



## The Holy Family School News Bulletin – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025



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

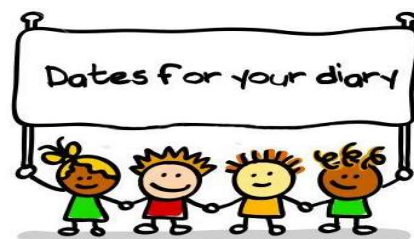
### Dates for the Diary

#### June

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Subject Showcase **CANCELLED** please see new date below
- 11<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Welwyn Garden City District Sports
- 12<sup>th</sup> – New nursery/reception parents meeting 9.15am
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Y5 visit Saint John Henry Newman School
- 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 residential Grafham Water
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Y1&2 trip to Frinton on Sea
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Subject Showcase 2.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Hope at Westminster Cathedral
- Advocacy for Oracy at Westminster
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop MacAleenan 9.30am**
- International Tea 2.30pm**

#### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 1 Class liturgy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y5 Whole class Olympics @ Gosling 9.30-11.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Party in the Park
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Welcome morning new nursery/reception parents 9.30am
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Moving up day
- Y6 children visiting their secondary schools
- 11<sup>th</sup>- HFFA cake sale
- 16<sup>th</sup> –Y6 Production 1.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Leavers’ Mass 1.15pm
- Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for summer holidays at 1.15pm**





## ROAD CLOSURE NEXT WEEK

We have been advised that next week there will be road works taking place on Pond Field – this will involve a road closure. During this period, we ask you to avoid entering Crookhams where possible. If you have no alternative, please note that the usual 'unofficial' one-way system will be reversed:

**Please refer to an email sent on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June with specific guidance on how to drop off and pick up next week.**

## Coffee Meet

YOU'RE NOT ALONE – A SAFE SPACE FOR PARENTS

*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.

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



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## UNIFORM REMINDER

Boys should be in GREY socks

Girls should be in white or grey socks

NO sports socks should be worn.



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## Clubs

Please find below a summary of the clubs running each week THIS half term: **2<sup>nd</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July**

	<b>Organised by school</b> 3.15-4.15pm No charge <i>Booked via Arbor &amp; queries to school office</i>	<b>Organised by external providers</b> <i>Check sign up details, times and prices for each club</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rounders Club – Yr4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>Athletics Club – All KS2 ( FULL )</li> <li>Computer Club – Yr 1 &amp; 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little voices Rec &amp; KS1 – details <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 &amp; 2 – details <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<b>Tues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get Running Club – Y6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My (after school) ART club for Y1-Y6 - details <a href="#">here</a> to re-book for the 2nd half of the Summer Term</li> </ul>
<b>Weds</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irish dancing for Y1-Y6 Contact Aislinn on 07716306909 or <a href="mailto:aislinn_b@hotmail.co.uk">aislinn_b@hotmail.co.uk</a></li> <li>Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<b>Thurs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardening Club – All KS2 ( FULL )</li> </ul>	
<b>Fri</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photography &amp; Videography Club – Y4, 5 &amp; 6 (suggested donation £2.50 per week)</li> </ul>	

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

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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://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

#### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

#### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

#### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

#### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

#### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

#### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

#### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

### EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

#### COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Meh) Stone-faced, unbothered	👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour

#### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

#### Meet Our Expert

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