



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

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Dear Parents and Carers

This morning, we were treated to a celebratory liturgy led by Mrs Harris' Reception class, which was absolutely delightful. The children showed such confidence and it was remarkable to see their resilience when stood in front of almost five hundred children and adults. They shared a message with the audience that was all about love and friendship: that, although we are just one small person, we can make the world a better place by sharing Jesus' message of love and friendship. Jesus set us an example of how to love others and tells us in scripture that there isn't anything more important than how we love. Thank you to our youngest children for reminding us of this vital message.

On Thursday evening, staff members welcomed the parents of next year's Nursery children, and it was great to see so many new faces along with our existing parents. We look forward to welcoming these new families into our warm community in September.

We have a number of non-swimmers in our Year 6, who have been given the opportunity to take part in a series of swimming lessons this half term, which started on Wednesday. We are in the fortunate position that one of our parents is a qualified and experienced swimming teacher and she is working with our children on a voluntary basis. Many thanks to Theo and Layla's mum for her support.

This weekend, we will be celebrating Fathers' Day, and we wish all of our Dads, Grandads and primary carers a lovely, sunny Sunday! On Monday of next week, our 3-year-olds' Nursery welcome Dads in for a visit; we look forward to welcoming you into school.

Summer Camp will be running again Thursday 23rd July until Wednesday 5th Aug 2026. More details will be sent out next week.

We wish our school choir well for Monday when they will perform 'A Night at the Movies' with Slough Music Service at The Hexagon Theatre, Reading. Tickets are still on sale – please see further details and how to book further in the newsletter.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend in the sunshine and congratulations to all our children who received the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. You all looked beautiful and I hope you enjoy wearing your special clothes again this weekend when you collect your certificates.

God Bless,

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

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 5 World Youth Day Celebration
	Year 3 Swimming
	New Reception Children Parents Meeting 7pm
Friday 26th June	Year 1 (Mrs Hendy) Liturgy Parents Welcome 9am
Monday 29th June	Week 2 of the Menu
	Nursery (3-year-olds) Stay and Play 11.15-11.45am and 2.15-2.45pm
Tuesday 30th June	Diversity Day
Wednesday 1st July	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
	Year 3 Swimming (last session)
Thursday 2nd July	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
Monday 6th July	Week 3 of the Menu
	Extra-Curricular Activities Finish This Week
Tuesday 7th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 8th July	Reception Stay and Play 2.30-3pm
Thursday 9th July	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
	Optional Parents' Evening 2-6pm
	School's Got Talent 6.30pm
Friday 10th July	Year 3 Art Exhibition (In Classrooms) 3.20-3.45pm

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 Amreen Kaur who recently competed in the NGA Stars in the Spotlight gymnastics competition, winning one silver medal and one bronze medal. Amreen also performed as flower fairies with her ballet class at the Old Windsor Carnival. Well done Amreen.

Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Hume's Year 1 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (100%).

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!

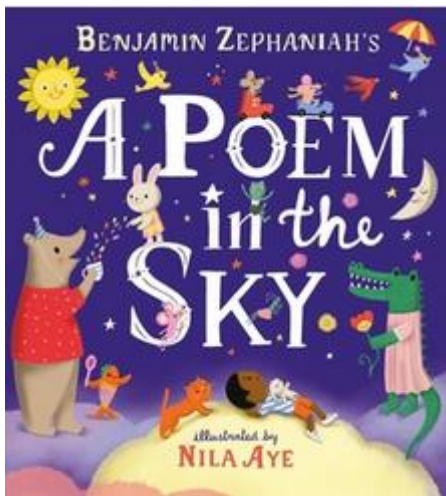
Miss Caswell and Mrs Green.

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, we will recommend a lovely new book, which will hopefully inspire our children to broaden their reading tastes.



Author: Benjamin Zephaniah

Illustrator: Nila Aye

Interest Age: 4-7

Poetry is everywhere! Find inspiration with the rhythm and rhyme of the late poet Benjamin Zephaniah in this charming picture book. With soft, energetic illustrations by Nila Aye.

Wednesday Word

My name is Yanula. I am part of the Mission Team and I would like to share with you this Sunday's Gospel.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Do not be scared. What is now hidden will be shown. What you have heard said quietly, I want you to tell everyone and speak out. And do not be afraid of others; they cannot harm your soul or spirit. Think more about God who has more power over both body and soul. Aren't two sparrows cheap to purchase – sold only for a penny? However, not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing about it. So do not be afraid. You are worth much more than lots of sparrows. If anyone speaks up for me in front of other people, I will speak up for that person in front of my Father in Heaven."

In this week's Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples out to spread the Good News, even if they meet people who may be rude and disrespectful. He tells them – and us – to not be afraid. Your mission is to be brave and stand-up for what is right. Never feel that you shouldn't stand up for the right things because others may go against you. Speak out, be brave and be you.

Thank you

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.).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)

Gate Closure Trail

From 29th June, we will begin closing the small pedestrian gate at 8:51am, each morning until the end of this term. This is to ensure that, if pupils are running late in the mornings, they come through the main gate by the car park, and go straight to reception to be signed in, rather than walk round to their classroom/cloakroom doors which are already closed. If the trial is successful, we will adopt these timings from September 2026. Your feedback during the trial period is welcome.

Relationships Education Nursery – Year 3

Next week, during science lessons, the children from Nursery to Year 3 will be learning about Relationships Education. This covers three strands Created and Loved by God, Created to Love Others and Created to Live in Community. The content of each lesson is guided by the Ten:Ten teaching resources Live Life to the Full Plus. Life to the Full is a Relationships and Health Education (RHE) curriculum programme underpinned by a Christian faith understanding that our deepest identity is as a child of God – created, chosen and loved by God.

Strong Foundations

We continue to see our 'Strong Foundations' programme threaded throughout our school, and talked about amongst adults and children alike. Despite there being quite a lot to it, the children are increasingly familiar with the language and how the Learning Team, Catholic Social Teaching and our Catholic Virtues work together. We believe our children are well-served when we remind them how they thrive and become the best version possible of the person God intended us to be, and these Strong Foundations give us the vocabulary and focus to help them flourish. Please find attached a copy of our Strong Foundations document, and use this to encourage your children at home; great things are achieved when we work together.

School Reports and Optional Parents' Evening –Thursday 9th July 2pm-6pm

The Optional Parents' Evening for all classes from Nursery – Year 6 will take place on Thursday 9th July from 2pm-6pm.

Teachers have put a lot of effort into collating accurate and informative reports and these will be sent home with all children in Nursery – Year 5 on the 3rd July. Year 6 results will arrive in school on Tuesday 7th July so we will release Year 6 reports on 8th July when we will be in a position to include test results. We kindly request that parents wait to read their child's report before making an appointment with the teacher, and then only make an appointment if there

are issues that need to be addressed. If, after reading your child's report, you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher to address a concern, please email carole.gonoud@hfcs.org.uk to request an appointment. Please clearly state your child's name, year group and teacher. Appointments will be in person and take place in the school hall.

Hot weather

All children, but especially our younger children, should bring a sun hat to school daily. Sun cream should be applied in the mornings before school. Please also ensure that children have a water bottle in school with them each day.

Sports Days

All children will be given a letter stating which colour team they will be in for their forthcoming Sports Day. If children happen to have a T-shirt in the colour specified at the top of the letter they bring home, please can they wear that colour top on their respective Sports Days. However, please do not go to the expense of buying any new tops – usual PE kit is absolutely fine. Also, after dropping children to school, please can parents wait outside the school premises until 9.20am (when the main gate by the school car park will be open) on their child's Sports Day. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Children will spend one lesson with their new teacher in the final week of term. Please see below for information regarding which teachers will be leading each year group in 2026/2027:

2-year-old Nursery	Miss Herring	
3-year-old Nursery	Mrs Forrest (4 days) and Mrs Wilson (1 day)	
Reception	Miss Macfarlane	Mrs Harris (4 days) and Mrs Wilson (1 day)
Year 1	Mrs Hume	Mrs Hendy
Year 2	Mrs Powell	Mrs Green (4 days) and Mrs Wilson (1 day)
Year 3	Mrs Evans (2 days) Mrs Martinez (3 days)	Ms Iqbal
Year 4	Miss Dardis	Mrs O'Reilly
Year 5	Mrs Fox	Miss Caswell
Year 6	Mrs Ragg	Mrs Doyle (4 days) Mrs Williams (1 day)

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Keogh and Mrs Gonoud, both of whom are retiring at the end of this academic year. Needless to say, these two long-standing members of staff will be greatly missed by our school community, both of them regularly going above and beyond to help our children, staff and families. We will ensure they receive a full send-off before the end of term, and we encourage you to stop and wish them well when you see them over their last remaining weeks with us.

We also say farewell to Mrs Kukla, who has been a fantastic teacher with us since she first qualified. Mrs Kukla leaves for a different job entirely, which is nearer to home and will give her more time with her family. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Mrs Scott will also be departing, although only for a period of maternity leave; her last day will be Friday 26th June. We wish her a wonderful time spent with her new baby. Mrs Hume

(Assistant Headteacher) will fulfil the role of EYFS Leader for the remainder of this academic year only.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's popular Summer Reading Challenge begins on Tuesday 30th June until Saturday 12th September, and the theme this year is Read to the Beat. The Challenge will harness the universal appeal of music to inspire the next generation of readers in the UK. The link between music and storytelling runs deep. Think rhythm, self-expression and creativity. We will be promoting this challenge as a way of encouraging all of our children to keep up their reading habits over the long summer holiday. Please find more information about how to sign up and what's involved by visiting <http://www.slough.gov.uk/libraries> or by visiting your local library. Once they have finished the Summer Reading Challenge, please encourage your child to let their teachers know. If you would like your child recognised for their efforts, please email Librarian@8715202.onmicrosoft.com. Thank you!

Hair, jewellery and nail varnish

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents of our expectations regarding hair, jewellery and nail varnish. The following is taken from our uniform policy: Hair should be kept back out of the eyes. Nail varnish must not be worn at school. Earrings should be small, plain studs; they should **not** be worn on days when there is PE/Games/ Swimming. No other jewellery should be worn. A watch may be worn, although if it becomes a distraction for the child then they may be asked not to wear it. Sikh children may wear the Kara. The Kara is one of the 5Ks of the Khalsa in the Sikh religion. Kara is a simple, unadorned bracelet. It is not considered jewellery. Children wearing the Kara should bring a sweatband to cover the Kara during PE lessons.

Thank you

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.

Mrs Scott	Set 1	W- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7rUVuJvc/TnIEtDlj E- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jntfsRkK/ufhNDKhV X- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/70UyrnaR/cqp16ZHG https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qRrOiPZv/u4D2A046 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kXUjMwOA/90wq7leT https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eU53ySQo/Zli3SKMw https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/t4tP13Ot/sBw8xzTI
Mrs Mulrooney	Ditties	QU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wXhYnzxL/XERHrOpK TH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JM6vbBmr/BEmn7TTv NG- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fe3G0oEF/R9ygGkOq https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9PbdNcKZ/yPZggPPh https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WJeHwige/762pkRFd https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6DEU8fby/jsxQz7Ra
Mrs Keogh Mrs Harris	Green Purple	OW- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UD4uUN6W/rTEEAo96 IR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LLGBCSI8/PHfsoaTj OY- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BzSUxz1b/7H7L6zjq

Mrs Wilson	Orange	ER- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vJUhYyr9/O5eQ7HfV
Mrs Crow	Blue	OW- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rsyUkAs3/TNkd609d
Mrs Hogg	Grey	AI- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FQrenSre/TPH5IBzM

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

PTA - Little Recyclers & Uniform Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Little Recyclers event last week. It was a great feeling to declutter and raise money at the same time! Although we only raised £37, it really is 'money for nothing!' We hope to organise another collection in the coming months.

Our uniform sale was another great success - we are so grateful for the energy and enthusiasm from our volunteers who worked hard to set up and sell. We raised over £360 - thank you to all who donated preloved uniform and supported by buying!

Please keep an eye out for any PTA updates on events, projects and our plans for the next school year! If you would like to get involved or help in anyway please email: holyfamilylangleyPTA@gmail.com

PTA The HFCS Great Garden Project

We will meet at 9am on Thursday 25th June to weed, plant and create a beautiful space. Please bring any gardening tools, gloves etc.

If you have any questions please speak to Chrissy or Halima or email: holyfamilylangleyPTA@gmail.com