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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 come to the end of another busy and productive half term, I would like to thank our wonderful school community for all the support, enthusiasm and hard work that have made the past few weeks so successful.

This morning, we celebrated our Harvest Mass, led by Fr Norbert. It was a joyful celebration, and the children sang beautifully and read with confidence. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and family members joining us. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make these occasions so special.

I would also like to thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest collection for the local food bank. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to those in need in our local community. Our school chaplaincy team worked hard this morning to bag and load all the donations, putting our Catholic values of love, sharing and service into action.

Today, we were also delighted to welcome our school governors. Governors play an important role in school life, working with the leadership team to help ensure that every child receives the best possible education. They support and challenge us, monitor the quality of education and safeguarding, and help us to plan for the school’s future. During their visit, they joined us for Mass, spent time in classrooms with pupils and teachers, and spoke with our chaplaincy team, house captains and Key Stage 2 pupils.

Our governors commented on what a happy school community we have. Their conversations highlighted the strong sense of belonging our children feel and the positive relationships that are at the heart of our school.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term, taking time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term on **Monday 2nd November.**

‘Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.’ **St Francis of Assisi**

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

November

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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

Stars of the Week

Rec -
Year 1 -
Year 2 -
Year 3 -
Year 4 –
Year 5 -
Year 6 -

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic first term which we celebrated with our wonderful Egyptian workshop day. The children were so engaged with their learning and had the opportunity to create several Egyptian crafts such as carving soap and statue making. We learnt about some of the gods and goddesses too. In the afternoon, we had a banquet and watched several pieces of drama and dance that we prepared for the Pharoah! It was a great day! In an outdoor learning session, we made Egyptian boats from straws and Sellotape. We tested them in the pond to see if they would float and be able to travel and transport goods across the water just like in the River Nile. Happy Half term!









Year 4

Year 4 have been learning to write persuasive speeches. All children chose a subject that they felt strongly about and used power of 3 and rhetorical questions. In math's we have been focused on column addition and subtraction. In geography we have been learning about where our food comes from and discussing whether it is best to buy local or imported food. The children enjoyed improving their football skills led by a coach from Ridgeway this half term and have improved their dribbling and passing techniques. In RE we have reflected on the stories of Abraham and Joseph from the Old Testament and what they can teach us about faith, hope and love.





Year 5

In year 5, we have been busy enjoying our learning. Here are some of the highlights from the last few weeks. In English, we enjoyed writing non-chronologic reports about an amazing chimera that we created. We have also enjoyed reading the book Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet, Elspeth Graham and Juan Wijngaard and have written some amazing descriptive pieces based on this text. We will be choosing our favourite piece of work to publish. In maths, we have been using our equipment to make mathematical models to help us to understand and solve a range of problems. In History, we have been considering if the Vikings were raiders, traders or something else. We have started investigating quizzes in computing. We have also been enjoying designing and making cushions in Design and Technology.



Year 6

Year 6 had a wonderful retreat day at Aylesford Priory alongside pupils from Our Lady's School. Fr Norbert led us in praying the Rosary as we walked around the beautiful grounds, followed by a special Mass celebrated together. It was a lovely opportunity for prayer, reflection and spending time together in faith.





A Fresh Look at School Lunch – Starting 2nd November!

We are thrilled to announce that when school returns on **Monday, November 2nd**, we will be partnering with a new school meals provider, Innovate/IFG which is part of the Dolce group!

Earlier this year, some of our pupils, parents, and Governors attended a taster session and were thoroughly impressed with the quality and flavour of the food. We can't wait for all the children to experience it!

What You Need to Know:

- **Online Ordering:** We will continue using **School Grid**. Your existing accounts we will migrate automatically.
- **Welcome Email:** Once the system switch is completed at the end of today, Innovate/IFG/Dolce will send an email directly to parents. This will explain how to access your updated School Grid account and how the new service works.
- **Allergies:** Information on how allergy profiles are managed will also be included in their email. Please keep an eye on your inbox later today!



A Very Special Farewell to Mrs Roma Digiulio!

It is rare to find someone whose connection to a school span almost a quarter of a century, but that is exactly what makes Roma so special to us all.

Roma's journey with us began 24 years ago as a parent, and 19 years ago, she officially became a member of our staff. From her early days as a school parent to nearly two decades as an integral part of our team, she has brought warmth, dedication, and boundless support to every corner of our school.

It is hard to imagine the school day without her, but as she prepares to move on, we want to give her the huge, heartfelt thank you she so deserves.

Thank you, Roma, for 24 incredible years of being at the heart of our school community. We wish you all the joy and success in the world!

Thank you!



Kies recently went on pilgrimage to Guadalupe, Mexico, and arranged for a special Mass to be celebrated for our Holy Family school community. We are grateful to be remembered in prayer in such a special place, keeping our school family and our mission, '*As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate with Jesus, a*t the heart of this wonderful pilgrimage.

Playtime Just Got Better!

Thank you to Lauren Street!

Thanks to her help, her company Green Chair has generously donated £500 to go towards brand-new playground equipment!

This fantastic contribution will go directly towards purchasing new playground equipment for our pupils. We know how much our children love outdoor play, and these funds will help us create an even more exciting, fun, and safe space for them to play, learn, and grow together.

On behalf of all the children, staff, and families, thank you so much to Lauren and Green Chair for your kindness, support, and generosity!

Could Your Workplace Be Next?

Does your company offer (CSR) grants, match funding, or community donation schemes that support local schools and charities. It's a fantastic way to boost our school funds!

If you think your company might be able to help, reach out to us at (admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk) **every bit of support makes a huge difference!**

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* *Booked via Arbor & queries to school office*	**Organised by external providers** *Check sign up details, times and prices for each club*
Mon	• Doodle & Draw – Y1 & Y2	• Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details **here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/** www.littlelinguists.org.uk suzanne@littlelinguists.org.uk 07857 974437
Tues		• 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)
Weds		Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details **here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/**
Thurs	• Homework/TTRS Club –Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	• Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk
Fri	• British Sign Language – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	

***All clubs must be booked in advance**. Please contact the school office if you have any questions - 01707 375518*

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December

1st December – Reverse Advent Calander

School Family Worker drop ins 9am-2pm

9th December – EYFS Nativity - 9:30 – 10:30

KS1 Nativity- 1:30 – 2:30pm

15th December – Christmas dinner

16th December – KS2 Advent Carol Service at Holy Family Church

17th December – 9.15am Christmas Choir Concert

18th December– **LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.15pm**

