



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

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Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents

Another busy week in school this week, unfortunately with a lot of wind and rain! The children's hard work has continued and school has been joyful, yet focused.

There is a real buzz in school as Mrs Fox prepares for 'School's Got Talent'! Auditions have begun and over one hundred children have come to show her their skills; among the vast array of talents she has seen, there's been lots of dancing, magic tricks and comedy sketches. Once the final selection has been made, rehearsals can begin; we will share more information with parents shortly.

On Tuesday of this week, a group of our Year 5 & 6 children played in a tournament at Slough Cricket Club; we are extremely proud of this group, particularly as the majority of them have not played for our school in sport before, but all worked hard and represented us really well. Thank you to them, and to Mr Holder for exploring new opportunities for our children.

On Wednesday, we watched as a large collection of clothes was collected in a van; this was an initiative by our PTA, who organised for Re-donate to come and collect the clothes and shoes that families had donated recently. Thanks to all who contributed; 45p per kilo will come back to school to support our children.

After school today, our PTA supported our school community for a second time by organising and holding a pre-loved uniform sale. Despite the wind, we had a group of parents arrive in the afternoon and set up tables full of unwanted uniform, showing stewardship of our Earth by rescuing clothes from landfill and hopefully saving some of our families some money! Thanks again to our PTA for their ongoing support.

Today, Friday, our Year 6 children were visited by Wayne Dixon, from It's Your Move. Wayne has been visiting our school for many years, talking to our oldest children about their transition to secondary school. The children enjoyed listening to Wayne and his pearls of wisdom, as he attempted to allay their worries and then left them with a helpful handbook full of tips and tricks to use over the next few months as they face a big change.

Our Year 3 children travelled to Littlehampton today, in order to visit the beach; there was much excitement this morning as they waited to board their coach. Thanks to our parent volunteers; we hope the children (and adults!) had a lovely day and we can't wait to hear all about it on Monday.

The sun is set to make a reappearance this weekend, and we are particularly delighted for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion at Holy Family Church on both Saturday and Sunday. How fitting that these celebrations fall so close to the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a feast that calls us to contemplate Christ's boundless love for each one of us. We keep these children and their families in our prayers and hope they all enjoy their very special day.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!

God Bless

Mrs Doyle

DIARY DATES

Saturday 13th June	First Holy Communion 11.30am & 1.30pm
Sunday 14th June	First Holy Communion 11.30am
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 Old 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 Parents Welcome
Monday 29th June	Week 2 of the Menu
Tuesday 30th June	Diversity Day
Wednesday 1st July	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
Thursday 2nd July	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am

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.

Attendance

Congratulations to Miss Dardis' Year 4 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (100%).

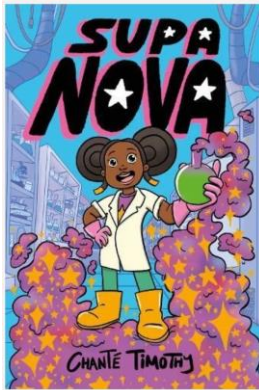
Talent show- calling all artists!

We would love to display some children's art work on the evening of School's Got Talent. If you would like to have your artwork considered for the display, please send it into school via

your class teacher who will pass it on to Mrs Fox. Artwork should be no more than A4 size and can be any media type e.g. paint, pastel, pencil drawing, digital. We look forward to receiving some wonderful pieces that can be celebrated on the evening of School's Got Talent. The closing date for entries is Friday 26th June 2026.

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: Chanté Timothy

Interest age: 9-11

Reading Age: 7+

Young scientist Nova loves nothing more than conducting experiments in her secret laboratory, accessed through a hidden entrance behind her wardrobe. After watching a documentary about islands of plastic waste which are floating in the oceans, Nova is sure she can come up with a solution.

A Celebration of Our Diversity

On Tuesday 30th June, we would like to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity that is present within our own school community. On this day, we are asking everyone to come to school dressed in either cultural dress or the colours of their nationality's flag. During the day, each year group will be learning about one of the following faiths: Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism or Buddhism.

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 God the Shema prayer as the basic creed of Judaism specialist 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)

This week's Wednesday Word is: God's Kingdom.

Adapted from Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus felt sorry for the crowds because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without their shepherd. So, He gave His disciples the power to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness and said: "Now go to the people and tell them that the Kingdom of Heaven will soon be here. Cure the sick, raise the dead to life and heal the lepers. You received without paying, now give without being paid. "

This Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to tell us about God's Kingdom. God loves us all equally and invites us all to enter His Kingdom TODAY! We can help God's Kingdom of peace and healing grow around us through the little things we do and say. So, our mission this week is to spread healing and peace with others - like Jesus did.

By Jacob Henriquez (Y6 Mission Team)

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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