

25th October 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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It has certainly been a busy start to this academic year! It has been encouraging to see how well our pupils have settled into their new classes and how families that are new to the school have quickly become part of The Holy Family school community. We have held welcome meetings for parents, welcome masses and services led by Fr Norbert. We have new pupil leaders across the school and we are introducing a new play concept (OPAL) at lunch times. We have invited parents into classrooms for topic celebrations to celebrate our pupils learning and held parent consultations to keep you informed of your children's progress. Last Friday we celebrated our Harvest Mass and invited our school governors into school for the day. They spent the day talking to staff and pupils and getting to know what a typical day at Holy Family looks like. We thank our governors, led by Fr Norbert, who volunteer to ensure that our school is the best it can be. Thank you for your kind harvest donations that were collected on Friday by the local foodbank.

Finally this half term we had our Ofsted inspection, the first inspection in 5 years under a framework that came into place just after the last inspection in July 2019 and one of the first inspections under the new ungraded methodology. It was a supportive process and our staff, pupils, parents and governors were wonderful. I hope to be able to share the final report with you towards the end of November/beginning of December.

Have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you when we resume for the rest of the term on 4th November.

'Have the courage to be truly happy.' Pope Francis

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events November

- 4th – back to school 8.40am
- 5th – Year 2 Victorian School in the past workshops
- 7th – 6pm – 7pm Parent internet workshop
- 11th – Flu Vaccine Rec – Year 6
- 12th – 9am-10am Inclusion parent forum
- 13th – Subject showcase 1
- 15th – Children in Need
- 15th – 3.15pm HFFA Early Years cake sale
- 19th – 2.15pm Year 5 class mass
- 22nd – Enrichment morning

**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

Rec

- Year 1** Stanley
- Year 2** Adelaide
- Year 3** Savanna
- Year 4** Alfred
- Year 5** Marnie
- Year 6** Reggie

Year 3

We have been very busy in Year 3 the last few weeks. The children have been learning all about the Egyptians and in art we have been creating our own Egyptian scrolls. The children made their own papyrus paper, and this week drew hieroglyphics on top to tell a story. They look fantastic! In science we have been learning all about nutrients and balanced diets. The children brought in food packaging from home, and we have been looking at how much of the seven nutrients are found in different types of food. The children played a game where they had to put the packaging in order based on how many calories were in each item.



Year 4

Year 4 have continued to be very busy this term. In our outdoor learning sessions, we have taken our science learning outdoors as we explored the predator and prey relationship between snowshoe hares and lynx.

We have been learning about teeth and diet and have made model sets of teeth. We have created our own food chains. We have been learning about where our food comes from in geography and have interviewed the school caterers to find out more.

In RE we have been exploring Confirmation and have made leaflets to inform others. It has been lovely to see some of the excellent work that year 4 have produced.



Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying our new text called Cloud Tree Monkeys and working on varying our sentence structure when writing. In science this term we have been learning about solutions and mixtures and we have been investigating methods of separation, such as sieving, filtering and evaporation. In music children have learned to perform a song about the Egyptian pyramids and learning to follow and use musical notation. In history children have explored the Vikings and asked the question were they raiders or traders?



Year 6

We had a wonderful time in Aylesford for our Retreat day with Fr Norbert. Fr Norbert led us in the Rosary on the Rosary Walk and then we had mass in the Cloister Chapel.



Notices

Flu Vaccine (Rec – Y6)

Flu Vaccinations will take place on Monday 11th November. Please click [here](#) to complete the form, you should fill in the form even if you do **NOT** want your child receive the vaccine.

Children in Need

Children can come into school in Friday 15th November wearing something with spots or stripes, this can be a t-shirt or jumper but it must be worn with school uniform. If you are able to, we ask that you make a donation to children in need by clicking [here](#).



Congratulations to Miss Pickering and family on the safe arrival of baby Austin.

200 Club



July 24

£50 – M Coyne

£25 – D Alves

Aug 24

£50 – J Willcocks

£25 – Nicola Rodrigues

Sep 24

£50 – S Cowan-Dickie

£25 – C Kiernan

Oct 24

£50 – G Alves

£25 – A Levett

Please collect your cheque from the school office.

Internet safety parent workshop



Supporting young people online

A SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS...

Where?
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL

When?
THURSDAY
7TH NOVEMBER
6pm to 7pm

...DISCUSSING BULLYING, GAMING, SOCIAL MEDIA, PARENTAL CONTROLS AND MUCH MORE!

The session will give parents and carers an overview of the key areas of online risk and offer practical tips and advice that can be implemented at home.

Childnet is one of the UK's leading online safety charities, who work to make the internet a great and safe place for all young people.



Childnet

Poppy Appeal

Children will be able to purchase poppy's and other items from Monday 4th November. Children should bring

This is a **cash donation only** therefore should your child wish to purchase an item please ensure they bring in some money to donate. Please send your child into school with the exact money because no change can be given.

Suggested Prices

Wrist bands £1.00

Reflectors £0.50

Snap Rulers £1.50

Paper Poppies £0.50



We would like to wish Mrs Roycroft lots of luck this week for the Washington Marathon!



Netball club

Thank you to the girls that attended the netball at Stanborough School over the last 6 weeks. We ended last week with a fantastic festival of netball. The girls played their first ever games and have made good progress over the weekly sessions.

From Monday 4th November the netball session will be held after school at Holy Family 3.15-4.15. If you would like to come along please contact the school office.

MY AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

Tinga Tinga art project inspired by Tanzanian artist Edward Tinga Tinga
by the children of the Holy Family after school art club



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.

OPAL

We are very excited to be joining the OPAL scheme. If you haven't already completed the questionnaire sent out earlier in the week, please click [here](#). It only takes a few minutes.



Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school places are now open for parents of children in Y6. Information about this process has been shared with Y6 parents and applications close on 31st October. Details of open evenings of schools in Hertfordshire have been shared.

This is open to parents and pupils in Y5 & Y6.

Please click [here](#) for further information on applying for a Secondary place

Coats

As the weather is now getting colder, please can you ensure that children have a warm coat in school with them every day.



Dates for the Diary

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December

- 3rd – Year 4 trip to Verulamium
- 10th – 2pm Advent Mass
- 12th – 9.30am EYFS Nativity
- 12th – 1.30pm KS1 Nativity
- 17th – Christmas lunch
- 18th – 5.30pm KS2 Advent Carol service
- 19th – 9.15am Christmas Choir concert KS2
- 20th – School finishes 1.15pm

