

25th April 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and joyful Easter break, filled with the love of family and the peace that this holy season brings. As we return to school, we are reminded of the message of Easter, that out of darkness comes light, and through Christ's resurrection we are offered new hope and renewal. This is a message we carry with us as we begin the final part of our school year, looking forward to a term of learning, growth and celebration.

This week, our school community joins Catholics around the world in mourning the death of Pope Francis. His passing marks the end of a remarkable papacy, one defined by humility, compassion and a tireless commitment to social justice and care for the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminded us that faith is not just something we believe, but something we live out in our actions and our love for others. As a school founded on Gospel values, we are especially grateful for his example and his call to build bridges, not walls. We will continue to honour his legacy through the way we treat one another and the way we serve our community.

As we look ahead to the term, there is much to be excited about. New learning, school trips, sports days and the special celebration of our 60th Anniversary. Let us move forward with hope, kindness and the joy of being together again. Please keep Pope Francis and the whole Church in your prayers, and may we continue to live out our mission: *As a family, we live, love, learn and celebrate with Jesus.*

God Bless
Mrs Linnane

***'Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where
everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.'* Pope Francis**



Upcoming Events May

- 2nd – Y3/4 HFFA cake sale
- 5th – Bank holiday
- 6th – 2.30pm Y2 Class Liturgy
- 8th – Y5 trip to Hampton Court
- 12th – Y6 SATs week
- 16th – 3.30-7pm HFFA school disco
- 20th – Class photos
- 22nd – Y4 trip to Tring Museum
- 23rd – Sports Day

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

Please see our website:
www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk
Facebook:
[TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](https://www.facebook.com/TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC)
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Stars of the week

- Rec - Evelynne**
- Year 1 - Zikam**
- Year 2 - Chimamanda**
- Year 3 - Sia**
- Year 4 - Lola**
- Year 5 - Alice S**
- Year 6 - Liliana**

Prayers for Pope Francis



Nursery

In Forest School this week we found some little characters and decided we should make them houses. We worked in groups to use the natural materials around Forest School to make them homes. The children used great problem solving skills as it kept falling down to start with, so they had to think of ways to change it to make it stand up. The children then got very creative and added lots of decorations, a carpet, chairs etc. They worked well as teams listening and helping each other.



Reception

We had a busy start of the term in Reception. We shared our holiday news and recorded them in our writing books. We revised counting strategies and in our art lesson, we made paper snakes. We also reminded ourselves of Pope Francis and his message for the world. Following his passing, we pray for Pope Francis every day.



Year 1

This half term we are going to be designing, making and tasting our own smoothies in D.T. So far, we have looked at how we know when a food is a fruit. The children are very excited that they will get to taste their smoothies in a few weeks! In science we are looking at plants and we have started this work by looking at what makes a plant. The children went on a plant hunt around the school and needed to find plants that matched certain criteria such as it smells, has a trunk or is taller than me!



Year 2

In our math's lessons we have been learning about repeated addition. We were introduced to the term multiple which means 'groups of'. We used bead strings to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and worked together to write the matching repeated addition.



ART Club Spring 2025

**'London calling' art project inspired by Italian artist Canaletto
by the children of the Holy Family after school art club**

Please see below the artwork created by the children attending art club in the spring term.

We are sure you will agree these pieces are amazing.



Warmer weather next week

As the weather is set to get warmer next week, please ensure all children come to school with a named water bottle every day, a sunhat and that sunscreen is applied before school. **Please note that children should not wear sunglasses during the school day, unless medically prescribed, for health and safety reasons.**



Parking

Please be reminded that, Welwyn Hatfield Council have instructed the parking enforcement team to carry out additional visits to Crookhams over the next few months to tackle the ongoing parking issues.

To keep traffic flowing smoothly and ensure pupil safety, please follow these guidelines during drop-off and pick-up times:

Plan Ahead – Allow extra time to avoid rushing and congestion.

Walk When Possible – If you live nearby, consider walking to ease traffic and promote healthy habits.

Park & Drop-Off Responsibly

- **Do not stop in the middle of the road** particularly at the entrance to Crookhams to drop off or pick up pupils.
- **Do not park with the back of your car hanging over the road**, as this blocks traffic.
- **Park a little farther away and walk** such as at the lagoon if necessary to keep traffic moving safely.

Be Patient & Considerate – Our priority is the safety of all pupils, staff, and families. Please be mindful of others and follow all traffic rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**)

Monday & Wednesday – Tetra Sports Football Club (**Please click on link below to sign up**)

<https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk>

All clubs must be booked in advance. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. 01707 375518

Notices



Is your child moving to Secondary School in September 2025?

Come and join one of our online sessions for Parents/Carers of our partnership schools* led by School Family Workers.

Find out some helpful tips on how best to support your child with the transition to senior school.

Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School: Mon 19th May 9:30-11:30am

Monk's Walk School: Tues 20th May 9:30-11:30am

Onslow St. Audrey's School: Tues 20th May 12:30-2:30pm

Stanborough School: Thurs 22nd May 9:30-11:30am

General session: Thurs 22nd May 12:30-2:30pm

Transition to Secondary School - support sessions 2025



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To book, click on the QR or go to the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vXpYMvbrND>

*Partnership schools can be viewed at <https://wgchattfieldschoolpartnership.com/ourschools/>

Beezee FAMILIES

We're here to help your family make healthy habits fun

Join our **FREE** 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

Date: Thursday 1 May 2025 **Time:** 17:00 - 19:00

Venue: Birchwood Avenue Primary School, Hatfield, AL10 0PS

Or you can join us online!

Sign up for your **FREE PLACE** today

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Easter Timetable all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm

Dates for the Diary

May

- 2nd – Y3/4 HFFA cake sale
- 5th – May Bank holiday – **school closed**
- 6th – 2.30pm Y2 Class Liturgy
- 8th – Y5 trip to Hampton Court
- 12th – **Y6 SATs week**
- 16th – 3.30-7pm HFFA school disco
- 19th – Y6 Swimming starts
- 20th – Class & whole school photos
- 22nd – Y4 trip to Tring Museum
- 23rd – Sports Day EY/KS1 (morning) & KS2 (afternoon)
- 23rd – School finishes for May half term at 3.15pm**

June

- 2nd – Pupils return to school 8.40am**
- 6th – Careers afternoon KS2
- 11th – Subject Showcase 2.30pm
- 13th – Y5 visit Saint John Henry Newman School
- 16th-18th June – Y6 residential Grafham Water
- 26th June – 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop MacAleenan 9.30am**