

17th January 2025

# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate  
with Jesus.'**

Crookhams  
Welwyn Garden City  
AL7 1PG  
Telephone 01707375518  
[admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)



Welcome back and I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. This term is shorter than usual, however we still have much to do and school has been very busy this week. The children have returned rejuvenated and ready to learn, please see the class pages on the [school website](#) for information on what your child will be learning this half term.

The Pope has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, a special event in the Catholic Church, celebrated every 25 years. The theme, "**Pilgrims of Hope,**" invites us to reflect on hope as we journey together in faith. This Jubilee comes at a time when the world continues to face challenges such as war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As a school, we will embrace this year of hope through prayer, acts of kindness, and learning about how we can be beacons of hope in our community and beyond. Through prayer, worship, and acts of kindness, we will inspire hope in one another and embrace our mission to live, love, learn, and celebrate with Jesus at the heart of everything we do.

We invite you to join us for a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Norbert on **Monday at 10.30am** here at school in honour of The Holy Family. Additionally, the Welwyn Civic Service will take place at **Our Lady's Church on Sunday, 26th January, at 3 p.m.** Fr Norbert warmly invites everyone to attend. We also need pupils from KS2 to join the choir for this service, where they will sing alongside pupils from Our Lady's School. If your child would like to take part, please fill in the form [here](#).

*'All it takes is one good person to restore hope. ' Pope Francis* God Bless

Mrs Linnane



## Upcoming Events

### January

- 20<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Holy Family Mass  
10.30am – All welcome
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre-loved uniform sale 3.15  
(school hall)

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Pizza Express trip
- 7<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Bingo night
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultation (in person)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultation (Online)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Valentine cake sale
- 14<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for half term  
3.15pm

**For regular news, updates and photos  
about life at our school!**

**Please see our website:**

[www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)

**Facebook:** [TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](#)

**Twitter:** [@holyfamilyWGC](#)



**Stars of the week**

- Year 1** - Marlee
- Year 2** - Jacek
- Year 3** - Eva
- Year 4** - Zida
- Year 5** - Logan
- Year 6** - Jonas

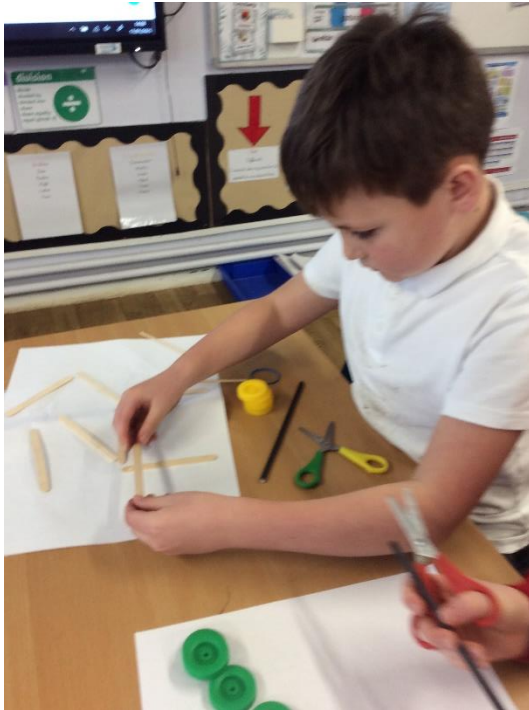
## Year 3

In Year 3 we have been exploring shape in maths. The children have been investigating regular and irregular polygons, and the different properties of 2d shapes. This led to us going on a 2D shape hunt outside on the playground! It was lots of fun, and the children discovered that there are shapes everywhere within the school grounds! I have encouraged them to continue looking for polygons on the walk to school or at home. We have also begun our new science topic 'Rocks and Soils'. This has been very popular in Year 3, and the children have continued their learning at lunchtime exploring different rocks and enjoying showing them in the afternoons!



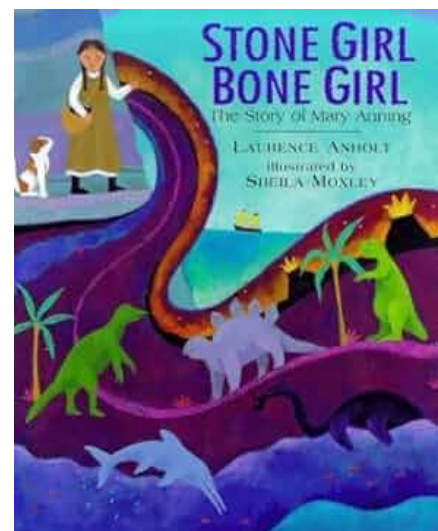
## Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy but exciting start to this term. We have been publishing our exciting animal stories in English. We have been learning about different types of settlements in geography and in science we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. In DT today we have started making our slingshot cars. We are very much looking forward to seeing how they turn out and racing them.



## Year 5

Year 5 have settled back well into the new term. The children have really enjoyed learning about Mary Anning and writing a biography about her life. In maths we have been concentrating on fractions including finding equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We have started a new science topic about earth and space and children have learned about the solar system and the phases of the moon. OM DT children are learning how to design and make a pop up book. This term, our RE topic is about having a mission and we have been learning about how Jesus began his mission on Earth



## Year 6

### LOTC

During our LOTC lesson, we reflected on the individuals who have inspired us throughout our lives. We considered the qualities and actions that made them inspiring and how they have influenced us positively.



### PE – Volleyball

During our first volleyball session, we focused on three key skills:

- Catching high above your head to prepare for accurate passes.
- Directing your arms toward the target to improve aim and control.
- Moving from the ready position and positioning your feet under the ball for better balance and precision.



# SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**MONDAY 20TH JANUARY**

**School Hall  
3:15pm**

**Suggested donation  
£1 - £2 per item.**




**ADDITIONAL UNIFORM DONATIONS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.**



A huge thank you to Mrs. Johnson, a wonderful parent volunteer, for running a fantastic Photography Club for our KS2 children during the Autumn term. Your time, dedication, and enthusiasm have been truly appreciated

Another thank you to Mr. Gill, one of our dedicated parent governors, for generously providing us with a variety of items and materials for our OPAL project. Your support has made a tremendous difference, and we truly appreciate it!

We are really excited that Little Voices will be starting for KS1 children on Monday, 27th January! If your child is interested but not yet signed up, please click here.





## **Pilgrims of Hope**

This Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has chosen the theme Pilgrims of Hope. It serves as an invitation to renew our hope—a hope that comes from the profound truth that God loves each one of us, just as we are.

Pope Francis reminds us:

“Pilgrimage is, of course, a fundamental element of every Jubilee event.

Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life.”

Even if we are unable to travel far, the Jubilee Year encourages us to embark on a spiritual journey together—a journey of hope, faith, and renewal.

On Monday 20th January, during our Mass celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, we will launch the Jubilee Year.



# 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/)**

## Nursery September 2025

Do you have a child who will be three before 31st August 2025, or do you know someone who does?

We currently have places available for our Nursery class starting in September. We offer both part-time and full-time places, with a minimum requirement of five mornings per week.

We provide a **welcoming and nurturing environment** where children can **learn and explore through play**.

We accept childcare vouchers and 30-hour eligibility codes.

For more information, please contact the school office.

## Dates for the Diary

### January

- 20<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Holy Family Mass 10.30am – All welcome
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre loved school uniform sale 3.15 (in the school hall)

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Pizza Express trip
- 7<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Bingo night
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultation (in person)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultation (Online)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Valentine cake sale
- 14<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for half term 3.15pm

