

28th March 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Last week, we were proud to celebrate Neurodiversity Week, a time to recognise and embrace the unique strengths and perspectives of all our pupils. At Holy Family, we have a number of neurodiverse children, as well as those on the pathway to diagnosis, and we are committed to ensuring they feel valued, supported, and included in every aspect of school life.

This year, we have been working on the Hertfordshire PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) project, an inspiring initiative that aims to create a more inclusive school environment. Thanks to this project, we have introduced new sensory resources and a fantastic collection of books into our library, helping pupils, staff, and families gain a deeper understanding of neurodiversity. We are immensely grateful to the parents who have played a vital role in supporting this project. If you would like more information please follow the link [here](#).

Our school has also been involved in the *Voices of Hertfordshire*, a wonderful initiative that enables children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to have a say in shaping local services. Some of our pupils participated in a discussion group, bravely sharing their experiences of living with SEND. Their words were recorded, providing a powerful and moving insight for both families and staff.

A highlight was a special talk for our Year 5 and 6 pupils from James Aston, an adult with lived experience of neurodiversity. His story was both inspiring and thought-provoking. The impact on our pupils was clear from their heartfelt feedback:

- *"Very inspiring for James to come and speak about what he has been through – the message to be brave really stayed with me."*
- *"I have two neurodiverse siblings, and his talk has given me a greater understanding of what they're going through."*
- *"The speech gave me courage to talk about my autism and to not think about it as a bad thing."*

At Holy Family, we take great pride in being a welcoming and inclusive school, where our values of *family* and *acceptance* guide everything we do. If you would like to find out more about our SEND provision, please visit our school website: [Holy Family SEND Provision](#).

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events

March

31st – Year 5 Bikeability (Mon-Thurs)

April

2nd – Easter Choir concert 9.15am (KS2 Parents)

4th – Holy Families Got Talent

4th – School finishes for Easter holidays
1.15pm

22 – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

23rd – back to school 8.40am

May

2nd – Y3/4 HFFA cake sale

5th – Bank holiday

6th – 2.30pm Y2 Class Liturgy

8th – Y5 trip to Hampton Court

12th – Y6 SATs week

16th – 3.30-7pm HFFA school disco

20th – Class photo's

22nd – Y4 trip to Tring Museum

23rd – Sports Day

PARKING

Please consider our neighbor's when parking. Please do not park on the grass verge around the residential areas. We will be keeping a vigilant eye on parents parking on the grass verges.

- Please park away from Crookhams and Rowans where possible and walk.
- Please use the hard standing carpark located at the lagoon.
- Do not pull up and let your child/children out of the car. This causes traffic to build up.

Thank you for your support.

Year 3

We have had a very exciting week in year 3! The children have been working so hard for the past few months on their Easter Production – ‘Easter Stations’, and it was a fantastic show! We are all so proud of them for their excellent singing and acting! In class, we have been learning about pre-historic art. The children went on a nature walk, investigating a ‘natural palette’. We took some of these natural materials like flowers, leaves, berries and grass back to the classroom and tried to paint/mark make with them. It was interesting to see the colours they made. After that we made our own paint from flour, water and colourful spices! This was lots of fun and helped us to understand more about the colours used during the pre-historic era.



Year 4

Year 4 have been really busy this half term. We have been practicing hard for our Easter performance and our dress rehearsal was brilliant – everyone performed to a high standard and we are looking forward to our performance to our adults. We had our mass with Father Marco and have reflected on the meaning of Lent in our RE lessons. In Science we have enjoyed learning about sound and have carried out some investigations; including one experiment outside as part of our learning outside of the classroom. We have enjoyed learning about fractions in math’s and writing portal stories in English, which we will share with our Reception Class buddies. In art we are thinking about sculpture and will be creating large sculptures using recycled materials. We have also been learning about rivers.



Year 5

Year 5 took part in the dance festival last week with a fantastic performance on the stage at Campus West. The theme was a splash of colour and Holy Family danced to the song true colours which has an important meaning about being confident in who you are. The children worked together brilliantly as a team and it was wonderful to see them express themselves. In school, Year 5 have been focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages in our maths lessons. In English we are learning about suspense writing and reading the story The Boy in the Tower.



Year 6



Go Construct K'nex Challenge – Inspiring Young Engineers!

In the morning, we were challenged to build a fairground ride using K'nex. Led by a STEM Ambassador, the activity encouraged us to problem-solve and think creatively. Once we had built our ride, we then had to present it to the class.





An online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

Thursday 3rd April 10 - 11:30am

Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to **PARENTS**
on the **Homepage**



APRIL 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS
BOOKINGS potentialkids.org.uk/events

Date	Sessions	Time
3rd Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10:30-12:00
4th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10:00-12:30
8th Tue	Easter Egg Hunt and cooking and crafts 4+ yrs	10:00-11:00
8th Tue	Easter Egg Hunt and cooking and crafts 4+ yrs	11:30-12:30
8th Tue	Donuts at Gosling Snow Centre 6+ yrs	14:00-15:00
10th Thu	Go Wild in the Forest at Hudnell Park 10-14 yrs	12:45-15:00
10th Thu	Trampolining 5+ yrs	18:30-19:30
14th Mo	Pony Day 6-11 yrs	10:00-12:00
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15th Tue	Donuts at Gosling Snow Centre 6+ yrs	14:00-15:00
16th We	Ninja Warrior Watford Exclusive session	19:00-20:00
17th Thu	Inflatables at Hatfield Leisure Centre	13:00-18:00
24th Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10:30-12:00
24th Thu	Trampolining 5+ yrs	17:20-18:30
25th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10:00-12:00
25th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12:30-14:00
25th Fri	Skateboarding 10+ yrs	17:30-18:30
25th Fri	Youth Group 16+ yrs	18:30-20:30
26th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16:00-17:00

POTENTIAL KIDS



Therapeutic Gardening
1:1 & Group Sessions.
Volunteers Needed



Pony Days



Visit us here



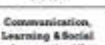
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Easter Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Facing Defiance	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	8 April 10am
Understanding Anger	8 April 7PM
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm
What is ACT	15 April 10am
Introduction to OCD	15 April 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	22 April 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	22 April 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	24 April 7pm
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm

For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at info@potentialkids.org

Help for families to have fun in Hertfordshire

Families whose children are eligible for free school meals are now able to claim discounts in shops, sports clubs and children's activities with a new Herts Card. They can also book their free school holiday activity HAPpy camps, from 13 March, when bookings open.

The Herts Card

The Herts Card is designed to give discounts to children and young people, for lots of activities and days out that they might not be able to access otherwise. Local wildlife parks, football clubs and holiday activity camps are already part of the scheme, offering discounts to Hertfordshire's families who might benefit from additional support.

The idea for the card builds on the success of the HAND card, which was used by young people and families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to gain exclusive access and discount prices to events and activities in Hertfordshire.

Now families who are eligible for free school meals can also take advantage of pre-negotiated discounts with local businesses and activity providers. Families of children and young people with SEND who have an existing HAND card can download the new version of the Herts Card and continue to enjoy all of the discounts they previously accessed, and more.

It's easy for eligible families to get their new Herts Card; those already in receipt of free school meals will be contacted by the council with a link to sign up to the card. Anyone newly signing up for free school meals will also be sent a link to get their card.

The council has made it easy for local businesses and organisations to register their discounts and help make sure children do not miss out due to financial stress. Local businesses can email:

hertscard@hertfordshire.gov.uk and include details of what they're able to offer. For more information about the Herts Card, visit: [Herts Card for those who receive free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

HAPpy camps

HAPpy activity camps are returning this Easter, providing eligible children and young people with the chance to meet friends, learn new skills and enjoy nutritious food during the Easter break.

The HAPpy programme is funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the Department of Education (DfE) via the government's Holiday Activity and Food programme and coordinated by Herts Sport and Activity Partnership and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation.

Bookings open at **12pm on Thursday 13 March**. For further details of the programme, the camps available and to book places visit: [HAPpy Activity Camps](#)

Tech & STEM Camp This Easter

We're bringing a **Tech & STEM Camp** to **St Philip Howard Primary School, AL10 8NN**—a thrilling week packed with **hands-on experiments, high-tech gadgets, and mind-blowing inventions that you can take home with you**. Kids aged **5-11** will **build, code, and create** while exploring the world of **STEM in the most fun way possible!**

Why Parents & Kids LOVE Camp

Hands-on learning—Kids don't just watch, they build, create, and take home their own projects!

Inspires creativity—From coding to circuits, each day brings new challenges!

Boosts confidence—Children gain problem-solving skills while having a blast!

Real-world STEM—Kids discover how science & technology shape the world around them.

What Will They Get Up To?

This isn't just another camp—it's an adventure with new 2025 activities!

Robot Lab – Build and program robots

Lego Engineering – Create moving machines

3d Creations

Minecraft Redstone – Learn to circuitry in a virtual world

Laser Tag or Virtual Reality – Step into another world

Plus, kids get to build and take-home incredible inventions each day, like:

Ball batting Machine, Mechanical Shark, Light Slide Projector, Hydraulic Excavator, Space Rover ...AND SO MUCH MORE!

See the Fun for Yourself!

Check out our video to see the magic in action: <https://youtu.be/BjENaZzFiYE>

Where & When? **St Philip Howard Primary School, AL10 8NN: 7th - 11th April** and **Wormley Primary School, EN10 6QA:**

14th - 17th April

Price? From £35 per session with multi-day discounts!

Limited HAF funded places available!

Spaces are booking up quickly – Book Now to avoid disappointment!

St Philip Howard Primary School: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/st-philip-howard-primary-school-easter-camp-2/>

Wormley coe Primary School: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/wormley-cofe-primary-school-easter-camp/>

Give your child an unforgettable experience where they'll learn, laugh, and wow every single day!

Clubs

There are still places available on the following clubs:

Monday – Little voices KS1 (Please click [here](#) if you would like to sign up)

Tuesday – My (after school) ART club Y1-Y6 (Please click [here](#) to book)

Wednesday – Irish dancing Year 1-6 (Contact Aislinn on 07716306909 or aislinn_b@hotmail.co.uk)

Monday & Wednesday – Tetra Sports Football Club (Please click on link below to sign up)

<https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk>

All clubs must be booked in advance. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. 01707 375518

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