



The Holy Family School News Bulletin – 21st March 2025

There will be a newsletter next week, please read this bulletin carefully as there is important information and dates for your diary.

Dates for the Diary

March

24th – Year 4 multiplication test parent workshop 3.30pm-4pm

27th – Easter Play Year 3&4

31st – Year 5 Bikeability (Mon-Thurs)

April

4th – Holy Family's Got Talent!

4th – Term finishes for Easter Break 1.15pm

23rd – Pupils return to school 8.40am

May

2nd – HFFA Cake sale Y3/4

5th – May bank holiday (school closed)

6th – Year 2 class liturgy

8th – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace

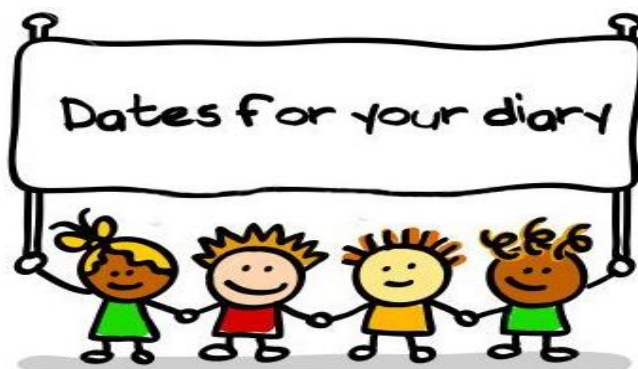
12-15th – SATS

16th – HFFA Disco

20th – Class photos and whole school photo

22nd – Year 4 trip to Tring Natural History Museum

23rd – School finishes for May half term 3.15pm





Goodbye & Good Luck!

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Connolly, who will be leaving us today after four years of dedicated service as our Office Administrator. Mrs Connolly has been a warm and welcoming face in the school office and has supported our staff, pupils, and families with kindness, efficiency, and care. She will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for all she has contributed to Holy Family School.



Our year 5 & 6 girls played their first ever netball match this week against Sherrardswood School. They all did amazing. Holy Family won 6-4. Well done everyone!



Parking

We have been informed by Welwyn Hatfield Council that at this time they are not considering any changes to the existing parking restrictions in Crookhams.

They have advised us however that blocking of dropped kerbs leading to driveways are already a parking contravention under Traffic Management Act 2004 regardless on if there are lines upon the road.

Welwyn Hatfield Council have instructed the parking enforcement team to carry out additional visits to Crookhams over the next few months to tackle the ongoing parking issues.

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.

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.



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Chaplaincy Team – update spring term

What is Lent?

Lent is a special time for all Catholics to come together in faith and reflection. It begins on Ash Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our foreheads. These ashes symbolise the palm leaves that were used to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

Lent marks the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. During this time, he had no food or water. To honour his sacrifice, we give up something or make a promise as a sign of our dedication to him.

During Lent, we do not say "Alleluia" in worship because it is a time of solemn reflection, rather than celebration.

Confessions, Prayer, Fasting and Giving

Years 4, 5, and 6 had their Lenten confessions with our parish priest, Fr Marco. Through confession, we ask for forgiveness for our sins, preparing our hearts for Easter. We do this during both Lent and Advent, as these are two of the most significant times in the Church and school calendar.

Throughout Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and giving. Year 6 students made Lenten promises for each of these three pillars, committing to acts of kindness and self-discipline.

Stations of the Cross

We also remember the Fourteen Stations of the Cross, which reflect on Jesus' journey to his crucifixion. At the final station, Jesus is placed in the tomb. On Friday 28th March, each class will participate in their own Stations of the Cross to deepen their understanding of his sacrifice.

Rooted in Love

"Rooted in Love" is an essential part of Catholic Social Teaching, reminding us of the importance of caring for the homeless and those less fortunate than us.

Proverbs 31:8-9 says:

"Keep me from lying, and let me be neither rich nor poor."

This reminds us that all people should be treated equally.

Catholic Social Teaching focuses on themes such as:

- Option for the Poor
- Community and Participation
- Human Dignity
- Care for Creation
- Dignity of Workers
- Solidarity and Peace



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This term, we are focusing on Community and Participation, encouraging everyone to get involved and work together as a family in faith. Rooted in Love reminds us that, just as Jesus loves us, we should love and care for one another.

By Sonia, Philip, Sofia, Emma, Matilda, and Alice





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HCL Price increase

We have received notification from HCL that due to inflation and continuing rising food costs there will be an increase in the school dinners for KS2 children.

The new price from April 2025 will be £3.45 per meal.

Nursery meals will increase to £2.58 per meal.