

9th May 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Yesterday, the Catholic Church welcomed a new Pope – Pope Leo XIV. His election marks a significant moment for Catholics around the world, as he begins his mission to lead the Church with faith, compassion and wisdom. Pope Leo has already spoken about the importance of peace, justice and care for others, values we share and promote here at school every day. Over the coming weeks, we will be talking to the children about his role and encouraging them to think about how they can live out these messages in their own lives.

We marked VE Day in school with a special day of remembrance and celebration. The children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue outfits, and we took time to reflect on the importance of peace and the sacrifices made during the Second World War. Through activities, stories and class discussions, the children deepened their understanding of this significant moment in history and showed great respect and curiosity throughout the day.

Unfortunately our school's planned academisation, due to be completed on 1st June, has now been postponed to 1st July. While these delays can be frustrating, we are continuing to work closely with all involved to make sure everything is in place for a smooth transition. We pray that this new date will be the final one, and that the process will be completed without any further changes.

Our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs next week. They have been working hard and showing great determination during their preparations. We always remind our pupils that SATs are just one part of their school journey, they already achieve so much every day. We are very proud of them!

God Bless,

Mrs Linnane

'We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light.' **Pope Leo XIV**



Upcoming Events May

- 12th-15th Y6 SATs week
- 12th – Uniform sale after school
- 16th – 3.30-7pm HFFA school disco
- 19th – Y6 Swimming starts
- 19th-23rd Walk to School Week
- 20th – Class photos
- 22nd – Y4 trip to Tring Museum
- 23rd – Sports Day
- 23rd – School finishes for May Half term

**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)
Twitter: [@holyfamilyWGC](https://twitter.com/holyfamilyWGC)



Stars of the week

Rec - Demiana
Year 1 - Sophie
Year 2 - Antos
Year 3 - Ruby
Year 4 - Maya
Year 5 - Millie
Year 6 - Melissa

Year 3

We have been making the most of the warm weather the last few weeks in year 3! The children have been learning all about drawing in Art, and how to be a good artist. This week we had to go outside and create textures to create a piece of Art inspired by the artist Max Ernst. We used crayons and created rubbings. The children then turned these into collaged flowers. I think you will agree they look fantastic. We have also taken our reading outside this week holding a 'reading café' outdoors and explored our new sandpit!



Year 4

In our new English unit we have enjoyed reading our key texts Malala's 'Magic Pencil' by Malala Yousafzai and 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico. We enjoyed taking our learning outside and using the drama technique of freeze frame to better understand the characters in the book. We are practising using our tool box of persuasive writing techniques to write persuasive letters. In Science we have been classifying living things. We have enjoyed using Venn and Carroll diagrams to sort living things by their features. We took our learning outside to find different leaves and created a classification tree to sort them. In art we have enjoyed using wire and other materials to create sculptures. In history we have enjoyed learning about the ancient Maya.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the Tudors in our history lessons. We have learned about the life of Henry VIII and why Anne Boleyn was executed. This week we went on a trip to Hampton Court. Children enjoyed exploring Henry VIII's apartments and also the kitchens. In the afternoon we had a session investigating Henry VIII by looking at primary and secondary sources.

"In the great hall we found the letters H and A which is a monogram for Henry and Anne Boleyn" Mari

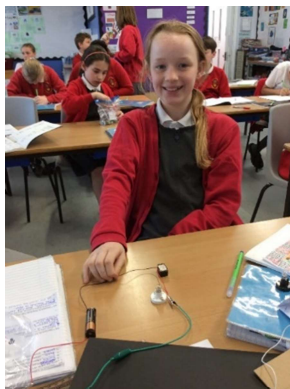
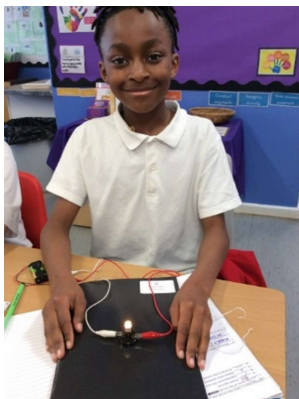
"I really enjoyed knowing that the architecture around us was over 500 years old. I learned new information about King Henry VIII by investigating primary and secondary sources" Marnie



Year 6

PE: This term, we've been working on our throwing and catching skills, focusing on accuracy and technique. These skills have been put to the test in the striking and fielding game of rounders, where we have learnt to work as a team, develop strategic plays, and improve our coordination. The focus has been on both individual performance and team collaboration, helping everyone build confidence and enjoy the game.

Science - Last term, we explored the fundamentals of electricity by constructing electric circuits. We learnt about circuit components, such as power sources, wires, and switches, while experimenting with creating both series and parallel circuits. This hands-on approach helped deepen our understanding of how electricity flows and powers devices.



Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week 19th - 23rd May 2025



Clean Air Day 19th June 2025

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.nationalcollege.com).

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others, remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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Parent support group

A couple of our own parents have created a group to provide a safe space for other parents to turn to if they are in need of guidance and support. Please reach out on the details below if you feel you could benefit from this group.

Coffee Meet

Do you worry what other people think about your parenting?

Do you ever feel you or your child are misunderstood?

Do you wonder if the school run is this hard for everybody?

Does just getting out the door without arguments or meltdowns seem impossible?

We are two Holy Family parent carers who have often felt this way. Through conversation, we realised we weren't alone in these feelings.

Now, we aim to provide a safe, confidential space to share, listen, and support - judgement free.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE – A SAFE SPACE FOR PARENTS

Drop us a message if you'd like to join our group chat or meet for a coffee sometime



07506 689349



07956 337197

Uniform Sale

After school on **Monday 12th May** we will be holding a sale of pre-loved uniform in the school playground. We have lots of items of uniform in fantastic condition that need a second home. Items will not have set prices, instead we ask for a donation to HFFA. Donations can be made in cash or via contactless payment.



Warm weather

As the weather continues to be warm next week, please ensure all children come to school every day with:

- 1) A named water bottle
- 2) A sunhat
- 3) Sunscreen **applied before** school

Please note that children should not wear sunglasses during the school day, unless medically prescribed, for health and safety reasons.



Smart Watches in school

Please be reminded that in line with our uniform guidelines, smart watches are not permitted to be worn at school.

Parking

Thank you to those who park with consideration for our local residents when arriving at school. Please could all parents and families park respectfully, especially when attending a school event where your vehicle may be parked for longer than the normal drop off or pick up period. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubs

Please find below a summary of the clubs running each week this half term:

	Organised by school <i>3.15-4.15pm No charge Booked via Arbor & queries to school office</i>	Organised by external providers <i>Check sign up details, times and prices for each club</i>
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rounders Club – Yr 3, 4 & 5Athletics Club – All KS2Computer Club – Yr 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Little voices KS1 – details hereTetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here
Tues		<ul style="list-style-type: none">My (after school) ART club for Y1-Y6 -details here
Weds		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Irish dancing for Y1-Y6 Contact Aislinn on 07716306909 or aislinn_b@hotmail.co.ukTetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here
Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gardening Club – Yr 3 & 4Jigsaw Club - Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 & 2Forest School Club – Yr 5 & 6	
Fri		

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



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DATE!**

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PARTY IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

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MAY 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date	Sessions	Time
1st Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10.30-12.00
2nd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
2nd Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-2.00
3rd Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
8th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10.30-12.00
9th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
9th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-14.00
9th Fri	Youth Group 16+ yrs	18.30-20.30
10th Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood leisure centre	16.00-17.00
15th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10.30-12.00
15th Thur	Trampolining 5+ yrs	17.20-18.30
16th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
16th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-14.00
16th Fri	Youth Group 10-15yrs	18.00-19.30
17th Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood Leisure Centre	16.00-17.00
20th Tue	Roller Skating Roller City WGC	18.00-19.00
22nd Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10.30-12.00
23rd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
23rd Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-14.00
24th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00

For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at info@potentialkids.org

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS at potentialkids.org.uk/events

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Therapeutic Gardening 1:1 & Group Sessions. Volunteers Needed



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WILLY & STITCH
May Half-term Workshop

Wednesday 28th May
Stanborough School, WGC

9:30-11:30am
For ages 4-6 years

£17 per person
Early bird booking rates - until 11th May
£16 per person
welwyn@theatretrain.co.uk
07747 608 180



Marvellous May
Half term workshop

Wednesday 28th May
Stanborough School, WGC
9:30pm

Dancing, singing, acting and crafting
For ages 5 (year 1) and above

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£32 per person (sibling discount available)
Early bird booking rates - ends 11th May
£30 per person (sibling discount available)



ENCANTO
Wednesday 23rd July
Stanborough School, WGC

9:30-11:30am
For ages 4-6 years

£17 per person
£16 pp 'early bird' (ends 1st June)
Celebrating Enchante 1 & 2

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Brilliant Books
Wednesday 20th July
Stanborough School, WGC

9:30-11:30am
For ages 4-6 years

£17 per person
£16 pp 'early bird' (ends 1st June)
Celebrating our favourite, classic, children's books!

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SUPER HERO
Wednesday 23rd July
Stanborough School, WGC

9-3:30pm
For ages 5 (year 1) and above

£32 per person
£30 pp 'early bird' (ends 1st June)
Celebrating super heroes in all shapes and sizes!

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Holiday clubs booking now!

Weekly classes also available

Main Company - for 6-18 year olds
Book a free trial for September 2025

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HALF-TERM Activities

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Saturday

FAMILY FOOTBALL

24TH @
16:00-17:00
AGE 6+ / FREE



BIRCHWOOD
LEISURE

Tuesday

COOKING IN THE GARDEN

27TH @
10:30 - 12:00
13:00 - 14:30
AGE 4+ £8



POTENTIAL KIDS
GARDEN

Wednesday

FUN RINGS

28TH @
14:00-15:00
AGE 6+ £6



(UNDER 8S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT ON SLOPES)

GOSLING
SPORTS CENTRE

Thursday

TRAMPOLINING

29TH @
17:20-18:30
AGE 5+ £6.50



GOSLING
SPORTS CENTRE

Friday

PONY MORNING

30TH @
10:00-12:00
AGE 6-11 £25



DANESCROFT
STABLES WELWYN

Friday

INFLATABLES

30TH @
17:00-18:00
AGE 8+ £8.95



HATFIELD
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TALKING FAMILIES



NEW DATES ADDED

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am Online Course: ID 757
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June, 3rd & 10th July 2025

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:

- **Manage challenging behaviour with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future**

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

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Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

Dates for the Diary

May

12-15th – Y6 SATs week

12th – Preloved uniform sale after school

16th – 3.30-7pm HFFA school disco: Reception & KS1 3.45-4.45pm / KS2 5-6.30pm

19th – Y6 Swimming starts

19th-23rd – Walk to School Week

20th – Class & whole school photos

22nd – Y4 trip to Tring Museum

23rd – Sports Day EY 9.15-10am / KS1 10.15-11.45am / KS2 1.30-3pm

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

