



The Holy Family School News Bulletin –
20th 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

24th – Festival of Hope at Westminster Cathedral
Advocacy for Oracy at Westminster

26th – 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop MacAleenan 9.30am

26th – International Food Celebration set up from 2.30pm / all families from 3.15pm

July

1st – Year 1 Class liturgy

1st – 10.30am - 11.30am Year 3 Class liturgy

2nd – EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic

2nd - Y5 Whole class Olympics @ Gosling 9.30-11.30am

5th – Party in the Park

10th – Welcome morning new nursery/reception parents 9.30am

10th – Moving up day - Y6 children visiting their secondary schools

11th- 2-3pm OPAL Family Fun afternoon

11th- HFFA cake sale

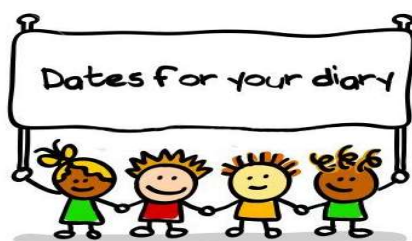
16th –Y6 Production 1.30pm

17th – Leavers' Mass 1.15pm

17th - Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

18th – Choir Concert 9.30-10.30am

18th – School finishes for summer holidays at 1.15pm





OPAL afternoon

On **Friday 11th July at 2pm** we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for an **OPAL Family Fun Afternoon**. This will be an opportunity for you to come and see what OPAL looks like at our school and engage in some OPAL play with your child. More details to follow soon!



OPAL Golden Welly Award

We are excited to announce that we have a new award at school, the **OPAL Golden Welly Award**. Our first winner of the Golden Welly is Lillian in Y6. This week, Lillian has been great at helping our younger children and has been very creative in her own play. Congratulations Lillian!



The Holy Family School News Bulletin – 20th June 2025



60th Anniversary Celebrations

We are looking forward to next Thursday (26th June) and Holy Family's 60th Anniversary day of celebration. Here are a few reminders for the day:

- **All children should come to school in full, smart school uniform.** PE kits should **not** be worn if Thursday is your child's usual PE day.
- Mass will be celebrated at **9.30am** – thank you to those parents who have responded to say they will be attending. We are now at full capacity and sadly will not be able to accept any extra attendees on the day.
- Children will have a **picnic lunch** on the field which will include a choice of a cheese, ham or tuna sandwich, a celebratory cupcake, fruit/veg and a drink. If you would like your child to have this picnic lunch you will be able to order this for them via the School Grid. **We will communicate next week when these lunch options are available for you to order – please look out for this email.** If your child would prefer to bring in their own packed lunch they will still be able to do this.
- After school we will be hosting an **International Food Celebration** - all families are invited to bring a dish that represents their home country or culture. Set up for this will begin at **2.30pm** please bring your dish to the school hall from this time onwards. Families will then be welcomed into the hall following pick up at the end of the school day, to share in the celebration – during this time we will also be cutting and sharing our 60th Anniversary cake. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!



Clubs

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

	Organised by school 3.15-4.15pm No charge <i>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 – Yr4, 5 & 6 Athletics Club – All KS2 (FULL) Computer Club – Yr 1 & 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little voices Rec & KS1 – details here Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here
Tues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Running Club – Y6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My (after school) ART club for Y1-Y6 - details here to re-book for the 2nd half of the Summer Term
Weds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish dancing for Y1-Y6 Contact Aislinn on 07716306909 or aislinn_b@hotmail.co.uk Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here
Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardening Club – All KS2 (FULL) 	
Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography & Videography Club – Y4, 5 & 6 (suggested donation £2.50 per week) 	

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

01707 375518



The Holy Family School News Bulletin – 20th June 2025




TECH & STEM CAMP
WITH TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

21st July - 22nd August
LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £35 PER DAY!
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education

Children's Museum? TAX-FREE ONLINE!

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

SUMMER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
KINETIC K'NEX	LEGO MACHINES	StrawBots	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL COOKING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	MINICRAFT ROCKETS

Take Home Inventions: Electric, Conductive, Monoboard, Aquatic, Wind

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
CHALK CIRCLES	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LITERARY INVENTIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
BIG BOYS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ANIMATION	MINICRAFT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES

Take Home Inventions: Electric, Hydraulics, Pneumatics, Colour, Light

PLEASE NOTE, THE ABOVE SCHEDULES ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY—PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE ACCURATE SCHEDULE OF YOUR LOCAL CAMP.

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!
E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★
"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★
"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★
"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

Only **£199** for 5 DAYS or **£349** for 10 DAYS!

Scan me

DATCHWORTH SPORTS CLUB

2025 MULTI-SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS



RUGBY **CRICKET** **TENNIS**

BOOKINGS

About the camps
At a Datchworth Sports Club Multi-Sports Camp children will develop skills in Tennis, Cricket and Tag Rugby from high quality, experienced coaches! It is a great way to meet new friends and have fun!

Week 1 - 5/6 August
Week 2 - 19/20 August
Week 3 - 28/29 August

Datchworth Sports Club
Datchworth Green
SG3 6TL

9.00am - 1.30pm: Reception children - £18
9.00am - 3.00pm: Years 1 - 6 - £25

To book please visit: www.datchworthsportsclub.com/summercamp

For more information contact Rob Nash: 07903113960 / rob.nash@datchworthsportsclub.com

Learn to Swim Summer Crash Courses

We are offering you the opportunity to come and swim with us for half an hour every day for 5 days.

It's great for introducing new swimmers or for improving those that have some experience with fun guided activities, working towards a Swim England Award.

We take children from 4 years of age.

The teacher/pupil ratio is low therefore places are limited.

Leading the lessons are fully qualified and DBS checked swimming teachers.

Costing £52 per week (Including Award)

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st Aug 2025

Monday 4th July – Friday 8th July 2025

At Tewin Cowper Primary School,
Cannons Meadow, Tewin, Welwyn, AL6 0JU

Monday 11th Aug – Friday 15th Aug 2025

At Panshanger Primary School,
Daniells, Welwyn Garden City, AL71QY

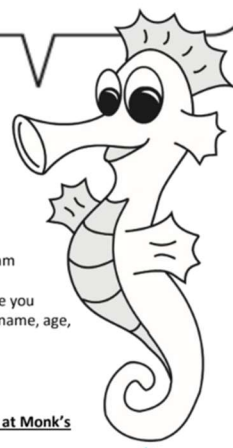
Lessons starting:

9:00am, 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am or 11:00am

To book, please specify the dates of the course you wish to book, preferred time, your child's full name, age, and ability.

Send to Emma on
07795344464

Term time lessons available from September at Monk's Walk School Pool, book early!





The Holy Family School News Bulletin – 20th 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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

18
CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Yes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



#WakeUpWednesday®

The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>

X @wake_up_weds

f /www.thenationalcollege

@wake.up.wednesday

@wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 18.06.2025