



## Holy Family Catholic Primary School

**Pentecost Term**

**Newsletter No.35**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy – albeit unusual – week in school. The heatwave has brought challenges to all involved, and we hope that, by being more flexible with afternoon collections, parents have felt the benefit of the vast majority of children being in school most of the time. It is always a balance in school, and we aim to keep children (and staff) as safe as possible, whilst bearing in mind the needs of our families' differing situations. Thank you for being patient and apologies that decisions needed to be made quickly and communicated more last-minute than we usually like to operate. Many thanks to Raman Singh, Dad of Harman (Y5) who provided each child in school with an ice-cream on Wednesday; one child commented that it was 'the best day ever!'

This morning, despite the heat, not having had full school days to rehearse and Mrs Hendy knowing that our hall projector turns itself off when it becomes too hot, our incredible Year 1 boys and girls uplifted everyone with their beautiful singing and good advice. They reminded us to look after each other and be good friends by using helpful hands, kind words, and a happy smile. Their singing was simply gorgeous; a rendition of '*Count on Me, 1, 2, 3, I'll Be There*' was beautiful. One important message was a reminder that we are all part of God's family, bound together by love, care, and friendship. Well done, Year 1 you did a great job in a very hot hall.

On Monday, twelve members of our choir, from Years 3-6, travelled to the Hexagon Theatre in Reading to perform with a number of other schools, in a production called 'Our World, Our Voice'. As always, the children represented our school absolutely brilliantly: they were smart, polite and sang their hearts out. Thank you to Mrs Green and Miss Caswell for organising this opportunity for our children and well done to all involved.

On Wednesday of this week, Year 5 marked World Youth Day and celebrated their class saints, Saint John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The children enjoyed meditation, craft activities and letter writing. Please see more about their day further in the newsletter.

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed the parents of our new Reception classes into school to meet some key members of staff and hear a bit more about how we work at Holy Family. Despite the heat, new parents turned up in great numbers, with many expressing how excited they and their children are to be joining our community. We look forward to working with them from September.

Our popular Summer Camp is running again this year from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Please see details attached to this newsletter.

Please remember that we will be holding 'Diversity Day' on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, a day where we celebrate our school community's diverse heritage, culture, nationalities and religions. All children are encouraged to come to school dressed in either national dress or in clothes which

represent the colour of their national flag. This year, our learning will focus on different world religions.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul this Monday (29<sup>th</sup> June), we invite all our families to say the prayer below together.

God Bless

Mrs Doyle

### **Prayer for St Peter and St Paul**

St. Peter and St. Paul, please pray for us to grow in faith every day so that we can spend eternity with you and God in heaven. Please pray in a special way for all of our priests and for our Holy Father, that they may remain close to the Lord. Amen

### **DIARY DATES**

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Week 2 of the Menu Nursery (3-year-olds) Stay and Play 11.15-11.45am and 2.15-2.45pm Start of Pedestrian gate Closure Trial (8.51am daily)
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Diversity Day
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am Year 3 Swimming (last session)
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Week 3 of the Menu Extra-Curricular Activities Finish This Week
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Transition Day Reception Induction for September 2026 Intake
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception Stay and Play 2.30-3pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am Optional Parents' Evening 2-6pm School's Got Talent 6.30pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Art Exhibition (In Classrooms) 3.20-3.45pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Week 1 of the Menu
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 4 Roman Day EYFS Ark Farm to visit Holy Family
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 UK Day
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	3-Year-Old Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic Parents Welcome 11.30-12.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Holy Family Catholic School  
Parents Welcome 10am

### **Summer Holiday Camp at HFCS**

For anyone who would like to book a place for their child on the Summer Holiday Camp taking place here at school in the first two weeks of the holiday, please see attached letter and booking form. Please be aware that the deadline for returning forms is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### **A Celebration of Our Diversity**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Choir Performance, 'Our World, Our Voice'**



Our choir had the wonderful opportunity to perform at The Hexagon as part of the Our World, Our Voice concert, put together by Slough Music Service, alongside other schools from Slough. Our school choir looked incredibly professional, were exceptionally well behaved, and sang beautifully throughout the evening. Performing as part of a 500-strong choir created an amazing sound that filled the theatre. Highlights of the concert included Unstoppable, A Whole New World, and a lively Michael Jackson medley. The choir were accompanied by the

outstanding Langley Grammar School Orchestra, whose talented musicians made the performance even more special. The concert ended with the uplifting song Wave Your Flag, where all the children waved colourful flags while singing, creating a spectacular and unforgettable finale. Well done Choir!

Miss Caswell

### **Year 5 Celebrate World Youth Day**

On Wednesday, Year 5 came together to celebrate our own World Youth Day, inspired by our class saints, Saint John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

World Youth Day was established by Saint John Paul II in 1984 to bring young people together in faith, encouraging them to grow closer to Christ and recognise the important role they play in the Church and in the world. Saint Teresa of Calcutta (affectionately known as Mother Teresa) is the official patron saint of World Youth Day.

As our Year 5 classes are named after Saint John Paul II and Saint Teresa, this was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about their lives and to live out the values they taught.



Throughout the morning, children wrote thoughtful letters inviting the youth of today to Seoul 2027 and creative craft activities, making doves and footprints as symbols of peace, hope and following in Jesus' footsteps. During a guided meditation, the children reflected on what it means to be a child of God and considered how they can show courage like Saint John Paul II and serve others with kindness and compassion like Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The day concluded with prayer, where we offered our own prayers for young people around the world.



It was a joyful and reflective day that encouraged our pupils to deepen their faith, celebrate friendship and recognise that, like our class saints, they too can make a positive difference through courage, kindness and service to others.

Mrs O'Reilly

### **School's Got Talent**

Thank you so much to everyone who came to show Mrs Fox their talent, there were 80 plus children who auditioned and the standard was fantastic! Whilst we would love to showcase everyone's talent, we can only invite 20 acts to perform on the evening of School's Got Talent and those children will be informed early next week. We are also delighted to be able to showcase the work of our school choir on this evening.

For those who are invited to perform there will be 3 tickets allocated per child and these will be on Parent Pay (at no charge) on Thursday 2nd July.

After these tickets have been allocated, the remaining tickets will be opened up to anyone who wants to come along and celebrate with us on the evening of 9th of July at 6.30pm.

Mrs Fox

### **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 Ellie Rana for moving from Stage 2 to Stage 3 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Alice Brumby for moving up to Stage 3 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Nick Brumby who celebrated his First Holy Communion on the 14th June.

Congratulations to Charlotte and William Chandler who have both moved up a stage in their swimming lessons.

Well done Ellie, Alice, Nick, Charlotte and William.

### **Gate Closure Trail**

From 29<sup>th</sup> 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 and Sex Education (RSE) Summer Term 2025**

RSE is scheduled to be taught during the week 29<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July in Years 4 to 6. This will be taught using the current diocesan recommended scheme called 'Ten:Ten'. Holy Family School's RSE policy is available on the school website. In line with our current policy, information about the curriculum coverage in years 4, 5 and 6 is attached to the newsletter today. If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Fox (Year 5/6 Leader and Personal Social Health Education Lead) or Mrs Benn.

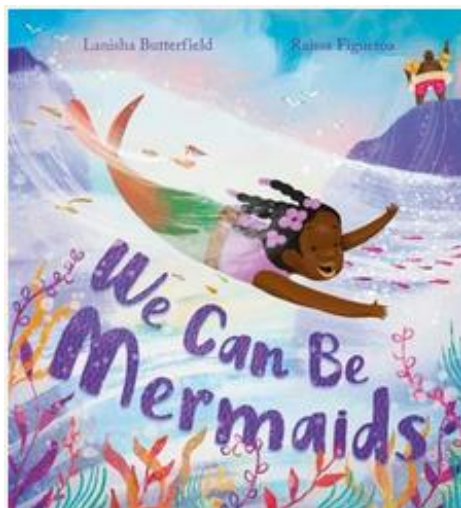
### **School Reports and Optional Parents' Evening –Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-6pm**

The Optional Parents' Evening for all classes from Nursery – Year 6 will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Year 6 SATs results will arrive in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July so we will release Year 6 reports on 8<sup>th</sup> July when we will be in 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 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.

### **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:** Lanisha Butterfield

**Illustrator:** Rassia Figueroa

**Interest Age:** 3-7

**Reading Age:** 7+

An enchanting story that celebrates swimming and encourages children to pursue what they love, even when there are challenges. A picture book with a lovely father-daughter relationship.

### **Streetdance – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Alan Cunningham will run an extra Streetdance session at the usual time on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July due to the cancelled session this week.

### Hot weather

Although temperatures look set to drop down into the mid-20s next week, 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 have been 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:

<b>2-year-old Nursery</b>	Miss Herring	
<b>3-year-old Nursery</b>	Mrs Forrest (4 days) and Mrs Wilson (1 day)	
<b>Reception</b>	Miss Macfarlane	Mrs Harris (4 days) and Mrs Wilson (1 day)
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Hume	Mrs Hendy
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Powell	Mrs Green (4 days) and Mrs Wilson (1 day)
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Evans (2 days) Mrs Martinez (3 days)	Ms Iqbal
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Dardis	Mrs O'Reilly
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Fox	Miss Caswell
<b>Year 6</b>	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 is today and 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](mailto:Librarian@8715202.onmicrosoft.com). 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.

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