

26th January 2024

# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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Last Wednesday Fr Norbert led us in our celebration Mass for The Holy Family. It was a wonderful celebration of the inspiration of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm the Welwyn Civic Service will be held at Our Lady Church led by Fr Norbert. There will be local councilors in attendance and the Mayor of Welwyn and Hatfield Panit Shah will be in attendance. Fr Norbert has invited all members of our school community to attend and we also need KS2 pupils to represent our school singing in a choir. If you would like to attend or sing in the choir please fill in the forms [here](#) by the end of next week.

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday with the theme of, 'Seeing one another in the life of the Church.' At school we have revisited our house saints, St John Henry Newman, St Mary, St Josephine Bhakita and Saint John Paul II and looked at why they were chosen by our pupils as house saints a few years ago. Through this work our pupils have been learning about representation and how they can see themselves throughout our school and in the curriculum they learn. Our whole school focus has been, 'Do I feel **seen**, do I feel **heard**, do I **belong**?'

Continuing the theme of representation and feeling seen at school we have worked hard over the past couple of weeks to reinvent our school library. We removed many out of date and worn books and ensured that the remaining books are of good quality and represent diversity, heritage and the times that we live in. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the 'new' library this week and have discovered books that they did not previously know were there. To continue to promote a love of reading we are hoping to start a 'Free Library' in our school playground. To help us do this effectively please fill in the forms [here](#) about your families' access to books.

**'You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book.'** **Dr Seuss**

God Bless  
Mrs Linnane



## Upcoming Events

29th – Year 3 & 6 topic celebration  
2.45pm

30th – Year 4 & 5 topic celebration  
2.45pm

31st – Year 4 class mass 2pm (parents  
welcome)

31st – Year 2 topic celebration 2.45pm

**For regular news, updates and photos  
about life at our school!**

**Please see our website:**

[www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)

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

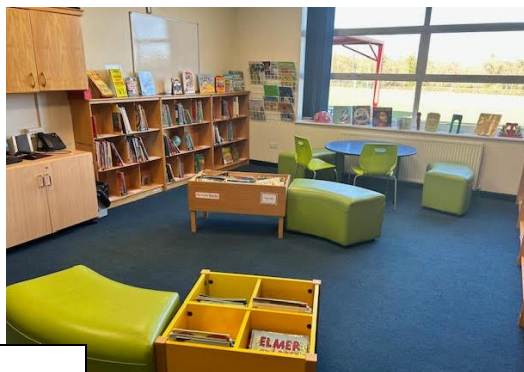
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## Stars of the week

<b>Year R</b>	<b>Olivia</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Elijah</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Lyla</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Abigail</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Filip</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Darcie</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Jacob</b>

## Whole school attendance this week:



## Our Library



### Nursery places - September 2024

We still have some places available in our Nursery for September 2024. Children must be 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

- We offer full or part time sessions.
- 30 hour funding accepted
- Tax free childcare payments accepted –Click [here](#) to see if you are eligible.

Children are required to attend for a minimum of 5 mornings (15 hours). We welcome families to visit our nursery and have a tour of the school with the Mrs Linnane, head teacher. Please call the school office on 01707 375518 to make an appointment.

Please share with our wider community

# COME AND JOIN OUR TODDLER GROUP

Thursday mornings 9am to 10am

We have started up a toddler group over the last couple of weeks and would love it if some of you could come and join us.

It is run by our former Early Years practitioner Joanna Stecka, some of you may remember her. The children that have been coming to the group have had fun playing with the toys and making new friends.

If you are interested in joining us please contact the school office to reserve your place.



## Parking

**Please do not stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off as the road outside gets very busy and this causes a queue of traffic.** Please be considerate to local residents when parking. Do not park on the grass verges, across resident's driveways, between our school parking signs or directly opposite the school gates. Hertfordshire Constabulary are monitoring this across the county and have advised schools that parking tickets will be issued.

**We have also had reports of parents parking in Quickbeams which has resulted in a local resident's disabled access being blocked. Please do not park where you will obstruct local resident's access.**

Please remember that we operate an unofficial one way system at pick up and drop off times entering from the Rowans end of Crookhams.

We encourage families to walk to school where possible. Alternatively, there is a hard standing carpark at the lagoon opposite the Crookhams turning.

### WHY STRUGGLE WHEN HELP IS AVAILABLE

The Dacorum Community Trust may be able to help with:

- Emergency gas/electricity vouchers.
- Supermarket or emergency food vouchers.
- Essential household items and white goods e.g., cooker, washing machine, fridge etc.
- Baby clothing, nursery equipment, buggies etc.
- Beds and bedding
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Please see link below for application.

<https://www.dctrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/application-form-for-individuals-aug-2023.pdf>

The Wellfield Trust can also help with the following;

There are many items we can give grants for such as clothing, beds, recliner chairs, school trips and uniforms.

An applicant must reside in the Parish of Hatfield and usually has to have resided in Hatfield for six months

Please see link below;

<https://wellfieldtrust.co.uk/>

### PRELOVED UNIFORM

Preloved uniform will now be available from the school office **every Tuesday and Thursday before and after school.**

You can donate by card or cash, if you donate by cash we will be unable to give change so please have the correct amount you would like to donate. Please bring a bag with you as we do not have a stock of them.

## HFFA Quiz night

The HFFA will be hosting a quiz night on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Please keep your eyes open for more information on how to enter a team.



## Lunches

We would like to kindly remind parents that all school meals should be ordered and paid for (where applicable) in advance on the school grid. If you do not do pre order your child may not get the meal choice they want.

**Please note that there is a menu swap for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February so please check your school grid account to make sure your child has the meal they want.**

## Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning about different celebrations and why we celebrate them. We spoke about celebrations that take place in a church including weddings, baptisms and christenings and made our own celebrations out of small parts. In child-initiated learning, we have been building churches using the large wooden blocks and have even painted a picture of Father Norbert!



## Reception

In Reception, we baked cupcakes as part of our 'celebrations' topic. We used our mathematical skills of weighing and measuring. We also applied our scientific skills while carrying out an experiment. We have been learning about materials, including changing materials, we observed how the dough changes in the oven while testing out the best recipe. We also used our art skills when we decorated our cupcakes.



## Year 1

In our math's lessons this week we have been working on understanding heavier, lighter and the same weight. We have faced a challenge to find items that will balance when we put them on the scales. We also enjoyed our geography where we were learning about the continent of Asia and we made panda masks.

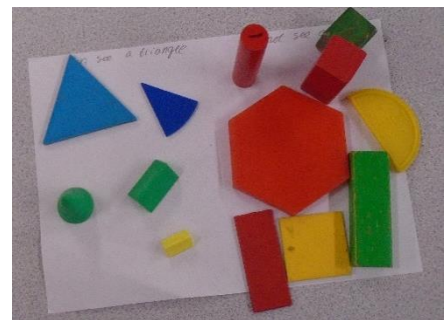
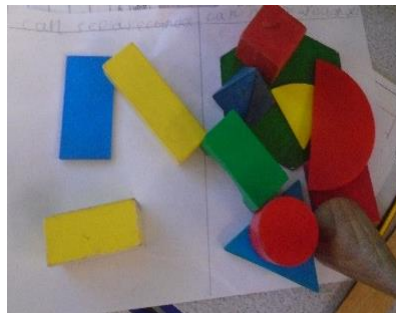
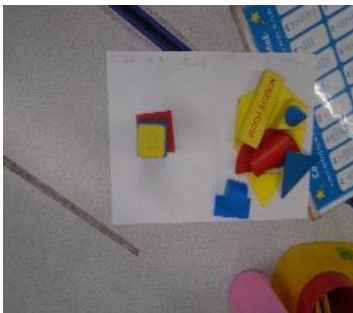
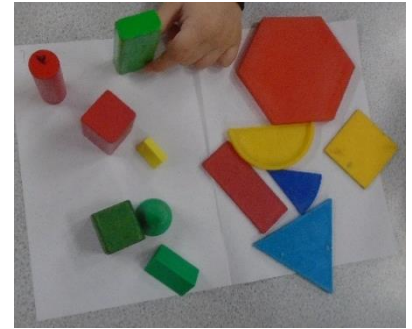


## Year 2

### Tables for sorting

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

We then had to sort out 2D and 3D shapes into a Carroll Diagram. We used statements 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 our own ways of sorting the shapes.



## Dates for the Diary

### January

- 29th – Year 3 & 6 topic celebration 2.45pm
- 30th – Year 4 & 5 topic celebration 2.45pm
- 31st – Year 4 class mass 2pm (parents welcome)
- 31st – Year 2 topic celebration 2.45pm

### February

- 1st – year 1 topic celebration 2.45pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Safer internet day
- 8<sup>th</sup> – St Josephine Bakhita day
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation (in person) 3.30pm onwards
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultation (online) 3.30pm onwards
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Finish for half term – 3.15pm

