

27th September 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Thank you to Fr Norbert for celebrating our 'Welcome Mass' with us last week. It was good to have so many of our school community in attendance. The children sang and read very well, particularly those pupils that read bidding prayers in their home languages. We are all looking forward to what this new academic year will bring.

I sent a letter to all parents about the new programme, OPAL, we are introducing to transform our pupils playtime and to enhance the play opportunities available to them. We will begin work on this over the next few weeks with our OPAL mentor, the school will be led on our journey by Miss Tinsley. This is an initiative where we work in partnership with you, our parents, and we will be asking for practical support as we set about this transformation.

I also emailed to invite all parents to an online safety workshop on **7th November at 6pm** led by [Childnet](#). It is essential that all families at our school are represented at this workshop by at least one parent, so that you are supported to be equipped and knowledgeable to keep your children safe online. Please confirm your attendance [here](#).

'Play is the work of the child.' **Maria Montessori**

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events October

- 1st – 9am-10am Early maths workshop for parents YR & Y1
- 1st - Early Years welcome service
- 4th – Year 6 Aylesford trip
- 7th – 2.45pm Reception Topic celebration
- 8th – 2.45pm Year 2, 4 & 6 topic celebration
- 9th – 2.45 year 1 & 5 topic celebration
- 10th – 2.45 year 3 topic celebration
- 11th HFFA – School disco
- 18th – 9.15am Harvest Mass year 1-6 Parents welcome
- 23rd – 3.30 -6.30pm Parent consultations face to face
- 24th – 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent consultation online
- 25th – Finish for half term 3.15pm

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

Please see our website:

www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Facebook: [TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](#)

Twitter: [@holyfamilyWGC](#)



Stars of the week

Rec	Natalia
Year 1	Grace
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Alice
Year 4	Anika
Year 5	David
Year 6	Evie

Year 3

We have had a very busy few weeks settling in to year 3! The children have been learning all about the Egyptians in both history and art. We were so lucky to have an Egyptian workshop at school where all the children came dressed up in their best Egyptian costumes. We learnt some great skills such as how to make bread, how to carve soap, made clay Canopic jars and even had a feast where the children took part in role play! It was a fantastic day. The children have also been designing Egyptian scrolls in art. They have been looking at Egyptian symbols and characters and deciding which ones they would like on their final piece that would tell the best story.



Year 4

Year 4 have already got off to a very busy start this term! In our outdoor learning sessions, we have taken our RE learning outdoors. We were drawing our class crosses. This year our cross was the 'Celtic Cross'. In another session, we made stick people and then made up a story about them and the journey they had been on. It was lovely to see some creative and free writing all inspired by some sticks! In another session, we did some acting and performed to the class. We re-enacted the story of Jacob, Esau and Isaac as told in the Bible.



Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard in maths to develop their knowledge of negative numbers and decimals. This week we have been learning about multiplying numbers by 10, 100 or 1000. Our RE topic is ourselves and we have had some good discussions about the qualities and gifts that God has given us. As part of Catholic Social Teaching, we wrote about the importance of caring for God's creation (please see an example below). In music we have been learning an Egyptian theme song about the pyramids and learning about musical notation.

The children showed fantastic team spirit when they took part in the Year 5 fun run with other local schools this week and we even won some medals!



The children have started their swimming sessions in Year 5 and I was really impressed with their progress in the second week.

I think that at Holy Family School we should care for God's beautiful creation, because then the people who will live after us will enjoy it. If everyone does their part then, while we live, we can make the world a better place. If we walk to school, recycle plastic, pick up litter then in we will see a huge difference. Pope Francis said "Hope is not lost for all humans" Whenever people do something together, it may seem they did something very small , like throwing plastic into the ocean, but it causes a huge problem. (Ini, Year 5)



Year 6

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What a busy start we have had to year 6.

Multi-sport activities

We went to Stanborough School with other local Year 6 pupils, to participate in football, basketball and a carousel of fun activities.



LOTC

In forest school, we have been classifying natural materials.



Herts Parent Carer Involvement

You should have received an email today from the HPCI team. They would really appreciate it you could take 5 minutes to complete the survey attached or click on the link below.

Please complete our survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/HertsPINS1



Parking and driving in Crookhams

Please be reminded that there is an 'unofficial' one way system in operation for drop off and pick up time to ease the flow of traffic. All cars should enter Crookhams via the Rowans end, please be aware that members of the public may not be aware of this arrangement and at times this can cause hold ups. Under no circumstances should cars stop in the middle of Crookhams to allow children to get out of the car as this is extremely dangerous. Parking, or stopping on the yellow zig zags outside school is illegal and also highly dangerous for pedestrians. Do not park on the grass verges in or around Crookhams, this includes the forecourts at the garages. Local residents need access to their garages.

Early Math's workshop for parents

Please note the change in date from previous communication

On Tuesday 15th October, Miss Clifford will be hosting a workshop in the hall for parents from Reception and Years 1 and 2. In this session, she will explain the key expectations in maths for each year group and some of the resources and strategies we use at Holy Family to support children with developing their early math's skills. The session will last approximately 30 minutes.



Thank you to Mr Antczak for the biscuits that he kindly donates to the school. We use them for many staff events, parent workshops and other community events that we hold in the school.



Early Years welcome service

We look forward to welcoming our families to the Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Welcome Service on Tuesday 1st October at 11am.



Goodbye & Welcome

On Monday we will say a fond farewell to Miss Swircz in our Nursery class. We wish her all the best in her new role and we thank you for looking after our youngest children at Holy Family. We welcome Mrs Michael as our new Early Years Practitioner in Nursery.

We will also welcome Miss Jordan as Y4 teacher after half term as Miss Pickering begins maternity leave.





CRAZY HAIR DAY



**GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR HAIR AND HELP US TO RAISE MONEY
FOR THE HFFA CHARITY COLLECTION AS WE CONTINUE TO
IMPROVE THE SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN**

A donation of £1, is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made via the link below or brought into school the morning of Friday 25th October. Feel free to get as creative and colourful as possible however please limit any accessories or styles that may be distracting during school!



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FRI 25TH OCT

The Holy Family Catholic Primary School

DISCO NIGHT



FRI 11TH OCT

KS1 DISCO 3.45-4.45PM
KS2 DISCO 5.00-6.30PM

**£5 ENTRY -
INCLUDES DRINK AND SNACKS**

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EXPECT LOTS OF GROOVY TUNES, DISCO MOVES AND GAMES

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November

- 4th – Back to school
- 5th – Year 2 Victorian workshop
- 7th – 6pm-7pm Parent internet workshop
- 11th – Flu vaccine Rec-year 6
- 12th – 9am – 10am Inclusion parent forum

