



## **Holy Family Catholic Primary School**

**Pentecost Term**

**Newsletter No.38**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Dear Parents

You would be mistaken in thinking that, due to being so close to the end of the year, we are slowing down in school! This week, our last full week in school, has been incredibly busy and full of some lovely experiences for our children.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new Reception classes into school for their induction visit; it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and excitement as they came through the doors to meet their teachers and have a look round their new classrooms. A large number of the children are already familiar with us, having attended our Nursery this year, but we also look forward to welcoming many new families to our school. We also have a few children joining various year groups across school in September – I am sure you will join us in welcoming these new families into our community.

On Wednesday, Year 1 celebrated the end of their humanities topic by taking part in 'UK Day'. The children came into school wearing red, white and blue and took part in a range of creative activities. Also on Wednesday, Key Stage 2 classes were wowed by our oldest children in school as they watched their production 'I'm an 11-Year-Old, Get Me Out of Here!'. Our Year 6 children were absolutely fantastic – learning lines, perfecting songs and acting their socks off – and the show was brilliant! They performed again to their parents and grandparents on Thursday morning, and the audience were blown away by the professionalism and maturity of the entire cast. Well done to Year 6 – what a way to finish your time at Holy Family!

Today Year 5 are celebrating the end of their geography topic by taking part in 'Brazil Day'; it was great to see the brightly coloured clothes in classes this morning and watch them learn more about this fascinating country through a more creative approach, including Brazilian art and artists as well as Brazilian dance and sport.

Thank you very much to those Nursery parents who joined in with the Teddy Bear's Picnic today – a lovely time was had by all.

Also today, our Year 4 children celebrated the end of their history topic – the Victorians – by visiting Milestones Museum.

A genuine and heartfelt thanks goes out to our wonderfully supportive community of parents, without whom these events would not be possible. Your children thrive most when they are supported by both us as a school and you as parents and we know we ask a lot in terms of extra-curricular days and events. We are proud of the opportunities we offer to your children and truly grateful for the support of our families. When we meet past pupils, often into their 20s and 30s, it is these 'extras' that they most often recollect, rather than the day-to-day curriculum, and we know we can only provide these with the willingness of our parents.

We know that you will join me in thanking all staff for their hard work throughout this busy year too. They show incredible resilience meeting the needs of 30+ children on a daily basis, despite the challenges they can be faced with, and whatever may be going on in their own lives. Thank you to parents who have sent some lovely emails through the year, recognising the hard work that goes into the job of working in a school: they do lift our staff enormously.

Well done to all the children who participated in the end of term gymnastics performances this week. You all did a fantastic job and well done on all your efforts to improve your skills during the course of this school year.

Our rejuvenated PTA held a pre-loved uniform sale this week, and it was great to see a newly-formed group of parents giving up their time to support our school. We look forward to working with you next year, and further building our community of families; joining the PTA is a great way of not only supporting our children, but also getting to know parents across school.

Next week we say goodbye to Carol Palmer and Mary Healy, two of our much-loved Teaching Assistants. Both of these ladies have given so much to our school through their 46 years of combined service, starting as parents to their own children in our school and then as trusted and dependable members of staff. We wish them both a happy, healthy retirement, and thank them for their dedicated service and positive impact they have had on the hundreds of children who they have supported. May God bless them both.

Next week will also mark the end of a very long and much-valued relationship with thirty two of our Year 6 families, as the following families will be leaving HFCS:

Badyal, Bains, Caeiro, Farhan, Filas, Gomez, Graba, Jince, Kunnel, Mathew, Munyaakari, Nneke, O'Brien, Okeke, O'Neill, O'Neill-Kumar, Pampatwar, Philmon, Pires, Priyardashan, Pulickan, Remfeld, Ricalde, Saravanan, Sun, Talwar, Thomas, Vysniauskaite, Traboulsi, Waris, White and Williams

We are looking forward to giving our Year 6 children a lovely send-off next week when we welcome Year 6 parents to join us for their Leavers' mass on Tuesday. The Year 6 children will all be treated to a well-deserved party on Tuesday evening.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that school finishes for Nursery children next Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup> July), and Reception – Year 6 children finish at 12.15pm on Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup> July).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September.

God bless,

Mrs Doyle

## **DIARY DATES**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Week 2 of the Menu

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Last Day of Term for Nursery

End of Year Mass at Holy Family Church 10-11am (Year 6 Parents Welcome) *Winter uniform please*

Year 6 Leavers' Party at Richings Park Sports Club 7-9.30pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**END OF TERM FOR RECEPTION – YEAR 6 -  
SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY AT 12.15PM**

**(Summer Holidays: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025)**

**Holy Family Summer Camp: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Start of Advent Term for Reception – Year 6**

### **Extra Curricular Activities**

Please see attached, the leaflet for the Advent Term's (September – December 2025) Extra Curricular Activities.

### **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, 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 Daniel Shah for being awarded Player of the Month in his football team, thanks to his brilliant performance and contribution to the team as a goalkeeper. Well done Daniel.

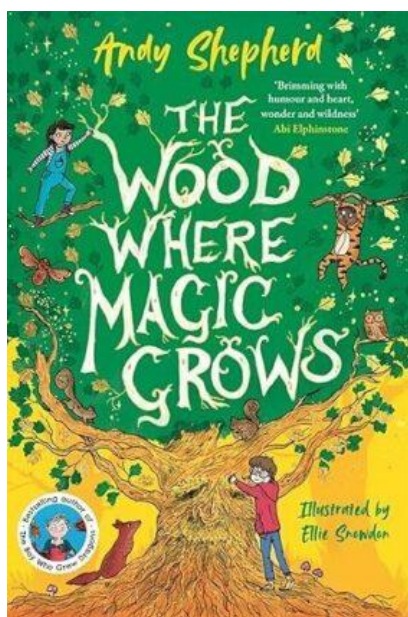
Congratulations to Maria Teresa Kiran for being awarded a medal in her gymnastic classes. Well done Maria.

### **Attendance**

Well done to Mrs Doyle's and Miss Caswell's Year 6 class for achieving the highest attendance this week (99.3%). Please see attached poster which shows each year group's overall attendance for this week.

### **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:** Andy Shepherd

**Illustrator:** Ellie Snowden

**Interest Age:** 9-11

**Reading Age:** 8+

Iggy, Cal and Mae are enthralled when they discover an enchanted wood at the end of their garden. However, as they explore, they notice that some of the trees are dying. Can the children save them, before it's too late? A delightful tale of friendship, magic and nature, accompanied by beautifully expressive illustrations.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

This year's popular Summer Reading Challenges began on the 1st July and runs 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.

### **Online Safety**

As the summer holidays stretch before us, we know some children's use of screens and devices will increase. We have taken the opportunity to remind the children of good online behaviour, from considering who we talk and play with, what we type and say, to what we choose to play or watch. And, of course, remembering good mental and physical health, means everything in moderation, so limiting time and doing other things for our own good. We have referred back to our SMART rules, and Tell remains the most important. Telling an adult if something makes you uncomfortable or upset. Please see attached leaflet.

### **Behaviour Outside School Gates**

Can I please remind parents that children should not be playing ball games outside school while waiting for the gates to open. We have been told that neighbours' cars have been hit by footballs and we respectfully ask that you remind your children to wait without playing.

### **Year 2 – Miss Macfarlane's Class**

From Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Miss Macfarlane's class will be operating from the AOC. This is in order to accommodate our new 2-year-old Nursery provision that, until we have our purpose-built

new building, is best placed next to our 3-year-old Nursery for access to their small toilets and outdoor area. Thank you

### **PGL Residential May 2026 – Message for Current Year 5 Parents and Carers**

Please can reply slips for the PGL Residential trip next May 2026 (when your child will be in Year 6) be returned by the end of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please return a reply slip even if you have not yet paid the deposit or your child will not be attending. 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 2025/2026:

<b>2-year-old Nursery</b>	Miss Herring	
<b>3-year-old Nursery</b>	Mrs Forrest (Mon-Thurs) and Miss Dardis(Fri)	
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs Scott (Tues-Fri) and Mrs Wilson (Mon)	Mrs Harris (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Wilson (Fri)
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Hume	Mrs Hendy
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Powell	Miss Macfarlane
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Martinez (Mon/Tues) Mrs Kukla (Wed/Thurs/Fri)	Ms Iqbal
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Dardis (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Remfeld (Fri)	Mrs Green (Mon/Tues/Wed) Mrs Evans (Thurs/Fri)
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Fox	Mrs O'Reilly
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Ragg	Mrs Doyle (Mon/Tues) Miss Caswell (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Uniform Sale**

Thank you to everyone who bought preloved uniform at our sale on Wednesday. There was a great atmosphere and the PTA are pleased we could help so many parents prepare for September! We raised a brilliant £200 towards our school fund and this doesn't include sales from after school today.

If you have uniform to donate at the end of term or in September, it will be gratefully received so we can continue to hold preloved sales throughout the school year.

### **KS2 Hot School Meals from September 2025**

Please note that the cost of the optional hot school meals for children in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) will increase to £2.65 from September 2025. Please note the prices are set by the external provider and not by HFCS. Thank you.

### **Before and After School Care for Nursery Open for Bookings**

Now our 2-year-old provision is fully staffed from 7.45am-5.45pm we are in a position to advertise and take bookings for Rising Robins and Sleepy Sparrows. Nursery children who attend both our new 2-year-old Nursery and our existing 3-year-old Nursery are welcome to attend. Previously we have not accepted Nursery children into Early Birds or Late Owls because they operate out of our dining room and this is not the right setting for our youngest children. Our Rising Robins and Sleepy Sparrows will operate from our new 2-year-old provision. This is paid-for childcare rather than education. Our 3-year old's will join the 2-year-old room, if they are attending before or after school care.

It will be possible for parents to book places now to start from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The cost for this childcare is greater than the existing Early Birds and Late Owls because the staff ratio will be 1 adult to a maximum of 5 children.

Please see the section on our website 'Before and After School Care' for details of how to book.

### **St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust News**

At the end of this term, our current CEO, Joe Richardson, will be leaving his post following a location change for him and his family. The newly appointed CEO is Mark McLaughlin. We look forward to working with him.

### **Lost Property**

As we near the end of this school year, please claim any missing items from the Lost Property container (by the metal gates outside main Reception leading to playground/Year 3 classrooms). The container will be emptied at the end of term and any unnamed items will be disposed of. Thank you.

### **Holiday Camp at Holy Family**

To ensure that our staff:child ratios can be met, we have now closed bookings for the summer holiday camp at HFCS. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already booked place(s). Please note that charges have now been added to ParentPay and we kindly ask you to make payment by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. A letter with final details has been sent out to those who have booked. Thank you.

### **Unauthorised School Absences – Penalty Notice**

Please see the attached poster for more information. If you have any queries, please contact the school's Attendance Officer, Mrs Oakes at [emma.oakes@hfcs.org.uk](mailto:emma.oakes@hfcs.org.uk).

### **Phonics**

Please use the links below over the summer to help your child maintain the progress that they have made this year.

#### Special Friends

SH- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pqWRxxVY/hFmr2nx5>

CH- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zPI5JFTj/JP3N4uVp>

QU- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Not65QCI/N22IVbqa>

NG- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tAh6lHN5/vsjpwL2c>

NK- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/r3q7hCwB/xrSHVxRB>

TH- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/u1bi2IWM/63Kg2UYx>

CK- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vR3bW58r/3BtVqkc1>

#### SET 2

AY- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lZuBXYAE/QbG3NWKn>

EE- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jP7BHjSL/qaVEfonh>

IGH- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xenSJaEF/PgAznz5a>

OW- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kOWNnxBY/fQDQdOkF>

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AR- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YK3oz0y2/TqhoUHU8>

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OY- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IJfNVbOr/k4ixUNGk>

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A-E - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qgQ3hpdN/3UWjwMrv>

I-E- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Zsufd3uj/W8BuGuoc>

O-E- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GP0eF2di/os0WPt87>

U-E- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jtNDH0yu/cPxNYx31>

AW- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zypuA1CI/O2ghRqhu>

ARE- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/o6zVsg16/Clw2OtHm>

UR- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iQyZGjS/awmeNMgl>

ER- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iizBYslc/8CUBidCG>

OW- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/t40RVL8x/ruI6RvaC>

AI- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VtwHLpZE/tdlZAtxE>

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IRE- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HA5cedYI/ocEUfcAo>

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IE- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/areOxOeZ/kapKkSJH>

E-E- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vEghqHwI/wJ41fLvq>

E- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/flzgTepz/dlndRqtP>

WH- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xqg1XOWd/36fSuTpB>

PH- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5LRpp6UK/Jri1LWtI>

KN- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/i6b3HorT/q8KpKvGK>

TION - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bxx81MP4/Zx5jikuK>

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