



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

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Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to Mrs Hendy's Year 1 class on a fantastic and uplifting class liturgy about stewardship of the earth. Children shared their wonderful artwork, learnt a new song and reminded us of the importance of sharing. Children reflected that all world religions encourage us to respect our world and share the resources it provides. Children also encouraged us to recognise our unique talents and use them well. It was lovely to see so many parents smiling throughout the assembly and afterwards celebrating with their children.

Year 6 had an enjoyable day of reflection at St Bernard's on Monday of this week, which was run by the chaplain and staff at St Bernard's as well as groups of students. The day was broken down into three parts, with particular focus on the past, the present and the future. Year 6 children had the opportunity to be reflective of their past, show gratitude at all they currently have and express their hopes for their upcoming transition. As usual, external staff were impressed with the behaviour of our pupils as well as their high levels of engagement with the activities.

Our school choir made us extremely proud when they performed at the Hexagon Theatre alongside other Slough schools on Monday evening. The children sang beautifully and their behaviour was impeccable. It has been a joy and a delight to hear so many children and parents talking about how much they enjoyed this performance. One parent wrote, 'Not many 9 year old boys can say they have sung in a public theatre in a 400 plus strong choir with an orchestra and band.' Thank you to Miss Caswell and Mrs Green for organising this and to all the parents who attended.

Staff enjoyed meeting the parents of those children starting school in September on Wednesday evening. We hope those who attended found the evening informative and useful.

Our popular Summer Camp is running again this year from Thursday 24th July until Wednesday 6th August. Please see details attached to this newsletter.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul this Sunday, we invite all our families to say the prayer below together.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend in the sunshine.

God Bless

Mrs Benn

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

Monday 30th June	Week 2 of the Menu
Tuesday 1st July	Year 5 Visit to Longridge Activity Centre 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 Parents Welcome Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 3rd July	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am Parents Welcome
Monday 7th July	Week 1 of the Menu Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities (Except Gymnastics)
Tuesday 8th July	Nursery Stay and Play 11.15-11.45am and 2.15-2.45pm Parents Welcome Year 6 Class (Mrs Ragg) Visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 9th July	Year 3 Swimming Reception Stay and Play 2.15-2.45pm Parents Welcome
Thursday 10th July	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am Parents Welcome Optional Parents' Evening 2-6pm
Friday 11th July	Jubilee Pledge Day
Monday 14th July	Week 2 of the Menu
Tuesday 15th July	Reception Children (New Sept 2025) Induction Morning
Wednesday 16th July	Year 1 UK Day
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Production to Parents 9.15am
Friday 18th July	Y4 Visit to Milestones Y5 Brazil Day (In School) Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic Parents Welcome 11.30-12.30pm

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

We have four fantastic achievements to celebrate this week.

Congratulations to Daniel Shah who recently won the 'Parents Player of the Year' award with his football team at George Green Juniors at the end of season presentation.

Congratulations to Ellie Rana for moving from Stage One to Stage Two in her swimming lessons last weekend.

Congratulations to Reese Singh for passing her Grade 2 acoustic guitar exam with a merit.

Congratulations to Seren Yarrow for dancing at the O2 Arena in front of a huge audience with some pupils from her dance and ballet school (Aiming High School of Performing Arts) recently.

Well done Daniel, Ellie, Reese and Seren.

Weekly Sports Update

Last week our Year 5/6 Boys team travelled to Arbour Park, the home of Step 2 side Slough Town.

As Holy Family boys performed so well in the league this year, they were invited to play in the final 4. In the semi-finals we played against Langley Heritage, a very strong side known for scoring lots of goals. We performed so well in every aspect of the game and won 2-1 in extra time. The final was a tough game against Lynch Hill who unfortunately came away with the win but not before some brilliant bits of play from our boys, including a very close free kick from Riley O'Neill just hitting the cross bar, and Marcel Traboulsi making some outstanding saves.

The player of the tournament was given to Marcel Traboulsi for his brilliant goal keeping throughout both matches. This season has been fantastic from all of the Year 5/6 team!

Parent Teacher Association - Join the PTA Coffee Morning

Next week on 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.

Wednesday Word

Tisha writes for our newsletter this week:

Our Wednesday Word this week is CHURCH, because on Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul who did great work for our Church. In our Gospel this

week, Matthew tells us Jesus said to Simon, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

The word Church is used to name the building in which we gather to worship God and our church is a Holy place. But the word Church is also the name given to our community of believers. The word Catholic mean universal – so our church is for everyone.

Our mission this week is to make time to appreciate our church and reflect on how we profess our faith to our church family. How will you show others that you belong to our church in everything you think, do and say?

Tisha Priyadarshan – Year 6 Faith Ambassador

Choirs' Captivating Performance at The Hexagon, Reading

On Monday evening our school choir took part in a spectacular event themed *A Night at the Movies*, performing alongside other Slough schools in an unforgettable evening of music put together by Slough Music Service. The event was a true celebration of Slough's young musical talent and teamwork, leaving the audience thoroughly impressed. Our school choir sang a repertoire of well-loved movie songs beautifully accompanied by a live orchestra and represented our school with pride and professionalism. One of the highlights was a vibrant performance of *Jai Ho*, where the choir was joined by Indian drummers and traditional Indian instruments, creating a powerful fusion of sound that had the audience captivated. Another standout moment came from The Rap School, who wowed the crowd with their energy and creativity by performing an original rap they had written themselves.

The young talent on display was truly awe-inspiring, earning the performers two encores and a well-deserved standing ovation! A special mention goes to two of our student, Amy and Carren-Grace in Year 3, who also performed as part of the Slough Youth Choir.

Well done, Choir – We are extremely proud of you!

Miss Caswell and Mrs Green

Year 6 Retreat Day

Sara Saravanan and Tashi Jain write:

On retreat day at St Bernard's we focused on the Past, Present and Future. In the morning we did a scavenger hunt focusing on the past. In the scavenger hunt there were clues and words. At the end we had to make a sentence out of the jumbled words. We also played many games after break about the present. After lunch we had a quiz and then time to reflect and played a version of Dobble that made us think about what connected us.

We had a great time there.

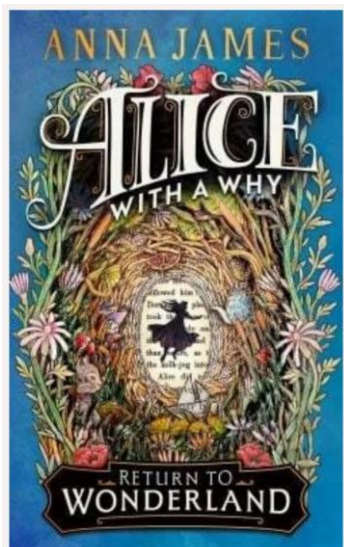
From Sara and Tashi – Year 6

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's popular Summer Reading Challenges begins on 1st July until 13th September, and the theme this year is Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors! 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 <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or by visiting your local library.

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: Anna James

Illustrator: Matthew Land

Interest Age: 9-11

Reading Age: 7+

Adding to a story as well-loved as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is no easy feat but Anna James manages it beautifully with this book. The reader meets a mix of new characters and old favourites on Alice's journey, and there are plenty of nonsensical situations to enjoy. The book is written in a fittingly whimsical style and features beautiful illustrations by Matthew Land.

Two-Year-Old Nursery Provision

We are now receiving applications for our 2-year-old provision which opens in September 2025. We will allocate on a weekly basis until we are full.

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

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. Please look at the Terms and Conditions documents on our website for the links to check eligibility.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Summer Term 2025

RSE is scheduled to be taught during the week 30th June – 4th July in Years 4 to 6. This will be taught using the current diocesan recommended scheme called 'TenTen'. 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.

Parent Survey - Religious Education

Mrs. O'Reilly would appreciate it if all parents could take a moment to complete our SECOND survey on Religious Education (RE) at Holy Family.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving teaching and learning in RE, we continue to seek your valuable feedback. This follow-up survey aims to further explore parents' insights into the RE curriculum and its impact on your children's learning and spiritual growth. Closing date next Friday, 4th July.

Thank you

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePCbop0JutPnoX-SBi9LAo1K9WK80mYcqLskN0uiMiySsikg/viewform?usp=header>

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! Thank you, Mrs Fox.

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.

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.

School Reports and Optional Parents' Evening –Thursday 10th July 2pm-6pm

The Optional Parents' Evening for all classes from Nursery – Year 6 will take place on Thursday 10th 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 Friday 4th of July. Year 6 SATs results will arrive in school on Tuesday 8th July so we will release Year 6 reports on 9th 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.

Attendance

Well done to Mrs Powell's Year 2 class and Miss Dardis' Year 4 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (100%).

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 Harris	Set 1	B- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Lk8nnKVK/ylGpMYBO D- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/0WGMrpJo/L9c4MgNa J- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9t8osUzZ/4Huo96Et https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qu4D91UD/UqFIKLWR https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/54g6NdwZ/Y76mJtCq https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JtqVSMEe/dRxkQB7S https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/yekSR2td/c4xIV5Ta
Mrs Scott	Ditties	CH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZQ0ao0pI/OsoWVZ6r NG- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4R7jVawv/LpvJ7myj NK- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Lwmu8Qsu/U1Oi1hMv CK- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LCljHGQh/Fv9QumBE

Mrs Birch Mrs Keogh	Green Purple	OU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EcFRKRxa/NXtIsMSF OY- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uA1i8hZZ/DIzeslLl AY- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CEsRYjrx/efyBMJzX
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Mrs Hendy		IRE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/93hqZjH1/eHLB6B8N EAR- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IqIk4W5B/ajY9GiRK URE- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2stQIhBi/TEyaXUet

OTHER

Stroud Theatre Arts

Stroud Theatre Arts are opening a new branch in Langley. To celebrate their launch, they are holding a Free Open Day on Saturday 12th July 2025. Please see attached flyer for further information.