

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

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

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As the classes are now settled with their new teacher's the school has been buzzing with learning. Staff work hard to ensure that they have planned an exciting and challenging curriculum in all areas. We have recently introduced the concept of knowledge organisers to our pupils. Knowledge organisers are a one or two page summary of the key learning for each subject and topic. The knowledge organisers are designed to help pupils remember more and to apply the knowledge they gain. They are also a useful tool for you as parents to know what your child is learning in school and support them with this. Please take a look at the curriculum area on our school website [here](#) to learn more about the learning that takes place in each subject across the school and to see the knowledge organisers for your child/children's class.

Our school leadership roles have been announced, the applications for the Chaplaincy Team and for Y6 House Captains was very competitive and appointing to these roles was a difficult decision. Congratulations to the following pupils.

House captains	Chaplaincy Team
<b>St John Henry Newman</b> Theodore & Ciara	<b>Y6</b> James, Emily, Cian
<b>St Josephine Bhakita</b> Sebastian and Flynn	<b>Y5</b> Sonia, Sophia, Phillip
<b>St John Paul II</b> Levente and Mia	
<b>St Mary</b> Freddie and Taia	

***'It not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words but with our actions.'* Pope Francis**

God Bless  
Mrs Linnane



## Upcoming Events

### October

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Saint John Henry Newman Feast Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Coffee morning for nursery and reception parents – 9am
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultations face to face
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- 20<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Mass (Y1-Y6) all welcome
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**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](#)

**Twitter:** [@holyfamilyWGC](#)



### Stars of the week

**06.10.23**

- Year R** Grayson
- Year 1** Isla
- Year 2** Tomilola
- Year 3** Alfred
- Year 4** Teddy
- Year 5** Lilian
- Year 6** Bethany

### TTRS

**Winning Class** – Year 4

**Winning pupil** – David Year 4

## Class topic celebrations

9<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6  
10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 & 4  
11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 & 2  
12<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 and Rec  
13<sup>th</sup> October - Nursery (9.15am)

All the topic celebrations will start at 2.40pm except for the Nursery class.

## Wrap around care

Please note that wrap around care should be booked and paid for in advance. All booking are made via the ARBOR parent portal. If you have trouble accessing the portal please speak to the school office.

We know that there may be occasions where last minute bookings may need to be requested and we will accommodate as best we can.

Numbers are increasing, if you do not book in advance, you may be at risk of being turned away if we have reached the maximum capacity.

## Punctuality

There are a number of children only just arriving at school for 9am. The school gates open at 8.45am and children should arrive promptly and be ready to start their lesson at 9am. Arriving to school late can have a significant impact on your child's learning.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on the **18<sup>th</sup> (in person) and 19<sup>th</sup> October (online)**.

Appointments will be available to book via the school cloud from **12pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. You will find the link on the school website under **Parents>useful information for parents > parent consultation** or you can click [here](#)



The poster features a logo at the top center with the letters 'HS' and a stylized figure. Below the logo, the text reads 'NEW NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS SAVE THE DATE! Please join us for a Morning Coffee'. A central illustration shows a steaming cup of coffee on a saucer. Below the illustration, the date and time are given as 'Wednesday 11th October 2023 9.05-10am'. The final line of text states 'An opportunity to meet and speak to:' followed by a bulleted list of speakers.

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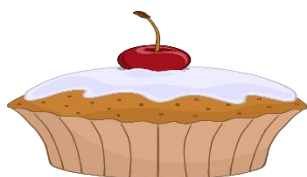
**An opportunity to meet and speak to:**

- **Other parents in your child's class!**
- **Amy Haynes (Speech & Language Therapist)**
- **Mrs Micklethwaite (New Assistant Head for Inclusion)**
- **Kelly O'Connell (School Family Worker)**

## HFFA Cake sale

The HFFA will be holding an EYFS cake sale on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October on the school playground at the end of the school day. They are asking for donations from parents of children in Nursery and Reception class.

Please only bring the cakes in on the morning of the bake sale.



## Can you help?

If you live in the Haldens area and you would be willing to have an advertising board up from Martin & Co Estate agents to advertise our Christmas fayre please get in contact with the HFFA. The school will receive money for every board that is displayed.

For more information please speak to a member of the HFFA or email [holyfamilyfa@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyfa@gmail.com)

# FRIDAY 20TH OCT

**KS1 DISCO 3.45 - 4.45 PM**

**KS2 DISCO 5.00 - 6.30PM**

**£5 Entry** - includes unlimited water, squash, and crisps!

Expect lots of groovy tunes, disco moves and games.

Purchase your ticket through the website or contact your class rep.

[www.holy-family-friends-association.sumupstore.com](http://www.holy-family-friends-association.sumupstore.com)

For more information visit:  
[www.facebook.com/holyfamilyfriends](https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyfriends)

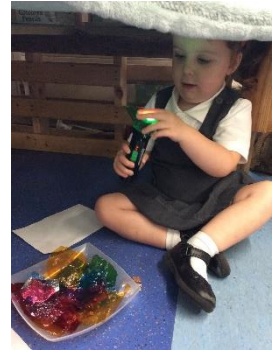


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## Nursery

In Nursery we read the story 'Brown Bear what do you see?' We talked about how important our eyes are, and then tried to do some activities blindfolded. We also used torches to investigate how we can see in the dark, exploring how to change the light with coloured paper.



## Reception

In Reception, we learnt about senses. We enjoyed the 'smelling jars' and guessing what is in them. We explored the objects in a 'feely bag' and talked about how they felt and what they might be. We tasted sour and bitter food. We also went for a sensory walk in the Forest School area.



## Year 1

In our Outdoor learning lessons we have been making number lines with natural materials. We sequenced the groups we made. We have also loved exploring the pond!



## Year 2

In our Outdoor learning lessons and Science we have been learning about different types of habitats and explored the different microhabitats that you could find in our school.



We then had to go on a minibeast hunt around the different microhabitats to see what minibeasts were living there. The most popular bug we found in the grass was an ant. The most popular minibeast in the pond microhabitat was a pond skater.



## 200 Club

### Are you a member?

The 200 club is a monthly draw with 2 prizes a month of £50 for first prize and £25 for second prize. At Christmas a special prize draw will take place and you have the chance to win £100, £50 or £25. Membership to the 200 club is £1 per number, per month and you can have as many numbers as you wish.

Click [here](#) and join today

## Holidays

Please be reminded that family holidays should **only be booked during the school holidays**. Holidays during term time will be recorded as unauthorised. 15 unauthorised sessions, 1 session being a morning or an afternoon, across 2 terms could result in fines being issued.

## Well Done!

On 27<sup>th</sup> September Year 5 took part in a fun run at Stanborough lakes. They competed against other local schools.

**Here is a report written by Liliana, Sofia and Darcie.**

The fun run was held at Stanborough Park and we had to run the whole way around the lake against lots of other primary schools. We had to run 2.5km, it was a really long and exhausting. At the end of the race, I felt very proud of myself for running so far but very tired. The first 12 boys and 12 girls from the A race were invited to come back to be in the final.

I could hear my friends and family cheering me on and that made me run even faster. We had to run all the way around the lake again and in the end, Holy Family came second place out of all the schools taking part.

## Harvest Mass – 20<sup>th</sup> October

As part of our Harvest festival celebration's we will be collecting non-perishable items for our local food bank. The foodbank have provided us with a list of items that they are in need of but all non-perishable items are gratefully accepted. Please see the list below.

- Cereals
- Long life milk
- Tins of meat products (corned beef, ham)
- Tins of fish products (tuna, sardines, mackerel)
- Jam
- Tea
- Coffee
- Toilet rolls
- Toiletries ( Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant etc)
- Cleaning products (bleach, bathroom cleaner etc)

Children can bring in their donations from **Monday 16th October until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please note that our Harvest Celebration Mass for year 1-6 will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 in the school hall – All are welcome.



## Dates for the Diary

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### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Mass (Year1-6) All welcome
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Primary admissions open for Reception places September 2024
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 trip to British Schools Museum
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service 10.45 – All welcome
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 class mass
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in need
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 6
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Enrichment day
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Assessment week