

14th March 2025



# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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As we journey through this season of Lent, our school community came together for a reflective Ash Wednesday service, led by Fr Norbert. The children were reminded of the importance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. It was a special time for us to pause and consider how we can grow in faith and kindness during this solemn season.

We also celebrated World Book Day with the theme 'Snuggle with a Book'. The children enjoyed wearing their pyjamas to school and taking part in a book-themed enrichment morning. The book fair was a great success, giving children the chance to explore and buy new books to enjoy at home. It was a fantastic way to promote reading across the school.

Science Week this week was another highlight, especially the visit from Safari Pete. The children were fascinated by the animals he brought, including a snake, a spider, and some ferrets. It was a great opportunity for them to learn about different species up close and ask lots of questions.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our Subject Showcase for Maths, French, and Art/DT. It was great to see children sharing their learning and for parents to gain an insight into how these subjects are taught. Those who attended found it really useful, and we encourage more parents to join us for the next showcase in the summer term.

As we move into spring and summer, there many exciting community events coming up, including our school's **60th Anniversary celebrations**. We are looking forward to a special day of celebrations on **26th June**, starting with Mass at 9.30am, celebrated by Bishop MacAleenan. More details will be shared soon, and we hope as many of you as possible will join us for this important milestone.

We also keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he faces illness. We pray for his strength, healing, and continued guidance of the Church.

*'What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.'* **St Teresa of Calcutta**

God Bless  
Mrs Linnane

## Upcoming Events

### March

- 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Dance Festival 5pm-6pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 multiplication test parent workshop 3.30pm-4pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Easter Play Year 3&4 1.30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Year 5 Bikeability (Mon-Thurs)

### April

- 2nd – Easter Choir concert 9.15am (KS2 Parents)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy Families Got Talent
- 4<sup>th</sup> – **School finishes for Easter holidays** 1.15pm
- 22 – **INSET DAY –school closed to pupils**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – **back to school 8.40am**

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about life at our school!**

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

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**Stars of the week**

- Rec** - Lilia
- Year 1** - Grayson
- Year 2** - Aoife
- Year 3** - Alice L
- Year 4** - Leo
- Year 5** - Benjamin
- Year 6** - Sofia

## Nursery

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes. First we learnt about Shrove Tuesday and read the story 'Mama Panya's Pancakes'. Next we made pancake mix and watched while our pancakes were cooked in the pan. Once they had cooled we had a go at flipping a pancake, which ended up on the floor a few times! Finally we got to enjoy eating our delicious pancakes.



## Reception

In Reception, the children enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day. We also formulated our Lenten promises and received the ashes.





## Year 1

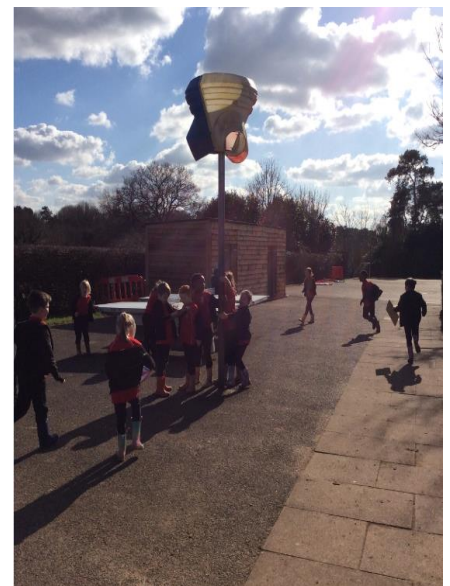
Year 1 had a fantastic day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March celebrating World Book Day. They had a fun filled enrichment morning enjoying their chosen activities.



## Year 2

### Photo Map trail.

In our LOTC lesson today, Miss Parmley explained to us that we were going to go on a photo map trail. She had taken different pictures of objects in the outside environment. We had to work with a partner to find the objects and write down where we had found them.



## **Year3/4 multiplication check parent meeting**

**Miss Clifford** would like to invite all Year 3 and Year 4 parents to a meeting regarding the Year 4 multiplication checks, which will take place **in the summer term** . The meeting will be held on **Monday, 24th March at 3:30 pm**.

To give us an approximate idea of numbers please click [here](#) to complete the short form.

## **OPAL**

We are excited to announce our large loose parts area has opened on the field this week. We shared this with the children last Friday in our OPAL assembly and they learnt how to use this area safely and respectfully. This week the children have been exploring this new area by using their imagination, sharing their ideas, assessing and managing risk, problem solving and feeling immensely proud of their creations.

I would like to thank you for all your generous giving since the start of our OPAL journey. We have had so many donations of toys our shed is now full therefore if you have a donation please can you first speak to the office to check if it's something that we still need.

Please see a list of items that we are currently trying to source:

- Full size pushchairs or prams
- Scooters, skateboards or pogo sticks
- Suitcases
- Plastic crates (for bread/milk)
- Pots/pans/cooking utensils
- Wooden decking





## Clubs

There are still places available on the following clubs:

Monday – Little voices KS1 (Please click [here](#) if you would like to sign up)

Tuesday – My (after school) ART club Y1-Y6 (Please click [here](#) to book)

Wednesday – Irish dancing Year 1-6 (Contact Aislinn on 07716306909 or [aislinn\\_b@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aislinn_b@hotmail.co.uk))

All clubs must be booked in advance. Please

# Dates for the Diary

## March

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Safari Pete (whole school)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Subject showcase 1.30pm-3pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 class mass 2.15pm-3pm
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