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DOWAT



THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a restful and blessed Easter break. It has been a pleasure to see the children return with such positive energy, ready for the start of the summer term.

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, we have been reflecting in our assemblies on the themes of hope and new beginnings. We look forward to seeing the children put these values into practice in their learning and friendships over the coming months.

Our staff started the term with a productive INSET day, training alongside colleagues from several other DOWAT schools. Building these strong professional bonds across the Trust is vital, as it allows us to share resources and expertise to better support our pupils.

The classrooms are already busy, and I have been impressed by the children's focus. I would like to mention Year 6 in particular; they are working hard as they prepare for their SATs tests in a couple of weeks. Their steady preparation and calm approach during this time are commendable.

Outside, we are seeing the benefits of recent developments in our OPAL play offer. The children are making great use of the new resources at lunchtime, and the improving weather is certainly helping them enjoy their outdoor play to the full. The summer term is always a busy one, with many events designed to bring our school community together. During May, we invite parents to join us in praying the Rosary after drop-off each Friday. We also have topic celebrations and Sports Day to look forward to later this half term.

Our main event this summer will be **'Holy Family Cultural Day' on Friday 19th June**. This will be an opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the diverse cultures and heritage represented in our school. Please look out for further details soon regarding how you can support this event.

'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things.' **Mother Theresa**

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

April

28th – Y3 Badminton festival at
Stanborough School

May

4th – Bank Holiday – *school closed*
5th - Class photos

5th - 2.45pm - Y1 & Y3 Topic
Celebration

6th - 2.45pm – Y4 Topic Celebration

8th - 2.45pm Nursery, Y2 & Y5 Topic
Celebration

12th – Y5 trip to Hampton Court
Palace

14th - 2.45pm - Reception Topic
Celebration

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photos about life at our school!**

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www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

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[TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](https://www.facebook.com/TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC)

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Stars of the Week 

Rec - Leo

Year 1 - Millie

Year 2 - Grayson

Year 3 - Phoebe

Year 4 - Eva

Year 5 - Tereza

Year 6 - Caytlynn

Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying the sunshine this summer term! In a LOTC lesson, we took our geography learning outside. We went on an expedition! We drew a satellite image map of the school grounds, labelling the different spaces. We then planned a route for someone to take an expedition. We had to use our knowledge of compasses and give directions such as “move 20 steps north”. We had to have a start and end point and places to visit in-between.



Year 4

After fantastic performances in our Easter play, Year 4 have returned to school ready for our new learning this term.

Children have reflected on the events of Holy Week in RE and discussed Peter’s actions and feelings during these events .In science, we have been learning about sound and hearing. We have investigated pitch and volume, including the effect of distance on the volume of the sound. In music children have been improving their knowledge of chords and technique when playing the ukulele.





Year 5

Our Year 5 Dance festival was a great way to round off a busy and successful term and the children were great role models and all did an amazing job. This term, we have started our new writing topic in which we will produce a survival guide for someone stranded on a desert island. In maths, we have been building on our understanding of percentages and how they link to fractions and decimals using equipment, resources and representations. In science, we have been enjoying learning about forces and have planned and completed an experiment looking at gravity and an experiment on air resistance. In PE we have been learning how to maintain pace in longer distance running and techniques for sprinting. We have been working together to coach each other. In history, we have started to learn about the Tudors and we look forward to our upcoming trip.



Year 6

This term, we have been developing our throwing and catching skills, with a particular focus on accuracy and technique. We have applied these skills in rounders, a striking and fielding game, where we have learnt to work effectively as a team, think strategically, and improve our coordination. The unit has supported both individual skill development and teamwork, helping everyone to grow in confidence and enjoy the game.



Could you help with our Careers Afternoon?

We are hosting our third Careers Afternoon on the 12th June and would love to showcase a variety of career paths to our Year 4, 5, and 6 children.

★ Thank you to those parents who have volunteered for this afternoon already – your input will make a huge difference to this event! ★

If you are available to come and talk to the children about a current or past career, please register your interest via the school office or complete the form below:

<https://forms.gle/n6r1ziTuUTUUQspt6>

Your participation helps make this a fantastic and memorable experience for our pupils!

Rosary for Parents

Starting on Friday 1st May, the Chaplaincy Team will lead the Rosary for parents every Friday morning at 8.40am. All parents are warmly invited to join us



Make a difference

We are incredibly proud of the enriched environment we provide here at Holy Family, however like many schools across the country, we are currently navigating a very challenging financial climate.

To ensure we can continue offering the 'extras' that make school life special, such as new library books, playground equipment, and enrichment mornings we are inviting families to make a voluntary contribution to our School Fund.

How to Donate: We have made the process as simple as possible. You can donate by scanning the QR code on the flyer

Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the Gift Aid box. This adds 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you.

- **Flexibility:** We appreciate that every family's circumstances are different. This request is entirely voluntary, and there is no obligation to contribute.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us provide the best for our pupils.

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Thank You & Good Luck Mrs House!



On Friday, we said a heartfelt goodbye and "good luck" to Mrs. House as she embarks on a new chapter. As the friendly face of our front office, she has kept things running smoothly with endless patience and kindness. Whether she was solving daily dilemmas or greeting us with a smile, her hard work has been deeply appreciated by the entire community. We will miss her greatly and wish her every success!

Miss Hodgson who currently works in the office in the mornings will be increasing her hours until 2.30pm Monday to Thursday to ensure a smooth transition and continued support for our families and staff.

Clubs

Please see a summary below of the school organised and external clubs that are running this half term

	Organised by school 3.15-4.15pm No charge <i>Booked via Arbor & queries to school office</i>	Organised by external providers <i>Check sign up details, times and prices for each club</i>
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics Club – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6 • Get Creative Club – Reception, Y1 & Y2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Tues		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club – for Y2-Y6 Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk 07900 048446 or sign up here
Weds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Club – Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, & Y6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk
Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musicals Club - Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6 	

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

Dates for the Diary

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12th – Y5 trip to Hampton Court Palace

14th - 2.45pm - Reception Topic Celebration

18th – Y6 Swimming commences

22nd - Sports Day (EY & KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon)

22nd - Break up for half term at 3.15pm

