

31st January 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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I am pleased to share that we are making good progress on our journey towards academy conversion and joining the Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust (DOWAT). This is an exciting step for our school community, and we are working hard towards a completion date of 1st June. Becoming part of DOWAT will strengthen our Catholic identity and provide additional opportunities for collaboration and support, all of which will benefit our pupils and staff. I will continue to keep you informed as we move through this important process.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to the pupils who sang in the choir at the Welwyn Civic Service on Sunday. It was a beautiful service, and their wonderful singing added so much joy and reverence to the occasion. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, and I was incredibly proud of them.

This year is particularly special as we celebrate our school's 60th anniversary—a remarkable milestone in our school's history. We are busy planning a very special day of celebrations, which will take place on Thursday, 26th June. Please save the date as we would love to have as many of our families join us as possible. Further information will follow in the coming months.

We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming parent consultations on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and set targets for the remainder of the year. Your attendance is essential in supporting your child's learning and strengthening the home-school partnership. Please ensure you sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

'At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.' **Jane D. Hull**

God Bless
Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

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**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 - Jada**
- Year 1 - Rafe**
- Year 2 - Jaxx**
- Year 3 - Lyla**
- Year 4 - Daniel**
- Year 5 - Lorenzo**
- Year 6 - Elizabeth**

Nursery

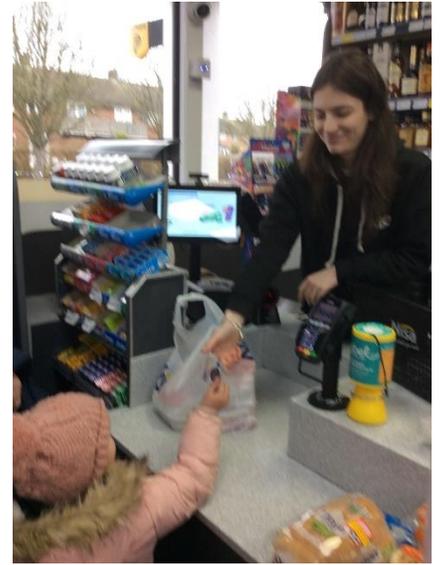
Over the last couple of weeks we have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have made masks and puppets then reenacted the story as well as painting and cutting out our own gingerbread men.

Our favourite part of this topic has been our walk to the shops to buy the ingredients for making gingerbread men.

Before we left, we discussed road safety and how to be safe in and around the shop.

We walked very sensibly and were extremely polite to the people in the shop. While in the shop we checked our shopping list and found all the ingredients we needed. We took it in turns to put things in the basket. Once we had all our ingredients we went to the check out where the lady scanned all our shopping. We then gave her the money and she gave us our change and receipt.

The following day we made our gingerbread men and got to take them home.



Reception

Reception children enjoyed cooking and eating vegetable stir-fry to mark Lunar New Year. They worked together to wash, peel and slice the vegetables. They showed great perseverance and teamwork skills and proved to have the makings of excellent chefs.



Year 1

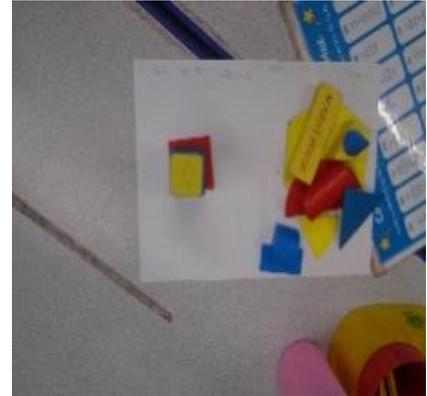
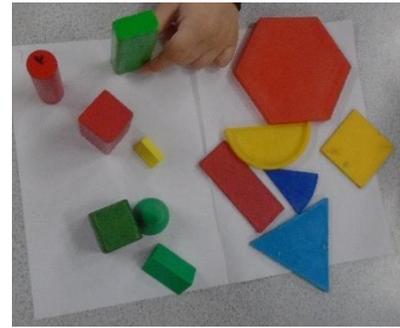
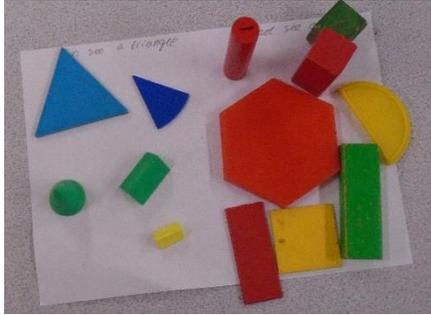
This half term we are exploring our senses in science. So far, we have tasted lemon, dark chocolate, milk chocolate and salty crackers and we have smelt banana, coffee, chocolate, lemon and soap. I think you can tell by these faces that the children did not enjoy all of the smells and tastes! Next week we are testing our hearing to see what happens to different sounds as we move further away.



Year 2

In our Math's lesson today we learnt about what Tables are and how they can be used to help us sort information. Miss Parmley told us what a Carroll Diagram was and explained that it is a table that ask us questions to sort out information or objects.

We then had to sort out some 2D and 3D shapes into a Carroll Diagram. We used things like: Can see a triangle and cannot see a triangle, Can see a square and cannot see a square. We then worked as a table to come up with some of own ways of sorting the shapes.



Parking & Drop-Off Guidelines

To keep traffic flowing smoothly and ensure pupil safety, please follow these guidelines during drop-off and pick-up times:

Plan Ahead – Allow extra time to avoid rushing and congestion.

Walk When Possible – If you live nearby, consider walking to ease traffic and promote healthy habits.

Follow the Unofficial One-Way System – To help reduce congestion, please follow the school's unofficial one-way system when approaching and leaving the school.

Park & Drop-Off Responsibly

- **Do not stop in the middle of the road** particularly at the entrance to Crookhams to drop off or pick up pupils.
- **Do not park with the back of your car hanging over the road**, as this blocks traffic.
- **Park a little farther away and walk** such as at the lagoon if necessary to keep traffic moving safely.

Be Patient & Considerate – Our priority is the safety of all pupils, staff, and families. Please be mindful of others and follow all traffic rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

OPAL

Thank you for your continued support with helping to resource our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project. The children absolutely love playing outside with all the loose parts and they are getting very creative with their ideas. Please see below the list of items we are still looking for more of. If you have any of these at home you no longer need or possibly a company you know who may be able to donate it, we would be very grateful.

- full size pushchairs or prams
- scooters and skateboards
- pogo sticks
- suitcases
- large cardboard boxes
- metal garden trowels and shovels for digging
- sand toys- buckets, spades, diggers
- snow sledges
- swimming noodles
- plastic crates (for bread/milk)
- Pots and pans/cooking utensils
- contact for sourcing some logs, branches and woodchip.



In addition to the above NURSERY are also looking for donations of wooden (brio) train track.

Nursery September 2025

Do you have a child who will be three before 31st August 2025, or do you know someone who does?

We currently have places available for our Nursery class starting in September. We offer both part-time and full-time places, with a minimum requirement of five mornings per week.

Looking for an earlier start date? **We also have a few spaces for children that are 3 before Easter to start in our summer term.**

We provide a **welcoming and nurturing environment** where children can **learn and explore through play.**

We accept childcare vouchers and 30-hour eligibility codes.

For more information, please contact the school office. 01707 375518



Donation Request
CAN YOU HELP?

The HFFA kindly requests donations to use as raffle and tombola prizes for our upcoming events. We would be deeply grateful for items such as bottles of drinks, beauty gift sets, candles, or any other suitable contributions.

Perhaps you have something leftover from Christmas that could find a new home?

Your generosity makes a real difference, and we truly appreciate your support!

Donations can be handed in to class teachers or the office at any time.



Thank you!





BINGO NIGHT

Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening? Join us for Bingo Night supporting the Holy Family Friends Association and experience the thrill of winning big! Dabbers at the ready!

**FRIDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY**

7:30PM

**THE SHAMROCK CLUB
THE RIDGEWAY**

£10

**Pizza available
to order
Licensed bar**



**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM:
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICPRIMARYSCHOOL/**

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March

- 3rd – Secondary allocation day
- 4th – Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip

