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THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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As we approach the final weeks of term, I want to thank you all for your practical support and patience during the recent unprecedented heatwave. Managing the school day in such extreme weather was a challenge, and I appreciate your understanding regarding the difficult decision to cancel two of our planned school trips for safety reasons and to close school early today. Your cooperation helped us keep the children safe and comfortable.

With temperatures returning to normal, please note that our usual attendance expectations will be back in place as of Monday. Every school day counts, and it is vital that we maintain strong attendance right up until the end of term. Thank you for ensuring your children are in school and ready to learn.

We have a number of recent events to celebrate. Our Year 6 pupils have returned from their residential trip to Grafham Water. It was an excellent experience, and the children conducted themselves brilliantly throughout, showing great teamwork, resilience and independence. My thanks go to the staff members who gave up their time to accompany them and ensure the trip ran so smoothly.

Last Friday, we also held our Holy Family Culture Day. It was an excellent community event and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our diverse backgrounds. The day served as a great reminder of how supportive, inclusive, and diverse our school community is, reflecting our shared Catholic values.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these final, busy weeks of the school year.

'Find new saints in the people around you...the saints next door.' **Pope Francis**

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

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

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www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Facebook:
[TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](https://www.facebook.com/TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC)



Year 3

In year 3, we have had a busy few weeks. A highlight for us has been rehearsing for our Cultural Day. We learnt and performed a song from Nigeria called 'Under the Lime Tree'. The children were absolutely amazing at learning the words in a different language and performing with such passion and joy. It has been so lovely to teach them and see them developing their awareness of other cultures.



Year 4 - In English, Year 4 have been learning about persuasive language and we wrote letters to the local MP to persuade him to make a change in the local area. We were excited to meet him and read our letter when he visited our school. In maths, we have been focusing on understanding negative numbers and angles. We have been learning to identify and classify plants and animals in science this term. We used branch diagrams and we classified leaves from the school grounds according to their properties. In computing, we have enjoyed making our own music using a programme on purple mash. In history, Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons and Alfred the Great. Our big focus in Year 4 has been preparing for the multiplication check. We have been practicing each day to improve our speed and recall of times tables



facts. I was so proud of how the children achieved in the test last week and their fantastic attitude to learning.



Year 5

Some highlights of our learning this half term include the following. In English, we have enjoyed reading *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman and some of us have written our own poems about food we enjoy. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and have been practicing our oracy skills using shape vocabulary. In Science, we are learning about human life cycles. We also enjoyed our visit to Saint John Henry Newman School for a taster day. We got to design our own characters in an English lesson, design letters in an art lesson and conduct an experiment in a science laboratory. At Careers Afternoon, we loved learning about different jobs. We were also lucky enough to have an International Day- where we got to do different activities based around different countries; create Heritage Hearts and taste delicious food from around the world. All in just 4 weeks! What a great start to the half term.



Year 6

Residential – Grafham Water

During our Year 6 residential at Grafham Water, the children took part in a wide range of outdoor adventurous activities, including canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, fun boats, sailing, raft building, bushcraft, archery and high ropes. These activities helped pupils build confidence, independence, resilience and teamwork. It was wonderful to see the children supporting each other, trying new challenges and making lasting memories together.



Careers Event

Year 6 really enjoyed their careers afternoon, where they had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of different jobs and future pathways. The children explored careers including yoga instructor and wellness, holiday company worker, research nurse coordinator/manager, counselling and psychotherapy, barber, police officer, civil engineer and medical doctor. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to ask questions, think about their own interests and talents, and consider the many exciting possibilities available to them in the future.



Peartree Park Community Event

Saturday 18 July

1-4pm

Peartree Park, Shephall

FREE ENTRY

ALL AGES WELCOME

Activities/attractions to include:

Drift

The Cycling Hub

Everyone Active

Plus stalls and activities for the whole family

Email: community.development@stevenage.gov.uk
Tel: 07702 916 883



FAMILY COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 3RD JULY
3:45 - 4:45

Holy Family School Field

Get ready to burst into colour at our family Colour Run!
Dash through fun zones where bursts of powdered paint fly, crossing the finish line looking like a rainbow.
Wear a white T-shirt for maximum splash.
This is all about fun, friends, and unforgettable photos.

Ticket Prices

- Participants - £6
- Observers - £2
- Volunteers - Free!

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<http://www.pto-events.co.uk/holyfamilycatholicprimaryschool/>



www.interfaithwh.com



A Jew and a Muslim working together in schools

Speakers: Adam Zagoria-Moffet and Akhtar Zaman

Children hear about what is happening in Israel and Gaza and now Lebanon and may be directly or indirectly affected by it. It is important that conflicts such as these do not spill over elsewhere.

To discourage violence and intimidation spreading in St Albans, Rabbi Adam Zagoria-Moffet and Akhtar Zaman from the Islamic Centre in St Albans have been going together into schools and other places to show that Muslims and Jews can be friends, with much in common, and that they can rise above conflicts happening in other parts of the world.

Thursday 2 July 2026
7.30pm for 7.45pm start to 9.00pm

Focolare Centre for Unity
69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG



Future 2026 meetings

DATE	TIME	TITLE
Thurs 30 July	9.00am	Coach trip to Cambridge Central Mosque and Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara. Please contact theresa.whifg@gmail.com if you would like to come.
Thurs 10 Sept	7.30pm	Humanism Speaker: Panos Fellas
Thurs 29 Oct	7.30pm	Science and Religion Speaker: Fr. James Boyle
Thurs 19 Nov	7.00pm	Shared supper in Interfaith week

The above meetings will be at the Focolare Centre unless otherwise stated
The times and dates may be subject to change, so please check before coming.

If you would like to be informed of our future events we will be pleased to add you to our database. Contact our secretary at theresa.whifg@gmail.com.

Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group is entirely self-supporting. We would welcome your support.

Payments can be made by bank transfer:
Account name: Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group
Account number: 21880950
Sort code: 40-46-08

Please use your own name as reference and send an email to the treasurer informing her of the payment: ericaleith@gmail.com or email her to find other ways of making a payment.



Summer Half Term Cooking Workshops



Recipes are all made from scratch using fresh ingredients. All meals can be made vegetarian upon request.

Calling all budding chefs **aged 8-15 years**. Come and join us this Summer Half Term at Goffs-Churchgate Academy, College Road, Cheshunt, EN8 9LY

Monday 27th July, Tuesday 28th July & Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 5th Aug & Thursday 6th Aug
Monday 10th Aug & Tuesday 11th Aug

We are passionate about cooking and great believers that cooking is a life skill that sets children up for life and **EVERYONE** should have the opportunity to learn the basic skills.

What the children will learn:

- Basic knife and cutting skills – *Children will be using sharp knives
- Mixing, weighing, peeling and measuring ingredients
- Hygiene and safety
- The importance of nutrition & balanced diet
- Using the oven, hob and other electrical kitchen equipment

Our half term workshops are a full day, running from **9am – 3pm**. All soft drinks are provided and we have regular breaks throughout the day (Please bring snacks if required). Little chefs will make their own lunch in the morning, we all sit down to eat our lunch, a great way to make new friends!

Next up, the students will make their dish that they will be bringing home, learning and gaining new skills along the way. They also make a sweet treat.

All food and equipment is provided and children will be provided with recipe cards and a container to take their food home; they'll want to show off what they've made!

We have a **creative and exciting recipe library** of sweet and savoury dishes, all recipes are made from scratch, **using REAL ingredients**.

Prices are £55.00 per workshop – payment to be made in full.

Please be advised that we do not offer refunds.

We are only able to take a maximum of 12 children per workshop, please book in early to avoid disappointment!

Monday 27th July 2026

AM: Brioche French Toast with Maple syrup and berries
 Treat: Lemon Drizzle Tray bake
 PM: Cheeseburger Pasta Bake

Tuesday 28th July 2026

AM: Homemade Sausage and Egg McMuffin
 Treat: Baked donuts with icing and sprinkles
 PM: Crispy Sweet & Sour Pork with Rice

Wednesday 29th July 2026

AM: Chicken Fajita Wraps
 Treat: Vanilla Tray bake with icing and sprinkles
 PM: Garlic Butter and bacon spaghetti

Wednesday 5th August 2026

AM: Homemade Hash browns with fried egg
 Treat: Bakewell Bake (Contains nuts; Almonds)
 PM: Smash Burger with Chips

Thursday 6th August 2026

AM: Pizza
 Treat: Smartie Cookies
 PM: Chicken Katsu Curry with Rice

Monday 10th August 2026

AM: Loaded Fries with Cheese and Bacon
 Treat: Oreo Rice crispy bars
 PM: Marinated Chicken Skewers, salad, flatbread and Tzatziki dip

Tuesday 10th August 2026

AM: Fluffy American pancakes with Maple Syrup
 Treat: Chocolate Chip Cookies
 PM: Chicken Thigh burger with bacon and wedges

Clubs

Please see a summary below of the school organised and external clubs that are running next half term

	Organised by school 3.15-4.15pm No charge Booked via Arbor & queries to school office	Organised by external providers Check sign up details, times and prices for each club
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics Club – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6 • Get Creative Club – Reception, Y1 & Y2 (for 3 weeks) • Table Tennis Club – Y5 & Y6 • Card Games Club – Y1, Y2 & Y3 • Rounder's Club – Y5 & Y6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Tues		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club – for Y2-Y6 Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk 07900 048446 or sign up here
Weds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Club – Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, & Y6 • OPAL play club – Y1, Y2 & Y3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk
Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photography & Video Club – Y4, Y5 & Y6 	

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