

1st March 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Welcome back to the final half of the spring term and happy St David's Day! Despite being the first day of spring today it did not feel very 'spring like' this morning! Although this half term is short it is exceptionally busy with many events and lots of learning taking place each week. Please pay close attention to the diary dates to ensure that you do not miss anything.

Next week the children look forward to celebrating our love of reading through World Book Day. Information has been shared with you about the theme of 'vocabulary' and children are encouraged to dress up as a word. This can be as simple or as complex as you and your child want. It will be an enjoyable day for all involved. The children will also enjoy our termly enrichment morning next Friday with the theme of 'spring' where they will be able to engage with a range of activities based on this theme.

As we continue our journey towards joining the Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust (DOWAT) we will welcome the CEO, Pat Murden to Holy Family on Tuesday. I am sure he will our school as the special community that it is throughout his visit. Consultation on the process with the wider school community will take place over the coming months.

The HFFA are holding a quiz night in school this evening, please come along for a night of fun if you can. There is a staff team and I know they will have a 'quietly competitive' spirit!

'I find the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.' **Thomas Jefferson**

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events

6th – Year 3 Class Mass 2pm

7th – World book day

8th – Enrichment Day

11th – 15th – Year 5 bikeability

14th – Year3/4 Hertfordshire zoo trip

**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)

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Stars of the week

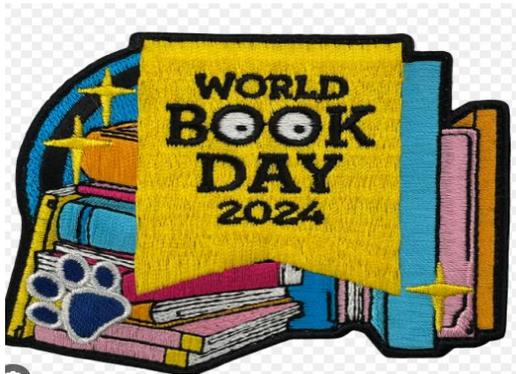
Year R	Rocco
Year 1	Jude
Year 2	Joshua N
Year 3	Anika
Year 4	Favour
Year 5	Alice D
Year 6	Finn

World Book Day – 7th March

This year we are inviting all children to come dressed as a word and we will be completing a vocabulary parade – for full details please see the letter sent out earlier in the week.

We can't wait to see all the children's creativity!

Our book fair will be available from Monday 11th – Thursday 14th March. Further details will be sent out next week.



Clothes donation bags

Each child should have been sent home with a clothes donations bag this week. Please fill the bag with good condition items. Please click [here](#) to see what items are accepted.

Bags should be brought into school on Friday 22nd March before 9am. We cannot take the bags before this date, as we have nowhere to store them. Please do not put any logoed uniform in these bags as they cannot accept it.

Filling these bags will raise valuable money for our school.

Uniform

PE kit

Children should be wearing:

- Holy Family sports PE top
- Plain back shorts (plain trousers/leggings in the colder weather)
- Plain black hoodie/zip up top

There should be no logo's on the trousers or hoodie.

Long hair

Long hair should be tied back throughout the school day. Jewellery should not be worn except for plain stud earrings which must be removed on P.E days. Haircuts should be sensible, no extreme styles or shaving and of a natural colour. Any hair accessories should be neutral or in school colours.

Building fund, are you contributing?

As a voluntary aided school we are required by law to raise 10% of the cost of developing and maintaining the upkeep of the interior/exterior and fabric of the school building and for any new buildings. To help cover these cost we are ask parents where possible to pay a voluntary contribution towards this. Our suggested donations are:

One child: £4 monthly or £48 annually

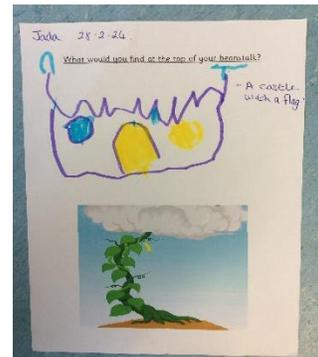
Two children: £8 monthly or £96 annually

Three or more children £10 monthly or £120 annually

If you are a UK tax payer in addition to your contributions we are also able to claim the gift aid on these donations. Please contact the school office if you require a form to set up a payment.

Nursery

In Nursery we have been reading the story Jasper's Beanstalk to start our topic of growing. We imagined what we would find at the top of a beanstalk and drew a picture. We mixed our own green paint and used different sized brushes to create our own beanstalks. We also enjoyed digging and sorting vegetables in our tuff tray.



Reception

In Reception, we started a new topic 'Traditional tales' by reading "The Three Little Pigs". We designed houses for Mr. Wolf and wrote about them to encourage Mr Wolf to choose our design. We painted the houses, thinking carefully of the colours, which we created by mixing ready paints. We also built new houses for three little pigs using different construction materials.



Year 1

In Year One we loved doing gymnastics. We really enjoyed using the climbing frame and we tried really hard to climb the rope.



Year 2

In RE we learnt about some of the different responses said during Mass. We were given a copy of the Holy, Holy, Holy prayer and had to create dance to go alongside. We then shared this to the rest of the class.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord,**

Hosanna in the highest.



Running for gold (for the Samaritans)

Mrs Roycroft will be running the London Marathon for the Samaritans charity in April 2024.

Please click on the link if you would like to support her and are able to make a donation.

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/sally-roycroft>

COME AND JOIN OUR TODDLER GROUP

Thursday mornings 9am to 10am

We have started up a toddler group over the last couple of weeks and would love it if some of you could come and join us. Please spread the word to our wider community.

It is run by our former Early Years practitioner Joanna Stecka, some of you may remember her. The children that have been coming to the group have had fun playing with the toys and making new friends.

If you are interested in joining us please contact the school office to reserve your place.

Dates for the Diary

March

- 4th – 3.30pm Year 6 SATS meeting
- 6th – 2pm Year 3 Class Mass
- 7th – World book day
- 8th – Enrichment Day
- 11th – 15th – Year 5 bikeability
- 14th – Year3/4 Hertfordshire zoo trip
- 19th Subject showcase
- 20th – 9-10am Coffee morning with School Family Worker
- 27th – 1.30pm Easter play Year 3&4
- 27th – 3.30-6.30pm Year 5 dance festival
- 28th – 9.15am Easter choir concert
- 28th – 1.15pm School finishes for Easter

April

- 15th – Inset day
- 16th – Pupils return to school
- 22nd – Y5 trip to British museum

