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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 reach the end of a busy half term, I want to express my gratitude to our pupils, staff, and families for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. Our school has been alive with energy and purposeful learning, with every class engaging in a wide variety of exciting activities. From hands on science experiments and creative writing to outdoor adventures and educational trips, it has been a half term rich in growth and discovery. The children continue to live out our school mission, *'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate with Jesus,'* in all that they do.

A special word of praise goes to our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs this month with maturity, resilience, and a calm determination. We are incredibly proud of how hard they worked and the positive attitude they maintained throughout. Thank you also to our dedicated staff team for preparing the children so well, and to you, our parents, for your support.

What a fantastic way to round off the half term with today's Sports Day! The weather was kind, and the children shone in every event, demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination. It was great to see so many of you cheering from the side lines, creating a wonderful atmosphere of community and encouragement.

Looking ahead, our final half term promises to be busy and exciting, highlighted by our **Holy Family Cultural Day on Friday 19th June!** The day begins with a morning of cultural enrichment activities for the children, followed by an afternoon of music, dance, and art workshops to which all parents are warmly invited. Straight after school, we will gather in the hall for a cultural food-sharing event.

If you can help lead an enrichment activity or bring a traditional dish to share, please fill in the form [here](#).

Finally, as we enter the final half term of the academic year, I must remind families of the importance of maintaining good attendance. Please do not book holidays during term time, as they cannot be authorised and families risk being issued with Fixed Penalty Notices by the local authority. Most importantly, vital learning and special transition activities continue right up until the final day of term, and these valuable experiences cannot be replicated. I wish you all a restful and happy half-term break with your families.

*'If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.'* **St Teresa of Calcutta**

God bless, Mrs Linnane

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Y6 Swimming
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For regular news, updates and photos about life at our school!

Please see our website:  
[www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)

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

Twitter:  
[@holyfamilyWGC](https://twitter.com/holyfamilyWGC)

## Sports Day winners

KS1 – St John Paul II

KS2 – St John Paul II



Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope you are well.

From time to time, children at our School who are not from a Catholic background have expressed a sincere desire to join the Catholic Church. Their experience of the Catholic Church at Holy Family School with prayer, liturgies and Mass, together with its strong ethos has kindled this wish. Every family is unique and in the past families have met with me to discuss the possibilities and the journey to be undertaken.

I invite you to contact me in the next few weeks if you and your family are interested in finding out more. There is no pressure and faith is always a free choice, but a conversation usually helps!

My email is [norbertfernandes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:norbertfernandes@rcdow.org.uk) or phone number 01707 323234

May God bless you, your loved ones and our Holy Family community.

May the coming half-term break be enjoyable.

Fr. Norbert

## Nursery

This week Nursery have been pond dipping at Forest School. The children had to look closely to find and identify the different pond life. The children used their magnifying glasses to notice how many legs the creatures had, if they had a shell or a tail. Then they had to identify it on their sheet. The children noticed the creatures all moved in different ways, some swam under the water and others skated over the top.



**Reception** - Reception children sowed plant and vegetable seeds at the start of the term. They have been observing the changes in their plants and recording them in their plant diaries.

They have transferred some seedlings into bigger pots.



## Year 5

This term, we have enjoyed writing and publishing a survival guide for someone stranded on a desert island. In maths, we have been learning about nets of cuboids and cubes and have built on our knowledge of calculating perimeter, using equipment, resources and representations. In science, we have been enjoying learning about forces and have completed a variety of experiments looking at friction and water resistance. We have also researched simple mechanisms. In PE we have been developing our athletics skills of triple jump and relay. We have been working together to coach each other. In history, we have enjoyed learning about the Tudors and we thoroughly enjoyed our school trip.



## Year 6

### Year 6 Production

We are looking forward to beginning rehearsals for our end-of-year production, *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. The children are very excited to get started!

### Post-SATs Fun

After all their hard work during SATs, Year 6 enjoyed some well-deserved fun with games on the field and a visit to Forest School, where they made delicious s'mores — mmmmm!



# ☕ You're Invited: Parents' Coffee Morning ☕

## *Supporting Your Child's Next Big Step*

Moving up to a new year group is an exciting milestone but it can also bring a few butterflies (for both children and parents!). Come along for a relaxed chat, a warm drink, and some practical advice.

- **When:** Tuesday **16th June**
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Where:** The Holy Family Catholic Primary School
- **Who:** All parents and carers are welcome!

### What We'll Cover –

- Top Tips for Transition: **Practical strategies to help your child feel confident and excited about their new year group.**
- **Q&A Session:** A chance to ask questions and share experiences with other parents.



### June 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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm



**UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN 2-DAY COURSE**

TO HELP YOU SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING ANXIETY

**A FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

- TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF ANXIETY
- UNDERSTAND PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS AND HOW THEY MAY PRESENT IN CHILDREN
- STRATEGIES TO HELP A CHILD MANAGE THEIR STRESS AND BUILD RESILIENCE

**DATES:** Tuesdays 2nd & 9th June 2026.  
Participants must be able to attend both sessions

**TIME:** 9:30-11:30am

**VENUE:** Online via M5teams

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to: <https://forms.office.com/e/S4WCpa4xZ5>



# Could you be a young carer?

If you help look after a friend or family member who needs extra support - you may be a young carer and there's **one easy place to get help.**



## WELCOME

- Be part of a young carers community
- Friendly welcome from the young carers team

### Support for the whole family

- Friendly chats to consider everyone's needs
- Check ins to make sure you're doing ok
- Help as you grow up and move into new stages of life

### A new young carers webpage

- Clear information on what help you can get
- Links to opportunities, activities & wellbeing support
- Designed by young carers for young carers

### Get involved

- Conference designed by young carers, workshops, fun sessions, meeting others
- Opportunities to have your say
- Work with SEND Youth Councils

### Additional support

- Support in your school / college
- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPpy Camps**



### How to get support

- Ask an adult in your family to help you get in touch
- Speak to your teacher or a trusted member of staff
- Visit the website or call 01992 658469



[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers)



## Clubs

Please see a summary below of the school organised and external clubs that are running next half term

	<b>Organised by school</b> 3.15-4.15pm No charge <i>Booked via Arbor &amp; queries to school office</i>	<b>Organised by external providers</b> <i>Check sign up details, times                      and prices for each club</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics Club – Y3,Y4,Y5 &amp; Y6</li> <li>• Get Creative Club – Reception, Y1 &amp; Y2 (for 3 weeks)</li> <li>• Table Tennis Club – Y5 &amp; Y6</li> <li>• Card Games Club – Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3</li> <li>• Rounder’s Club – Y5 &amp; Y6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 &amp; 2 – details <a href="https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/">here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Tues</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chess Club – for Y2-Y6                      Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club                      admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk                      07900 048446 or sign up <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<b>Weds</b>		Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details <a href="https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/">here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/</a>
<b>Thurs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework Club – Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, &amp; Y6</li> <li>• OPAL play club – Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6                      Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or <a href="mailto:louise@everyonecooks.co.uk">louise@everyonecooks.co.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Fri</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photography &amp; Video Club – Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6</li> </ul>	

# Dates for the Diary

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## July

1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 5 Whole Class Olympics at Gosling Sports Centre

6<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Swimming lessons Hartham Leisure Centre

7<sup>th</sup> July – 12.30pm Who's in Charge Course via School Family Worker held in school library

15<sup>th</sup> July – 11-12pm Y6 Leavers Mass

1.30-3pm Y5 & Y6 Production

16<sup>th</sup> July – 2-3pm Y6 Leavers assembly

17<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30-10.30 Choir Summer Concert

**1.15pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

