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THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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



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It has been lovely to see the children return to school this half term with such enthusiasm, and there has certainly been plenty happening across our school community.

This week, we came together for a moving Remembrance Service, giving the children an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by others and to remember all those affected by conflict. It was a thoughtful and respectful occasion, and I was very proud of the way the children participated.

We also enjoyed an exciting Enrichment Morning, focused on the importance of working together as a team. The children took part in a range of activities that encouraged collaboration, communication, problem-solving, and supporting one another. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for children to develop confidence, strengthen relationships, and recognise the importance of working together.

Today, we are also showing our support for Children in Need. This provides an opportunity to remind the children that many young people face challenges in their lives and that acts of kindness, generosity and compassion, however small, can make a real difference.

One of the many things that makes Holy Family such a special place is the diversity of our school community. We are fortunate to have families who speak a wide range of languages at home, bringing a richness of cultures, experiences and traditions into our school. This diversity is something we should celebrate and value. It reflects the inclusive nature of our school, where everyone is welcomed, respected, and valued as part of our family.

We would also welcome donations of good-quality children's books that families may no longer need at home. These would be greatly appreciated and would help us to continue developing our reading resources and encourage a love of reading across the school.

As we move into the winter months, I would like to remind families of the importance of maintaining good attendance. Children who have a mild cough or cold, such as a runny nose or sore throat, are generally well enough to attend school. However, children should remain at home if they have a high temperature and should not return until they are well and their temperature has returned to normal. In cases of vomiting or diarrhoea, children must remain at home until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours. Thank you for helping us to maintain good attendance while also protecting the health and wellbeing of our whole school community.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, our thoughts will increasingly turn towards Advent, a particularly special time in the life of our Catholic school. It is a season of hope, reflection and joyful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I look forward to sharing this important time of prayer, preparation, and celebration with the children and our families.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

November

18th November – 9-10am Oracy Workshop for Parents

24th November – Y2 Victorian Workshop in school hall

27th November – INSET DAY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

30th November – OCCASSIONAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Please see our website:
www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Facebook:
TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC

Stars of the Week

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

Nursery

This week the children enjoyed out door learning. They created leaf necklaces using all the fallen Autumn leaves.





In PE this week the children thought about different feelings and how their bodies move depending on how they are feeling.






Reception

During our Art activities, we explored different types of lines using a variety of media and techniques. This will help us develop our skills and ideas as we create our own self-portraits next week.





Year 1

In English this week we followed instructions to make terrible tusks. We chopped fruit and slid it onto straws. In D.T. we joined two pieces of fabric using staples, glue and safety pins. This will help us to decide how to join our fabric when we make our puppets this term.







Year 2

In Science this week we began our new topic where we will be learning all about Microhabitats. We learnt that minibeasts are often found in microhabitats. We worked with a partner to sort and classify different minibeasts.





Welcome

We welcome Mrs Coulson, a new teacher, to the Holy Family staff team. Mrs Coulson will work in Y1 and Y4.



Helmets

If your child cycles to school, please ensure they wear a properly fitted cycle helmet to help keep them safe on their journey.



Uniform Reminder

Haircuts should be sensible, no extreme styles or shaving, including lines and of a natural colour. Any hair accessories should be neutral or in school colours.



Appointments

A reminder that children should not be absent from school to accompany a sibling to a medical appointment. Please make alternative childcare arrangements where necessary, including making use of our wraparound care facilities. Thank you for your support in ensuring children attend school regularly.

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/
Tues		• 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 –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**

