



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

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Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents

The sunshine has made us all smile this week, and our children have been fortunate to have had lots of opportunities outside of the regular timetable. Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Fuzz, the author of *Poppy the Pea*, for an exciting author visit! Dr. Fuzz led a fun and inspiring assembly for EYFS, KS1, and KS2, where he spoke about important themes in his book such as courage, bravery, setbacks, and comebacks. Year 1 and Reception children also enjoyed a special pea-planting session with Dr. Fuzz, bringing the story of *Poppy the Pea* to life in a hands-on way. The day ended with a book signing in 'The Whispering Pages' school library, where pupils had the chance to meet the author and get their own copies signed.

Today Nursery had a great time singing to their Dads and family members to celebrate Father's Day, before watching a special presentation with pictures of them with their Dads. We have talked about how special our Dads and Father figures are to us. Ernest said "My Daddy lifts me on his shoulders!" and Lani said "My Daddy can cook well!" Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this morning.

On Monday, Nursery and Reception enjoyed a day trip to Bockett's farm. The children were delighted to go on a tractor ride around the farm and even got to handle some of the smaller animals, as well as watching pig racing. Everyone stroked the pony and some of the braver children fed the goats! Staff were delighted with how well behaved our children were and how well they represented our school, despite being so young. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who were – as always - amazing!

On Tuesday of this week, 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.

Please remember our Year 3 children in your prayers as many of them will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. We hope they all have a blessed and joyous day with their families as they make their First Holy Communion.

I hope that those of you celebrating Fathers' Day have a lovely weekend with your families, and we keep in our prayers those in our school community for whom this day may be difficult.

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

God Bless

Mrs Doyle

DIARY DATES**Saturday 14th June**

First Holy Communion

Sunday 15th June

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Monday 16th June

Week 2 of the Menu

Year 3 Visit to Littlehampton

Tuesday 17th June

Diversity Day

Year 1 Class (Mrs Hendy) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 18th June

Year 4 Victorian Day (At School)

MHST Coffee Morning – Behaviour and Boundaries 9-10am

Year 3 Swimming

Year 1 Class (Mrs Hume) Visit to Langley Library

Friday 20th June

Reception (Mrs Harris) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am

Monday 23rd June

Week 1 of the Menu

Year 6 Retreat Day at St Bernard's

Choir Performing at Hexagon Theatre

Tuesday 24th June

Reception Class (Mrs Scott & Miss Herring) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 25th June

Year 3 Swimming

Year 2 Class (Miss Macfarlane) Visit to Langley library

Meeting for New Reception Parents 7pm

Friday 27th June

Year 1 (Mrs Hendy) Class Assembly Parents Welcome 9am

Monday 30th June

Week 2 of the Menu

Tuesday 1st July

Year 6 Class (Mrs Doyle & Miss Caswell) visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 2nd July

PTA Coffee Morning (AOC) 9-9.30am

EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am

Year 3 Swimming

Thursday 3rd 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, 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

Congratulations to Mickey-Ray Davies and Patrick Karasinski who participated in the Harefield tournament last weekend with their team Langley FC; they progressed through all the matches, quarter final, semi-final and final and won. Well done Mickey-Ray and Patrick.

Congratulations to Riley Honeywell who was awarded a Chief Scout's Bronze Award. This is a top award for Beaver Scouts, demonstrating that Riley is adventurous, has helped in the community and has learnt about the world. It also means he had gained skills, worked as a team, completed all his challenge awards and four activity or staged activity badges. Well done Riley.

Congratulations to Jacob Matthew for progressing from Stage 4 to Stage 5 in his swimming lessons. Well done Jacob.

Congratulations to Fionn O'Keeffe-McCrea for progressing from Stage 1 to Stage 2 in his swimming lessons. Well done Fionn.

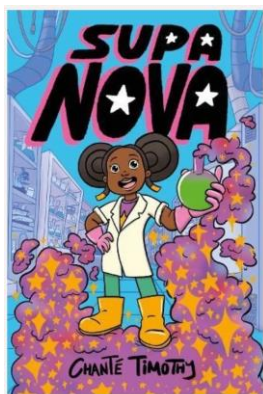
Parent Teacher Association

Join The PTA Coffee Morning

Wednesday 2nd July 9am-9.30am - PTA Coffee Morning, AOC (room opposite Dining Hall). An informal coffee morning to meet with other parents interested in reviving the Holy Family Parent Teacher Association. For more information contact Halima goshhalima@gmail.com.

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.

Two-Year-Old Nursery Provision

We are now receiving applications for our 2-year-old provision and would like to inform you of the following **amended** timescales:

Initial allocations made on 6th June 2025

Parents to have accepted places by 16th June 2025

Further allocation rounds will take place after 16th June 2025.

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

Are you eligible for 15 hours funded 2-year-old childcare?

In England, there are three government-funded early education schemes that offer free childcare for children aged two, three and four:

- 15 hours free education and childcare for 2-year-olds (families on certain low income benefits or children with additional needs)
- 15 hours free childcare for all 3 and 4-year-olds (universal entitlement)
- 15/30 hours free childcare for eligible children between 9-months to 4 years-old (working parents)

Each of the free childcare schemes has different eligibility rules so it's important to check which of the schemes is right for you.

A Celebration of Our Diversity

Next week, on Tuesday 17th 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 many different countries that make up our diverse community here at Holy Family.

Year 6 Retreat Day

On Monday 23rd June, Year 6 will be attending a retreat day at St Bernard's Grammar School. We will be walking from Holy Family to St Bernard's, arriving for a 10am start. We will spend the day with some of the older students and Siobhan, the chaplain. **All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch.** We will walk back from St Bernard's in the afternoon and will be back at school for usual collection time at the end of the day.

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 flyer attached to a previous newsletter, 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.

Living Streets - WOW Programme Launch



School Council introduced the WOW – walking to school - programme in years 2 to 5 this week. WOW is a pupil-led initiative where, at school, children self-report how they get to school each week using WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they are rewarded with a WOW badge. It's that easy!

WOW schools see 59% fewer car journeys to the school gates and 18% more journeys walking and wheeling all the way to school. WOW also promotes healthy mental wellbeing by improving behaviour and concentration levels in class.

If you usually drive to school, you can 'park and stride' i.e. park a 10-minute walk away and this counts as walking to school on the WOW programme. You can also cycle or scooter. So get those walking shoes ready and WOW your way to the school gates until the end of term!

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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