



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.37

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had lots of fun and packed a great deal into this short week.

On Tuesday, school seemed much quieter than usual as almost all of our Year 6 children visited their new secondary schools for their induction days. Everyone seemed to have a great day and to be talking excitedly about their new schools.

Wednesday was a very busy day in school. Our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed their Sports Day, with the rain thankfully waiting until near the end of Sports Day before starting. The children all seemed to enjoy their sports day. Thank you to the many parents who came along to support.

Our second group of Year 5 children also took part in the annual water sports day trip to Bray Lake on Wednesday (with the first group attending last week). Year 5 enjoyed paddle boarding, kayaking and sailing. This was a real adventure for our Year 5s many of whom had not previously tried any of these water sports.

Well done to those children who performed a piece of music (either on the piano or violin) in front of the children in their year group today. Children have all worked very hard during the year to learn and improve, and performed beautifully and bravely.

This week, senior leaders have welcomed various strategic leaders from St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust as we seek to align our finances, business functions, professional development and school improvement planning for the next academic year. With today's Labour government, the academic year 2024/2025 may well bring further changes to the educational landscape which we will no doubt enjoy navigating.

Father Kevin celebrates 50 years of priestly ministry today. We are blessed to belong to his thriving parish and appreciate the good humour and spiritual guidance we continue to receive from Father Kevin. Please join school staff in praying for Father Kevin as he celebrates his Golden Jubilee. There is only one Mass this weekend, 11am at St Joseph's Secondary School.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th July

Week 2 of the Menu

Year 3 Beach Trip

Tuesday 9th July	Year 4 (Miss Dardis) visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 10th July	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day Parents Welcome 9.30-11.30am Year 6 Swimming Year 2 (Mrs Hendy) visit to Langley Library
Thursday 11th July	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day Parents Welcome 9.30-11.30am Optional Parents' Evening 2-6pm
Friday 12th July	Year 4 (Miss Dardis) Class Saint's Day
Monday 15th July	Week 1 of the Menu Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities Year 3 & Year 4 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 4.15pm
Tuesday 16th July	Year 1 UK Day Year 6 (Mrs Ragg) visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 17th July	Year 1 & Year 2 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 8.20am Year 6 Retreat Day at St Bernard's Convent Year 5 (Mrs Fox) Library Visit
Thursday 18th July	Year 1 & Year 2 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 8.20am Year 4 Visit to Milestones New Nursery and Reception Children Induction Morning
Friday 19th July	Year 5 & Year 6 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 8.20am Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic 11.30-12.30
Monday 22nd July	EYFS Visit to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Year Mass at Holy Family Church 10-11am (Year 6 Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 24th July	Last Day of Term for Nursery Year 5 Brazil Day Year 6 Leavers' Production 9.15-10.15am (Year 6 Parents Welcome) Year 6 Leavers' Party at Richings Park Sports Club 7-9.30pm

Thursday 25th July

END OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY AT
12.15PM

(Summer Holidays: Friday 26th July – Monday 1st September 2024)

Monday 29th July-Friday 9th August Holy Family Summer Camp

Tuesday 2nd September

SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd September

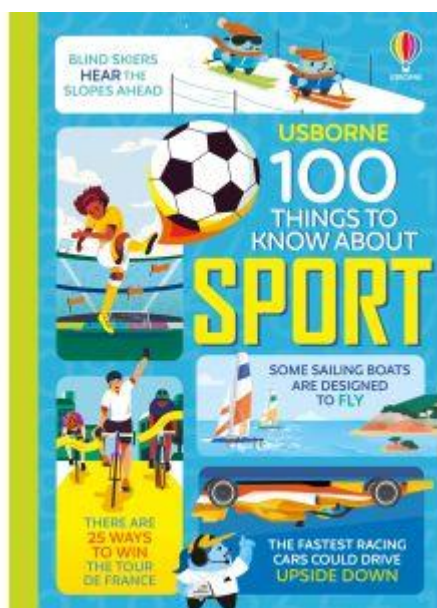
Start of Advent Term for Reception – Year 6

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.'

Book of the Week

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



Delve into the world of sports with this compilation of fascinating facts from around the world. Featuring engaging information, illustrations and infographics, this is a great choice for all sports lovers! (Age 9+). Mrs Doyle.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's popular Summer Reading Challenges begins tomorrow, 6th July, and the theme this year is *Marvellous Makers!* We will be promoting this challenge as a way of encouraging all of our children to keep up their reading habits over the long summer holiday. Please find more information about how to sign up and what's involved by visiting <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or by visiting your local library.

Year 3 Trip to Littlehampton Beach – 8th July

Year 3 are looking forward to their trip to Littlehampton beach on Monday 8th July. Due to unpredictable weather please can you send your child to school **with a backpack** and the following things inside:

- Lunch
- Two water bottles (can be disposable)
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Rain coat

Children must wear school uniform and suitable footwear. Thank you, Miss Macfarlane, Mrs Martinez and Mrs Kukla.

Sports Days

All children have been given a letter stating which colour team they will be in for their forthcoming Sports Day. If children happen to have a T-shirt in the colour specified at the top of the letter they bring home, please can they wear that colour top on their respective Sports Days. However, please do not go to the expense of buying any new tops – usual PE kit is absolutely fine. Also, after dropping children to school, please can parents wait outside the school premises until 9.20am (when the main gate by the school car park will be open) on their child's Sports Day. Thank you.

Children With Asthma Or Who Have An Inhaler In School

From next week, parents of children with asthma will receive written notification each time their child uses their inhaler in school. This is a new introduction as part of our accreditation as an Asthma Friendly School. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Gonoud, carole.gonoud@hfcs.org.uk.

Year 6 Leavers

On Tuesday this week, parents of our Year 6 Leavers received a letter explaining about the Year 6 end of term celebrations. Please hold the following dates:

Tuesday 23rd July 10-11am Mass at Holy Family Church

Wednesday 24th July 9.15-10.15am Y6 Show in School Hall

Wednesday 24th July 7-9.30pm Party at Richings Park Sports Club

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Summer Term 2024

RSE is scheduled to be taught during the week 8th – 12th July in Years 4 to 6. This year, we have received direction from Northampton Diocese that we will cease using 'Journey in Love' and move over to the current diocesan recommended scheme called 'Ten:Ten'. This programme of new resources includes engaging lesson content and follow up activities to support the teaching and learning of RSE. This year we are using a number of individual lessons extracted from the entire programme in order to teach our RSE curriculum which is why some of the descriptions may refer to episode 2 or a follow-on lesson. The 'Paradise Street' programme referred in the content descriptions is a 'soap opera' type drama aimed at children in KS2. Some of the units are taught across years 5 & 6 which is why the content is listed in both year groups. If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Fox (Y5/6 Leader and Personal Social Health Education Lead) or Mrs Benn.

Staffing Update

Children will spend one lesson with their new teacher in the final week of term. Please see below for information regarding which teachers will be leading each year group in 2024/2025:

Nursery	Mrs Forrest (Mon/Tue/Fri) and Miss Herring (Wed/Thurs)	
Reception	Miss Herring (Mon) Mrs Scott (Tues-Fri)	Mrs Harris
Year 1	Mrs Hume	Mrs Hendy
Year 2	Mrs Powell	Miss Macfarlane
Year 3	Mrs Martinez (Mon/Tues) Mrs Kukla (Wed/Thurs/Fri)	Ms Iqbal
Year 4	Miss Dardis	Mrs Green (Mon/Tues/Wed) Mrs Evans (Thurs/Fri)
Year 5	Mrs Fox	Mrs O'Reilly
Year 6	Mrs Ragg	Mrs Doyle (Mon/Tues) Miss Caswell (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

School Reports and Optional Parents' Evening –Thursday 11th July 2pm-6pm

The Optional Parents' Evening for all classes from Nursery – Year 6 will take place next Thursday 11th July from 2pm-6pm.

Teachers have put a lot of effort into collating accurate and informative reports and these have been sent home with all children in Nursery – Year 5 today. Year 6 results will arrive in school on Tuesday 9th July so we will release Year 6 reports on 10th July when we will be in a position to include test results. We kindly request that parents wait to read their child's report before making an appointment with the teacher, and then only make an appointment if there are issues that need to be addressed. If, after reading your child's report, you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher to address a concern, please email carole.gonoud@hfcs.org.uk to request an appointment. Please clearly state your child's name, year group and teacher. Appointments will be in person and take place in the school hall.

Message from Eco-Club

Did you know 1/3 of the rubbish we throw out is food waste?

Luckily for us, Slough Borough Council are also aware of this and have introduced food waste bins to some streets in Langley for a new recycling trial. If you are one of the fortunate houses we have some helpful tips to support you with your food waste recycling. Did you know, as well as many food items you can also recycle the following items in your food waste recycling bin?

- Bread
- Dairy
- Egg shells
- Tea bags & coffee granules
- Pasta & rice

We hope you can help us with our mission to, 'make the world a better place' by doing your bit of food waste recycling.

Lots of you will have spotted our 'Garden in a wagon'. This left school this week to be displayed in Slough town centre.

Thank you from, Eco-club

Class Photographs

The school class photographs are now available to view/order. For details of how to order, please see the information card that was sent home with your child. Thank you.

Lost Property

As we near the end of this school year, please claim any missing items from the Lost Property container (opposite the year 3 classrooms). The container will be emptied at the end of term and any unnamed items will be disposed of. Thank you.

Summer Holiday Camp

We will once again be holding a Summer Camp during the first two weeks of the summer holiday (29th July – 9th August 2024). A letter with the dates and booking details for this year's HFCS Summer Holiday Camp will be emailed to Parents on Monday. Please note that places are limited to 40 children (Reception to Year 6) on a first come first served basis. Booking forms must be handed to Mrs Gonoud at the school office (and not to class teachers) by Friday 14th July. Once the booking form has been accepted/processed, the relevant charges will be added to ParentPay; therefore, please can parents regularly check their child's ParentPay account in order to make payment prior before the end of term. Thank you.

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Year 5 SEND Roadshow – 10th July

This is aimed at parent/carers/family members of a child in Year 5 with special educational needs. Representatives from the Slough secondary schools, Slough Inclusion and other services that support young people with SEND will be available. Please see attached poster for further details.

Slough Town Football Club Summer Camp

Slough Town Football Club will be running an outfield and goalkeeper summer camp at Arbour Park Stadium during the holidays. Please see the attached flyer for further information and how to book a place.

Slough Music Service Summer Camp

Please see attached flyer regarding summer camp led by Slough Music Service. A registration form is also attached for paying parents.