



There will be a newsletter next week, please read this bulletin carefully as there is important information and dates for your diary.

## Dates for the Diary

### January

6<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day

7<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school 8.40am

20<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Holy Family whole school mass (Year 1-6)

### February

4<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Express trip Year 2

7<sup>th</sup> – HFFA bingo night

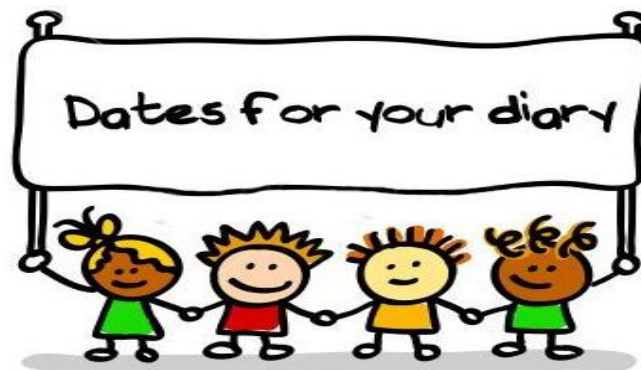
12<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultation (in person)

13<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultations (online)

14<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Valentines cake sale Y1&2

14<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for half term 3.15pm

27<sup>th</sup> – Astronomy Show Year 5





## Applications for September 2025 DEADLINE WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

You can now make an application via the Hertfordshire County Council for a September 2025 reception place. Please click [here](#) for more information. Families who wish to apply for a place in our reception and nursery classes for the academic year 2025-26 are welcome to visit our school for a tour with the head teacher. This can be arranged by making an appointment via the school office. 01707 375518.

You will also need to complete a supplementary information form, which are available from the school [website](#) or the school office.

**Please note that if your child currently attends our nursery you still need to make an application via Hertfordshire County Council Website. In addition a supplementary information form also needs to be completed and handed into the office.**

## Daily Mile

Our gate to the school field will open every Friday at 8.30 for the daily mile. Come and join us and start the day with a gentle jog.

## Road safety

The safety of our pupils, staff, and the local community is our highest priority. Recently, we have observed instances of unsafe driving around the school premises during drop-off and pick-up times. We are reaching out to remind everyone of the critical importance of driving responsibly in and around our school area.

Children are often unpredictable and may cross roads suddenly, making it essential for drivers to exercise the utmost caution.

Be Mindful of Our Neighbours, we have received concerns from local residents regarding blocked driveways and disregard for parking regulations. Please remember that our school is part of a larger community, and it is vital to show consideration for those who live nearby.

**What You Can Do to Help to ensure the safety of everyone, we kindly ask all parents and guardians to:**

- Slow down: Observe the speed limit and stay vigilant for pedestrians.
- Follow parking rules: Park only in designated areas and avoid blocking driveways.
- Be patient: Allow extra time during busy drop-off and pick-up hours.

Thank you as always for your co-operation



## LOTC Silver Award

This week the school has been awarded the Silver Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) mark by the council.

We are thrilled to get official recognition for our efforts, and we look forward to building on this award to help more pupils achieve their potential.

Dr Anne Hunt, chief executive of the council for Learning Outside the Classroom, added: "Learning outside the classroom has many proven educational benefits as well as providing some of the most memorable experiences in a child's school life.

For the full report please click [here](#).





## NO NUTS

NO NUTS, we would like to remind you that our school is a **nut-free environment**. This policy is in place to protect children with severe nut allergies, some of whom can experience life-threatening reactions from even trace amounts of nuts.

We kindly ask that you do not send any products containing nuts or nut-based ingredients to school, including but not limited to:

- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Granola bars or snacks with nuts
- Trail mixes containing nuts

Your cooperation is essential in creating a safe learning environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Toddler group

From January 2025, the Holy Family toddler group will run **every Friday from 8.45 – 10.30am**. The group is run by Joanna Stecka our former early years practitioner. Come and have some fun with your little ones and chat to other mums over a hot drink and biscuit. We ask for a donation of £1. Please share with the wider community, we welcome childminders, parents and children from outside Holy Family School.



## Donations

Have you had a clear out for the new year? If so we would love to receive your donations – Toys, pots, pans, scooters, garden toys! We would love to have them!





**BINGO NIGHT**

*Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening? Join us for Bingo Night supporting the Holy Family Friends Association and experience the thrill of winning big! Dabbers at the ready!*

**FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 7:30PM THE SHAMROCK CLUB THE RIDGEWAY**

**£10** Pizza available to order Licensed bar

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM:**  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICPRIMARYSCHOOL/](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICPRIMARYSCHOOL/)



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## The Holy Family Catholic Primary School



Come and join  
Holy Family  
Baby and Toddler  
group!

### FUN AND LEARNING FOR YOUR LITTLE ONES!

Looking for a stimulating environment where your child can explore, learn and make new friends? Somewhere you can relax and meet other parents?

Look no further! Our baby and toddler group offers a vibrant and safe space for your baby or toddler (0-3 years) to engage in exciting activities and have the freedom to play.

**EVERY FRIDAY 8:45AM - 10:30AM**

☎ 01707 375 518 - Mrs Jackie Willcocks

✉ [admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)

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**As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate in Jesus**