



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Advent Term

Newsletter No.9

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents

Well done to all the children from our school who took part in the Remembrance Parades last Sunday here in Langley and elsewhere.

We have had another busy week starting with a very valuable Staff Inset Day on Monday. Many children wore odd socks to school on Tuesday to support Anti-Bullying week and this year's message: Choose Respect. Odd socks are to celebrate what makes us all unique. Thank you to Miss Dardis who posted some pictures of children wearing odd socks on our school Instagram account.

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 Athletics Team for winning Gold at the Sportshall Athletics competition yesterday. They have worked hard at their athletics club and during lunchtimes when Mr Holder was running extra practice sessions. It is a few years since we have enjoyed coming first at this event so children should feel very proud of this achievement.

A gentle reminder that the compulsory Advent Term Parents' Evening for all children from Nursery – Year 6 takes place next week, on either Tuesday or Thursday. This is the first and most important Parents' Evening of the year. It is expected that children from Year 2 – Year 6 attend with parents and children lead the meetings. Years 1, 4 and 5 look forward to showing parents their Stone Age and art exhibitions at the Parents' Evening also.

We welcome our newly appointed school nurse, Govina Nandhra, and her colleague Hardip Punn, to our parents' evenings and I encourage you to chat with them and make them feel valued new members of our school community.

Next weekend we will celebrate Feast of Christ The King Youth Sunday at Holy Family Church at the 11.30am mass. We encourage you all to attend; Father Kevin loves a full church and a celebration, so we hope you can all join us to mark Youth Sunday together.

On tonight's BBC Children in Need 2024, starting at 7pm, staff are looking forward to seeing ex-pupil Tanisha Muir, as the culmination of her Squad Challenge sees her singing on national TV. We are also looking out for mum of Tyra (Y2), Shay Grewal, who was filmed for the 1000-mile swimming challenge. Well done in anticipation to Tanisha and Shay.

I look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evenings and wish you all a lovely weekend.

God bless

Mrs Benn
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th November

Week 1 of the Menu

Tuesday 19th November

Year 1 & Year 4 Art Exhibition (School Hall) 8.40-8.50am and 3.20-3.40pm

Year 5 Stone Age Exhibition (School Hall) 3.20-3.40pm

Year 6 School Nurse Visit – Height & Weight Checks & Online Healthcare Review (At School)

Year 6 Class (Miss Caswell) Visit to Langley Library

Parents' Evening 3.45-7pm (Govina Nandhra, Nurse)

Wednesday 20th November

Year 5 Swimming

Reception Class (Miss Harris) Visit to Langley Library

Thursday 21st November

Year 1 & Year 4 Art Exhibition (School Hall) 8.40-8.50am and 3.20-3.40pm

Year 5 Stone Age Exhibition (AOC) 3.20-3.40pm

Parents' Evening 3.45-7pm (Hardip Punn, Nurse)

Friday 22nd November

Nursery When I Grow Up Day

Year 3 Visit to Eton College Museum

Sunday 24th November

Feast of Christ The King Youth Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church 11.30am

Monday 25th November

Week 2 of the Menu

Year 6 WWII Day (At School)

Tuesday 26th November

Reception Class (Mrs Scott) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 27th November

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 Class (Mrs O'Reilly) Visit to Langley Library

Year 6 Christmas Unwrapped at Langley Free Church

Friday 29th November

Nursery and Reception Saint's Day – St Andrew

Sunday 1st December

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 2nd December

Week 1 of the Menu

Tuesday 3rd December

Year 6 Class (Mrs Ragg) Visit to Langley Library

Wednesday 4th December

Year 6 Visit to Battle of Britain Bunker

Year 5 Swimming

PTA Pantomime – Dick Whittington at The Theatre Royal Windsor 7pm

Friday 6th December

Mufti Day (if you are able to, please bring in a donation for the Love Christmas Campaign)

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Instagram – Come Follow us!

Last week, we started our own school Instagram page! For those of you who use the social media platform, you can find us **@HFCSLangley**

We aim to post regularly showcasing the exciting things happening in our school. The account is public, but the ability to post comments has been turned off.



Celebrate Success!

To link in with our Vision statement, 'To value, inspire and challenge all', we invite parents/carers to notify us of special achievements (outside of school e.g. music, sports, positive contribution) your child has achieved so they can be recorded on their school record and shared with children and staff. Please email bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk for notification. Your child will receive recognition for their achievement from their class teacher, who will award them a marble for the class jar, and Mrs Benn, who will issue a 'Head teacher's Award' certificate. If you send a photo of your child's achievement it will be posted on Mrs Chandler's 'Wall of Fame.'

Amazing Achievements

Well done to Elsa Rohan for moving to Stage 3 in her swimming lessons.

Well done to Riley Honeywell for taking part in the Remembrance Parade in Langley last Sunday with his pack 3rd Upton Beavers. All the children marched from Langley Free Church to Langley memorial gardens and attended the service.

Well done to Elsie Davies who recently performed in 'Annie' the musical. In addition to attending intense rehearsals for 'Annie' during half term, Elsie also competed in a Dance Festival where she was awarded 1st in Modern and 2nd place in Musical Theatre.

Well done to Margot Doyle, for competing in the Windsor Swimming Gala last weekend, receiving a silver medal in 50m breaststroke, and 3 bronze medals in 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle.

Well done to Martin Stanczuk for moving to Stage 3 in his swimming lessons.

Well done to Mohith Yuvaraj who has recently successfully been graded from Orange to Green belt in his Karate class.

Well done to Keeley Honeywell for taking part in the Remembrance Parade in Langley last Sunday with her pack 8th Langley Brownies. During the Remembrance Service, Keeley read on stage in Langley Memorial park the names of the fallen soldiers.

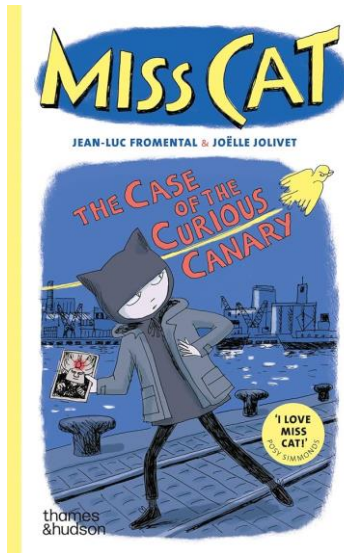
Weekly Sports Update

Athletics: Our Year 5 & 6 athletics team absolutely smashed the Sporthall Athletics Competition beating 7 other schools and bringing home the GOLD! Together they earned over 300 points and won numerous events, they have worked so hard for it and have absolutely got what they deserved.

Football: On Wednesday, our Year 5 & 6 girls football team represented our school in a tough match against Cippenham School. They showed incredible determination and fight. The final score ended 3-0 to Cippenham but the girls kept going, showing great character and resilience, and should be very proud. Special mention to Grace Woodward for her constant battles; every time she was knocked down, she got straight back up, and, even after being injured, she carried on and saw out the rest of the match!

Book of the Week

Each week, I will recommend a lovely new book, which will hopefully inspire our children to broaden their reading tastes.



Author: Jean Luc Fromental

Illustrator: Joelle Jolivet

Follow the exploits of the cool, hooded detective Miss Cat as she unravels the case of the curious canary in this brilliantly quirky and humorous graphic novel. (Age 7+). Mrs Doyle.

Wednesday Word

Hi, I'm Francesca, the Faith Ambassador for Reception (Mrs Scott's Class).

This week's Wednesday word is FAITHFULNESS. In this week's Gospel, Jesus describes the earth-shaking signs of Jesus' return to us all. He reminds us that to look beyond the worries and bad moments of our life and world, we have to stay faithful, and we know every step we take God is always with us.

Here is the Gospel story taken from the book of Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples, "A time will come when I will return and appear in the clouds with power and glory. Then I will send my angels to gather my people from every part of the world. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away—they will remain forever".

Everybody wants a faithful friend and we all have a least one, that is Jesus. He promises to be ours. He is encouraging the disciples (and us) to be faithful to him. A faithful person is gift no money can buy. This week try to be that faithful person that Jesus wanted us to be.

Thank you for reading.

Year 1 & Year 4 Art & DT Exhibition

On Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st November, Year 1 and Year 4 will be jointly holding a pop-up art and DT exhibition. On these days, parents will be able to view the work in the school hall between 8:40 - 8:50am and 3:20 - 3:40pm. Entrance will be via the main school reception. Thank you.

Parents' Evening - Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st November

We will be holding Parents' Evening on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st November. A letter regarding this has been sent home and, this week, children should have received a confirmed appointment time. Please note that children from Year 2 – Year 6 should attend with their parent/s. Our Attendance Officer, Mrs Oakes, will be available to meet with parents on both evenings. Thank you.

Attendance

From today and during the course of next week, anyone whose attendance is recorded as less than 90% since September should expect to receive an attendance letter from our attendance officer, Mrs Oakes. Our school target is 95%. Every day of learning missed is five hours of learning and socialising lost that cannot be recouped. Thank you for your support in ensuring children have the highest attendance rate possible.

Marking and Feedback Explanation

Recently, our teachers have been working hard to update our Marking and Feedback Policy to better support your children's learning and progress. The revised policy focuses on providing constructive, timely, and meaningful feedback that helps children understand their strengths and areas for improvement. Teachers will ensure that feedback is clear and accessible for children of all ages and abilities, using a mixture of strategies. Emphasis is placed on the children responding to the feedback in order to take age-appropriate ownership of their learning. Please find the revised policy and guidance attached to this newsletter.

School Nurse – Govina Nandhra

During our recent INSET day, all staff were delighted to hear from Govina Nandhra (our newly allocated school nurse) of the increased Drop-In clinics and Group Sessions that will be available locally for families who would like support. Miss Nandhra will be available in the school hall at Tuesday's parents evening and her colleague will be attending Thursday's parents evening to raise awareness of the support that is now available. If you would like advice on fussy eaters, healthy diet, toilet training, keeping safe or child development please speak to our school nurses.

Staffing Update

Today, we said our fond farewells to Mrs Jasko who has supported our youngest children, in her role of teaching assistant in the Nursery, for the past 8 years. We wish her every success in the future. Mrs Kelly is moving from upper KS2 and will support in Nursery from Monday.

Feast of Christ the King – Youth Sunday 24th November

On Sunday 24th November, all pupils (past and present) are invited to attend the 11.30am Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church for a youth Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of our liturgical year. We hope this will become an annual reunion Mass, held every year on the Feast of Christ the King at 11.30am. An opportunity for pupils and staff, past and present to re-connect and strengthen our sense of belonging to the Holy Family School Community as lifelong.

Love Christmas Campaign – Bags of Kindness – Friday 6th December MUFTI DAY

We would like to build on your wonderful generosity last year and request your help in supporting the Diocesan Love Christmas Campaign again this year. On Friday 6th December, we invite children to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in donations of much needed gifts to put smiles on the faces of young families, children and the elderly living in isolation and poverty, as well as young people leaving the care system and living alone, and young carers who do so much all year round for others and have little time to actually be a child.

Donations needed include a range of small items such as: selection boxes, small toys, books, games, colouring books, puzzles, shortbread, biscuits, sweets or chocolate, clothing such as scarfs, hats, gloves, games that can be played as a family, make up, nail varnish, hand cream and other treats, with the goal of both helping each recipient to feel the warmth of human connection and the joy of Christmas and to know that someone is thinking of them and cares for them.

Please can we kindly ask that all donations be brought into school by Friday 6th December and passed to either your child's class teacher or the School Office (please do not wrap any gifts).

Please contact Mrs Chandler (bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk) if you have any queries.

We will be very grateful for any donations received, whether it be one item or several. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Early Years Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We would encourage all parents to consider if they can apply for additional funding from the Government in relation to their child, namely the Early Years Pupil Premium and Free School Meals (see below for further information). If the Early Years Pupil Premium is applicable, school could get up to £388 per year to help with children's education. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, school may be able to apply for a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) and receive additional income for use in school. Although a PPG is not a personal budget for your child, it may mean school can then help with offering your child school trips at a reduced price/help with uniform costs, etc, in addition to your child receiving free school meals. There is absolutely no stigma within school regarding these benefits and it will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence and every penny in funding is needed by school.

[Get extra funding for your early years provider - GOV.UK](#)

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

If you do feel this is something your child may be entitled to, we would encourage you to speak to Mrs Conlon, our Children's Champion, in complete confidence.

Phonics

If you would like to continue to support your child at home with their phonics the following links below might be useful. If you look for the name of the adult who leads your child's RWI group or the colour of book that they are on you will see links to the sounds that have been taught this week. This support is primarily aimed at those children in Reception – Year 2 who are currently learning their phonics; however, all parents are very welcome to access the links below regardless of what year their child is in.

Mrs Harris	Set 1	T- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IX1AsKrA/xbCnRPkR N- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BSAnndT8/tgBTy7Si I - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fSJSNjPN/16EQuREa
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Mrs Scott	Set 1	V- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XX3EHco5/ocvsFIYE Y- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/E6CpXmyY/2BNvITbk W- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9lpDWc9J/Mm099mEt Z- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/I2asFM8N/dCIvrIs9
Mrs Mulrooney	Word Time	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qQMJe9FJ/IAkLSpG6 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Yx7MXgod/EpOmui90 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mWKeiqvj/ARc6rwx
Mrs Hendy	Ditties	SH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8XeYcmfb/Jog0ANOS TH- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/I9Afo1Wl/ZfKPQgbn QU- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YTHrTaVn/oZkodwB0 NG- https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/p62hvAtt/ZrqU8RDN
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Nursery and School Admission for September 2025

Admission to Reception September 2025

The above admission round is now open and closes on 15th January 2025. You must apply via your local authority website completing a Common Application Form (CAF) for a place in a Reception class to start September 2025.

In addition to completing a CAF, please complete our Supplementary Form (Called 'Reception School Supplementary Form 2025 2026' on our website) and return with the relevant supporting documents to Holy Family Catholic School by 15th January 2025. Reception Supplementary Forms can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

Admission to Nursery September 2025

The Nursery 2025 admission round is now open. Nursery application forms can be obtained from the school website or the school office; please complete our Application Form and return with the relevant supporting documents by 15th January 2025.

OTHER

Parents Of Children With SEND

The Slough Partnership is updating its Special Education Needs, Disability (SEND) and Inclusion Strategy. The strategy sets out how Slough will deliver the right support at the right time for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families. The Local Authority are working alongside parents and carers on the priorities for what happens in Slough to support children, young people with SEND.

If you would like to find out more or provide feedback, please join one of these sessions:

1. 18 November, 1 to 4pm - Chalvey Community Hub Ladbrooke Road, Slough, SL1 2SR
2. 21 November 10.00 -1.00 Monksfield Way Childrens Centre SL2 1QX
3. 22 November Special Voices 9.30 -1.00 Information/Local Offer Live Day. Singh Sabha Sports Centre, Stoke Poges Lane, SL1 3LW

Please see related flyer attached to this newsletter also.

Public Health Nursing's Drop-in Community Clinics and Community Sessions During November 2024 – January 2025

Please see attached the timetable for Public Health Nursing's Community Clinics and Community Sessions during November 2024 – January 2025. The community sessions are run by Nursery Nurses and the Community Clinics will have School Nurses and Health Visitors present.