Congratulations to Sienna Monserrate for progressing from Stage 3 to Stage 4 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Sophie D'Souza for winning the Gold Medal at the recent SWTC Novice & Synchro Gymnastics Trampoline Competition.

Well done Devante, Tejveer, Amreen, Autumn, Sienna and Sophie.

### **Holy Family 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!

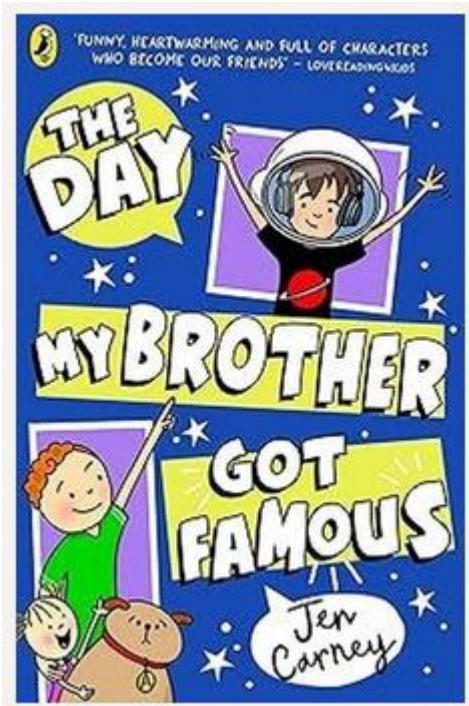
Over the May half-term holiday, we would love children to start thinking about and practising a talent they may wish to share at auditions. This could include singing, dancing, playing an instrument, comedy, magic tricks, poetry, or any other special talent they would like to showcase.

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!

### **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/ Illustrator:** Jen Carney    **Interest Age:** 7-11    **Reading Age:** 7+

Ferris plans to spend half term creating a comic-strip for a competition, but his autistic foster brother Arthur needs his support at Space Camp. This funny and heart-warming tale thoughtfully explores neurodiversity, friendship and ethical dilemmas.

### **Staffing Update**

Today, 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.

### **Uniform**

All children are invited to wear summer uniform after the May half term. This remains optional due to the cost of living crisis.

### **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

### **Becket Festival**

Children are invited to submit artwork for a chance to be in the exhibition accompanying the Becket Festival at Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury Cathedral Northampton on 4 July 2026. Please see attached poster for further details.

### **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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| Mrs Harris             | Set 1           | <a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kkHlCmaa/b3XIz5hx">Z- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kkHlCmaa/b3XIz5hx</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MRKhz6tT/FttfNL3z">F- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MRKhz6tT/FttfNL3z</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HVomcaak/b72qfixC">C- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HVomcaak/b72qfixC</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/B52qsFog/SJQju3bS">U- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/B52qsFog/SJQju3bS</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tngXU33j/3miQ60Zy">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tngXU33j/3miQ60Zy</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sf6Go1TP/50JokRuI">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sf6Go1TP/50JokRuI</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GwXID3k1/qvAVdivL">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GwXID3k1/qvAVdivL</a><br><a href="https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Hfm4PbIn/Y0hf6XFO">https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Hfm4PbIn/Y0hf6XFO</a>   |
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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](mailto:holyfamilylangleypta@gmail.com).

### **The HFCS Great Garden Project - Thursday 4th June 9am**

We will be weeding and planting from 9am - creating a beautiful space for calm and reflection. Please bring any tools and gloves!

### **PTA Uniform Sale - New Date - Wednesday 10th June**

We will hold the Preloved Uniform Sale afterschool on Wednesday 10th June.

If you still have uniform you wish to donate, please leave with a member of the PTA the morning of Wednesday 10th June.

### **PTA 'Little Recyclers Clothing Collection' Fundraiser - morning of Thursday 11th June**

Are you having a wardrobe sort out this half term? Have you got clothes that your children have outgrown? Do you want to declutter your wardrobe?

We are collecting bags of adult and children's clothes through the Little Recyclers Scheme to raise funds for our school. The school can receive 45p for every kilo of clothes - a great way to fundraise!

Please drop your bin bags of clothes to the PTA near the front of the school on the morning of Thursday the 11th June! (Please see flyer attachment for more information)

If you have any questions about any of the PTA events or you wish to get involved, please speak to Halima or Chrissy or email: [holyfamilylangleyPTA@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilylangleyPTA@gmail.com)

### **OTHER**

### **Free Half Term Event at Eton College - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Please see attached flyer for further information.

### **Curve Venue**

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