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THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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What a wonderful week it has been here at Holy Family! It has been one of those weeks that perfectly captures what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

We began the week with an inspirational BMX assembly and workshop for our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils. Mike Mullen from BMX Academy amazed us all with incredible skills, courage and determination, but his most powerful message was that with resilience, hard work and belief in yourself, anything is possible. He encouraged our children to dream big, persevere through challenges and never give up on reaching their goals.

On Wednesday, Father Norbert led us in celebrating our first Mass of the school year. It was a joyful occasion that brought our school family together in prayer and thanksgiving. One particularly special moment was hearing children read the bidding prayers in their home languages. It was a wonderful reminder of the rich diversity within our school community and how our different cultures and backgrounds strengthen us as one Holy Family.

Friday was a truly historic day in the life of our school as we celebrated achieving the OPAL Platinum Award, an incredible achievement that recognises our commitment to providing exceptional play opportunities for every child. We were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, Councillor Michael Siewniak, who presented us with the award. It was fantastic to see so many parents join us for both the presentation and our OPAL Parent Afternoon. Seeing children, families and staff celebrating together was a wonderful reflection of the strong partnership that makes our school thrive.

We give thanks for the many blessings we share as a school family. May we continue to live, love, learn and celebrate with Jesus, carrying His light into everything we do and remembering that, with faith, hope and kindness, great things are possible.

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

September

stay & play

29th September – 9am Coffee morning
for new parents

30th September – 1.30pm EYFS
Welcome service

October

6th October – Year 3 Egyptian
Workshop

6th July – Y6 Swimming lessons
Hartham Leisure Centre

16th October - HFFS School Disco

21st October -3.30-6.30pm Parents
Consultations in person

22nd October - 3.30-6.30pm
Parents Consultations online

23rd October - 9.30am Harvest
Mass

**26th to 25th October HALF TERM
HOLIDAYS**

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

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www.hollyfamily.herts.sch.uk

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



Stars of the Week

Rec -

Year 1 - Samuel

Year 2 - Constantine

Year 3 - Zikam

Year 4 - Callum

Year 5 - Lettie

Year 6 - Maya

Year 3

Year 3 has had a busy start to their year. They have had a fantastic start and are settling in well. We have enjoyed time in forest school, completing different activities. In one session, we made self-portraits from foraged materials. In another session, we created human skeletons after a science lesson where we learnt about different joint types and the skeletal structure. The skeletons were brilliant! The children were so creative and imaginative. This week is friendship week, so we spent time in forest school making a 'friendship charter' and then focused further in pairs to make posters. We are really looking forward to the rest of the half term together! Well done so far year 3 for a great start!



Year 4

Year 4 has made a very positive start to the year. In science we have been learning about teeth and diet and we investigated toothbrushes with different firmness. We also learned about the different types of teeth and why animals have teeth that are suited to their diet. In PE we have been focusing on football skills including dribbling the ball. In RE Year 4 have been learning about Abraham and retold the story of Abraham and his son Isaac. In Geography children are learning about where the food we eat comes from. We enjoyed following instructions to make a paper aeroplane in our LOTC session showing the values of teamwork and resilience.





Year 5

Year 5 has had a very busy start to the new school year. It is wonderful to see how well the children have settled in. We have enjoyed exploring our whole school book, Journey, in English and have written our own next chapters which we have published for a class book. We have been using equipment and various representations to explore place value and negative numbers in maths. We have started our swimming lessons at the local pool. We enjoyed our school trip to Tring Museum and saw lots of incredible creatures. We also got to take part in an exhilarating BMX workshop and learnt some tricks. What an incredible start to Year 5.



Year 6

Year 6 has had a fantastic start to the year. In PE, we have enjoyed developing our football skills, focusing on teamwork, attacking and defending, possession and fair play. We have also met our Year 2 buddies, sharing books together and chatting about how they have settled into the new school year. It has been lovely to see Year 6 being such kind, supportive and responsible role models.



OPAL Platinum Award Ceremony & OPAL Play

Here are some photos of the day





**A Big Thank You to all the parents that
were able to join us for the
celebrations**



Clubs

Please see a summary below of the school organised and external clubs that are running this 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	Card Games Club – Y1 & Y2	Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Tues	Book Club – Y5 & Y6	- Chess Club – for Y2-Y6 Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk 07900 048446 or sign up here - Spanish Club – Reception to Y6 (3.30-4pm) www.littlelinguists.org.uk suzanne@littlelinguists.org.uk 07857 974437
Weds		Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Thurs	Homework/TTRS Club –Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk
Fri		

Dates for the Diary

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