



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

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Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome back for our final half term of this school year. I hope everyone had a lovely half term and children have returned to school refreshed.

This week in school, many children have completed assessments which will show some of what they have learnt this year; this information will be used by teachers to make their own assessments of how each child is achieving against the national expectations, and will be presented to parents in our annual written individual reports, due to be given out in July. Well done to our Year 4 children who completed their statutory Times Table Check this week, as well as these 'in-house' assessments.

The week before half term, many of our Year 6 children enjoyed a four night stay at PGL Liddington, along with six members of staff. The children were beautifully behaved and had a wonderful time, trying activities they had never done before and many sleeping away from parents for the first time. They were all very courageous and hopefully came away feeling rightfully extremely proud of themselves. We have received good feedback from those children who stayed in school for 'Activity Week', regarding their trip to Windsor and the creative sessions they enjoyed in school.

This is the last half term at Holy Family for our current Year 6 children, and there are lots of events for them to look forward to. There will be a Leavers' Mass on 17th July at 10am, to which parents are invited (but not expected) to attend. On 21st July at 9am, parents are invited to watch the children perform their Leavers' Production and that evening, 21st July, we will be hosting our Leavers' Party from 7-9:30pm. More details will follow regarding these events.

On Thursday evening, I attended a meeting that introduced a really exciting project: Pride in Place. You may be familiar with this new government initiative that is focused on delivering funds to areas across the country in order to build communities focusing on stronger cohesion, safety and belonging in thriving places; the broad plan is that, over the next ten years, £40 million will be invested into two areas in Slough: Britwell and Langley Foxborough, the area that our school sits on the border of. The initiative will be almost entirely community-led, and Pride in Place are looking to form a board (and select a chair of the board) to help decide where the investment is made. We are aware that many of our families live and work in Langley Foxborough and this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and be in the driving seat of real change for our local area. Please see the attached leaflet for more information, and how you can apply to get involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to be aware of our neighbours when using the slip road and entrances to our school. Many of our neighbours are elderly and/or vulnerable; can we please remind children to be respectful and set a positive example by being considerate ourselves. Thank you.

Following the tragic deaths of 13 young people during the recent holiday period in open water incidents across the UK, please do read and discuss with your children the attached Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) Water Safety Letter to Parents Carers June 2026, helping to ensure important water safety advice is reinforced at home.

Please also encourage your child to participate in The Big Future National Survey issued by the Children's Commissioner – more details in this newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn

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Please see attached. Please do read this and discuss with your children, helping to ensure important water safety advice is reinforced at home.

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th June	Week 2 of the Menu
Wednesday 10th June	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 12th June	Year 3 Visit to Littlehampton
Saturday 13th June	First Holy Communion
Sunday 14th June	First Holy Communion
Monday 15th June	Week 3 of the Menu
Wednesday 16th June	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 18th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 7pm
Friday 19th June	Reception (Mrs Harris) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am
Monday 22nd June	Week 1 of the Menu 3 Year Nursery Fathers' Day Celebration 11.30am & 2.30pm Choir Sing at Hexagon Theatre
Wednesday 24th June	Year 3 Swimming New Reception Children Parents Meeting 7pm
Friday 26th June	Year 1 (Mrs Hendy) Class Assembly

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 Abigail Thekkekara who performed in the Summer Music Recital at The Curve as part of Slough Music Service, confidently playing "Sparkling Splashes & Smooth Water" on the piano.

Congratulations to Avia Alphonz Dijo for successfully passing her Grade 1 piano examination and also achieving Level 11 in swimming.

Congratulations to Daniel Shah for being awarded 'Parents Player of the Year' by his football team for his valuable contribution to the team as a goalkeeper.

Well done Abigail, Avia and Daniel.

Attendance

Congratulations to Miss Macfarlane's Year 2 class and Mrs Green and Mrs Evans Year 4 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (98.8%).

Holy Family School's Got Talent is Coming Soon!

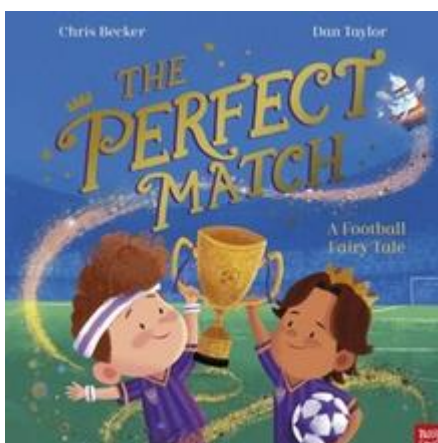
We are excited to announce that, with the support of the School Council and the PTA, we will soon be holding our very own School's Got Talent Concert!

Auditions will take place over the next couple of weeks, 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, we will recommend a lovely new book, which will hopefully inspire our children to broaden their reading tastes.



Author: Chris Becker

Illustrator: Dan Taylor

Interest Age: 3-7

This adorable Cinderella story with a football twist is a lovely tale about resilience, trying hard and making your wishes come true.

Religious Education

This half term, children will be studying Branch 6 - Dialogue and Encounter - in RE. We would like the children to 'encounter' people from other Christian denominations and other world views. Many children have offered to share something of their faith or beliefs with their peers, however, we would like to invite any adults from our school community, that would be willing to speak to our children, to please contact school.admin@hfcs.org.uk. Having visitors in school will help to create memorable experiences for our children. Thank you, Mrs O'Reilly – RE Lead.

Year Group	Encounter – by the end of Branch 6 children will have encountered the following:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">aspects of modern Jewish life in Britain, including specific vocabulary about the Jewish belief in one God and the Torah as a special text which contains stories of the Jewish people's history and is a guide for Jewish life.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">links and simple connections between some Jewish religious laws, beliefs, worship, and life. (e.g., keeping the Sabbath day holy and how this is celebrated in the synagogue and in Jewish homes).Jewish religious words are in Hebrew (the original language of the Torah and other sacred Jewish/Christian texts).religious experiences of others from different communities in the class and the local area.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">links and simple connections between some Islamic religious laws, beliefs, worship, and life (e.g., belief in one God, the Creator, the significance of Muhammed, importance of the will of God etc.).of artistic expressions of belief in Islam, for example, in Islamic art or religious music.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">some facts about the five pillars of Islam.some ways Muslims in Britain today live out their beliefs.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the Tanakh (or Hebrew Bible) uses different names for Godthe Shema prayer as the basic creed of Judaismspecialist vocabulary to describe some Jewish beliefs expressed in the Shema prayer ('Hear Oh Israel – the Lord our God, the Lord is One')a mezuzah as it contains the Shema prayer and on the box is the letter 'Shin' or sometimes the whole word 'Shaddai' meaning mighty
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">links and simple connections between some Dharmic beliefs, practices, and way of life (e.g., Hinduism or Sikhism or Buddhism or Jainism)

The Big Future National Survey – Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner for England has issued a survey and would like to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Children can take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>
(The survey link will remain live until October half term. The closing date is Friday 23 October 2026 at 23.59.)

Upcoming Changes to Free School Meals (FSM)

From 1st September 2026, there will be some changes to the qualification for free school meals, namely that FSM eligibility is expanding to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, regardless of household earnings. Whereas FSM funding comes into schools currently to cover the cost of meals as well as some extra funding for education, the new scheme will allow some households to apply for school to receive funding for their meals, but school will receive no funding for educational support. Parents who are eligible (or think they might be eligible) will need to re-check their child's eligibility before 1st September 2026, as the current FSM benefit will automatically end in August. Parents will receive a letter soon with more details, including the information you will be asked to supply during the re-checking of eligibility.

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.

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.

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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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 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

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 of you wish to get involved, please speak to Halima or Chrissy or email: holyfamilylangleyPTA@gmail.com

OTHER

Slough's Early Help Offer

Find out about the early help offer in Slough and the support that is available for children and young people from 0-19 and up to 25 with SEND. Please see attached flyer for further information.