

8th September 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Welcome back and a warm welcome to the new families that have joined us this year. It has been a busy and productive first week back, although I am not sure there has ever been a hotter start to an academic year before. Despite the heat the children have settled well into their new classes, have adapted to new routines and expectations and have been active learners, showing great enthusiasm towards their learning.

This academic year, amongst many areas of school life we hope to develop, we have two new main focuses, the first is our pupil's oracy skills. We have signed up to become a 'Voice 21 Oracy School,' a national network of over 850 schools. Through this work we aim to enable pupils to become more effective speakers and listeners and empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. Mrs Roycroft and Miss Pickering are our 'Oracy Champions' and I am sure you will hear much more about this as the year progresses. Our second focus is taking part in the Herts for Learning 'Great Representation Programme.' We hope that being part of this programme will enable us to build on the successes of last year's work to achieve the Wellbeing Quality Mark, and the wonderful work around our families' diverse heritage. This programme will help to further develop inclusion, diversity and equity in our school community.

Meet the teacher meetings will be held next week for parents of pupils in Y1-Y6. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher where information about what to expect in the coming year will be shared. All are welcome to attend and further details are below. For those that are unable to attend, slides will be added to the class page on the school website.

We are excited to let you know that work on the new play area at the front of the school under the large trees will begin in a couple of weeks. Thank you to the HFFA for their support in funding this project.

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events

September

12th – Meet the teacher Y2 & Y3

13th – Meet the teacher Y1

14th – Meet the teacher Y4, Y5 & Y6

20th – Welcome Mass (Y1-6) – 2pm all welcome

25th – Mr Carrasco-Morley HT SJHN visiting

26th – Individual and sibling photo's

29th – Aylesford retreat Y6

**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)

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



Stars of the week

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Year R

Year 1 Jaxx

Year 2 Lettie

Year 3 Anika

Year 4 Antos

Year 5 Jonas

Year 6 Theodore

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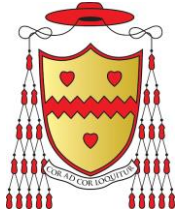
Winning Class – Y6

Winning pupil – David (Y4)

Whole school attendance this week: 98%

Head teacher of the Saint John Henry Newman School

Mr Carrasco-Morley, the new head teacher of SJHN will be visiting our school on Monday 25th September. He will hold a meeting for parents of **Y5 and Y6 pupils** at 9am. If you would like to attend please fill in the form [here](#).



Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate some of our families who have recently welcomed new arrivals to the family.

The Turner family – A beautiful baby girl.

Demiana from Nursery – A beautiful baby brother.

Iylah from Reception – A beautiful baby brother.

Education Sunday



This Sunday 10th September is Education Sunday. The theme this year is 'The Armour of Light.' If you are attending Mass this weekend we would encourage pupils to wear their Holy Family uniforms. Please send in photos of this to share with our school community.

Holidays

Please be reminded that family holidays should **only be booked during the school holidays**. Holidays during term time will be recorded as unauthorised. 15 unauthorised sessions, 1 session being a morning or an afternoon, across 2 terms could result in fines being issued.

Buddies

We will be resuming the school buddy sessions next week. Y6 & Y2, Y5 & Y1, Y4 & YR and Y3 & YN will share a weekly buddy session with each other.

Wellbeing Quality Mark

We are very proud to have been awarded the Wellbeing Quality Mark at the end of the summer term. The staff, children and whole school community worked very hard to achieve this recognition.

When the HFL Education Wellbeing Adviser visited our school she said **‘from the moment you enter the school the welcome, warmth and nurturing environment is palpable’**

The pupils said **‘when new people join, we are very accepting, we talk to them and make them feel safe’**



RAAC

You will have seen in the news recently about schools across the country being forced to close due to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) being found within the building structure. A survey carried out before the summer holidays did not reveal any RAAC in our school building.

Parking

The road outside gets very busy at drop off and pick up times. Please be considerate to local residents when parking. Do not park on the grass verges, across resident's driveways, between our school parking signs or directly opposite the school gates. Hertfordshire Constabulary are monitoring this across the county and have advised schools that parking tickets will be issued.

Please remember that we operate an unofficial one way system at pick up and drop off times entering from the Rowans end of Crookhams.

We encourage families to walk to school where possible. Alternatively, there is a hard standing carpark at the lagoon opposite the Crookhams turning.

Nursery

In Nursery we have had a super week, playing in all the areas with our new friends and learning the new routines.



Reception

Reception class have been reading and discussing stories about transition, new beginnings, welcoming others and being welcome.

We focused on getting to know one another, including our class bear, Eddie the teddy, getting familiar with our classroom and the routines.

We engaged in many exciting activities in and out of the classroom, making the most of the sunny weather.



Year 1

In Year 1 we have had a super week, playing in all the areas and learning together as a team.



Year 2

In our Science lesson today first we spoke about things that are alive or dead. Then we learnt about the 7 different life processes: **Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion and Nutrition**. We then worked as a class to sort different objects into groups of dead, alive or never living and had to explain our choices.



Super Star Sports

There are still places on our after school clubs with Super Star Sports. Please click [here](#) to make a booking



SUPER STAR SPORT

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The Holy Family Primary School

Tuesday
★ Gymnastics Club | Year 1 - 6

Wednesday
★ Football Club | Year 1 - 3

Thursday
★ Football Club | Year 4 - 6

Friday
★ Ninja Warrior Club - Reception | Year 2

We are committed to keeping your children fit, active and healthy!

£5 per club
7 week block
3:15PM - 4:15PM

Term Dates
w/c 4th September
w/c 16th October

To book:
Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk
Go to "Book Now" & select your club!
*There is a 4.5% platform fee on every booking

Dates for the Diary

September

- 12th – Meet the teacher Y2 & Y3 (2.30pm)
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October

- 2nd – Multiplications meeting Y3 & Y4 parents
- 3rd – EYFS welcome service 11.30 – all welcome
- 9th – Saint John Henry Newman Feast Day
- 11th – Coffee morning for nursery and reception parents – 9am
- 18th – Parent consultations face to face
- 19th – Parent consultations virtual
- 20th – HFFA School disco
- 20th – Harvest Mass (Y1-Y6) all welcome
- 20th – Finish for half term 3.15pm