

10th July 2026

DOWAT



THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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As we reach the end of another remarkable academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all. Holy Family continues to thrive spiritually, academically, and socially, which is a true reflection of our strong parental partnerships and a school environment where your children genuinely feel valued, safe, and eager to learn.

Our Catholic ethos remains the heartbeat of everything we do. This year, staff have worked hard to prepare our RE curriculum for the upcoming Religious Education Directory (RED) implementation this September. Following the introduction of the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory, our RE Adviser formally commended Holy Family for our excellent provision of prayer. We capped off these spiritual celebrations with our vibrant Holy Family Culture Day, where our community came together to share cultural enrichment activities, performances, and incredible dishes, a testament to our unity and diversity.

Academically, our focus on metacognition, helping children understand how they learn, has yielded fantastic results, earning formal recognition from DOWAT our academy trust, as a core strength of the school. We have also heavily invested in our staff, with five members successfully completing their National Professional Qualifications (NPQs), including myself achieving the NPQ for Executive Leadership (NPQEL), strengthening our school's leadership for the future.

Beyond the classroom, we have expanded our extra-curricular clubs and further developed our OPAL programme. I am delighted to share that we were recently awarded the Platinum OPAL Award! This is an exceptional achievement, awarded only to the top 1% of schools that take part in OPAL nationally, proving our playtime provision is excellent.

We have achieved all of this while successfully navigating a challenging economic climate by working closely with our trust to share resources and secure a sustainable future. Crucially, our statutory attendance has remained outstanding at 97%, well above national trends. Thank you for your unwavering support, which ensures Holy Family remains such a wonderful, dedicated school community. Have a blessed and restful summer break when we get there next Friday.

'Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need.' **Pope Francis**

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

July

15th July – 11-12pm Y6 Leavers
Mass

1.30-3pm Y5 & Y6 Production

17th July – 9.30-10.30 Choir
Summer Concert

10.30-11.30am Y6 Leavers
assembly

**1.15pm SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR
SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

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)

Stars of the Week



Rec - Filip

Year 1 - Tiwatope

Year 2 - Grayson

Year 3 - Esme

Year 4 - Joshua

Year 5 - Preston

Year 6 - Logan

Nursery & Reception

Nursery and Reception children had a wonderful time at Hertfordshire Zoo.



Year 1

In our final geography lesson of this half term we compared **what we see from our window at home to what we would see** if we lived in Shanghai. The children were able to think in detail about both locations and how they are similar and different. We also spent our outdoor learning time making homes for bugs.



Year 2

Tuesday 8th July 2026

In our Final DT lesson of this half term we made and evaluated our wraps that met the design brief of including protein, vegetables and dairy. We prepared the ingredients and then made the wrap before we enjoyed eating them.

They were delicious!





A Massive, Colourful Thank You!

What an absolutely incredible afternoon we had on Friday 3rd July! Our school field was transformed into a vibrant sea of colour, laughter, and community spirit for this year's **Colour Run**.

Whether you were running, walking, or just trying to dodge the flying powder, I think we can all agree that the event was an absolute triumph. Both the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed every single sticky, neon-colored minute of it!

Huge Thanks to the HFFA & Our Volunteers

An event like this doesn't just happen by magic. A massive, heartfelt thank you goes out to the **HFFA** for their incredible hard work in organising everything behind the scenes. From the planning to the cleanup, you did a phenomenal job.

We also want to give a huge shout-out to all our **volunteer helpers** who stood at the color stations, threw powder with absolute glee, and kept everyone safe and smiling. We simply couldn't have run the event without your time and energy.

An Amazing Total Raised!

Finally, a giant thank you to everyone in our community who came along to cheer, support, and participate. Thanks to your immense generosity, **we raised an amazing £1,200!**



These funds will go directly toward supporting our children and enhancing their school experience, so please know that your support makes a massive difference.

Thank you all for making it a day to remember. Don't forget to keep a look out for next year's date!





Lock in the "Great British Summer Savings" This Holiday!

School is out, and the summer holidays are officially here! If you are looking for ways to keep the kids entertained without breaking the bank, the Government has just launched a major nationwide initiative to help families make the most of the sunshine.

From **25 June to 1 September 2026**, a temporary tax cut is slashing VAT from 20% down to **5%** on a massive range of family activities.

Where You'll See the Savings

Whether you are planning a rainy-day trip to the cinema or a big day out at a theme park, the discounts will be applied directly at the till by participating venues:

Dining Out: Enjoy 5% VAT on children's meals when eating in at restaurants and cafés.

Shows & Screenings: Differentiated children's tickets and qualifying family tickets for cinemas, theatres, concerts, and exhibitions are all included.

Big Days Out: The discount applies to entry tickets (for both adults and kids!) at amusement parks, zoos, museums, soft play centres, adventure parks, and heritage sites.



Bonus: Free Bus Travel in August!

To help you get out and about, there is an extra bonus if you are travelling in England. Throughout the entire month of August, **children aged 5 to 15 can travel completely free** on local bus services, making it even easier to map out an affordable summer adventure.

Find Deals Near You

The government has launched a handy, dedicated attraction finder website. All you need to do is pop in your postcode to find all the participating venues, eateries, and hidden gems right on your doorstep.

Ready to plan your summer? To find local discounts and start saving, visit the official attraction finder at summersavings.gov.uk.



August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



September Timetable

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Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
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Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



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.

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The HFFA are excited to launch our first fundraising partnership with **Stikins Name Labels** - helping families label school uniform and belongings while raising money for our school.

Simply order using our fundraising number and **30% commission from every order** comes straight back to the HFFA to support the children at Holy Family, at no extra cost to you.

- ✓ No sewing or ironing required
- ✓ Ideal for uniform, shoes, water bottles, lunch boxes and more

Visit www.stikins.co.uk and enter our fundraising number 23196 when ordering.

Many parents will know that school uniform that is unnamed regularly goes missing and is very difficult to find. If a name is on the uniform staff can return the item to the child. Without names on uniform we cannot do this and end up with a pile of uniform unclaimed at the end of each term.



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 <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	- 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	Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Tues		Chess Club – for Y2-Y6 Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk 07900 048446 or sign up here
Weds		Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Thurs	- Homework Club – Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, & Y6 - OPAL play club – Y1, Y2 & Y3	Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk
Fri	Photography & Video Club – Y4, Y5 & Y6	

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