



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 5th September 2025

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'Only our best is good enough'*

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the start of a new school year and extend a special welcome to all our new families. Thank you all sincerely for your smiles, warmth and positivity as we begin another school year.

There are some tired faces this afternoon especially in our younger classes and we are sure that they will have plenty of rest over the weekend. The children, as always looked amazing in their school uniforms and have settled in really well. This high standard of uniform expectations will continue to be enforced as the year progresses.

WELCOME BACK!!

MISSION MORNING

A school mission statement is a concise, clear declaration of a school's core purpose, values, and educational goals. It explains why the school exists, what it strives to achieve, and how it intends to support children, staff, and the community.

Please find below our updated Mission Statement at the end of the newsletter that has been reviewed and discussed with all stakeholders recently. All classes had a Mission Morning today where discussions took place on;
'What does it mean to have Christ at the centre?'
'How can we live, love and learn together?'
'How do we reach out to all in our school community?'



ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race continues for our Pizza Party competition for attendance for this term. Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week!

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Green – 97%+, **Yellow** – 94%+, **Red** – 93.9% & below

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Year 6	96%		0
Year 6/5	94%		0
Year 5	99%		1
Year 4	100%		2
Year 3/4	94%		0
Year 3	95%		0
Year 2	97%		1
Year 1/2	98%		1
Year 1	97%		1
Rec K	96%		0
Rec M	97%		1

Our target for all pupils is to achieve at least 97% attendance over the course of a school year, with no unauthorised absences. Unfortunately, schools are not allowed to authorise any holiday that families take during term time under any circumstance. We recognise that children may fall ill from time to time and that is why we set a target of 97% and above.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

The children have looked immaculate this week, and we will need to ensure that this standard remains throughout the year to avoid any complacency. The children must wear black, waterproof shoes for school. Shoes that display sports coloured logos or that are made of non-waterproof, mesh type material (often trainers) is prohibited.

Sling back shoes and shoes with large heels are not allowed. If children arrive into school wearing prohibited shoes, they will be asked to wear temporary black shoes provided by school that they can collect from the school office and return at the end of each day.

Can all parents please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name as uniform is expensive to replace. Please ensure every item is clearly labelled alongside your child's PE kit, book bag, water bottle and packed lunch box if applicable. We are also selling book bags, ties, PE bags and ruck sacks in school. They are available from the school office if you still need to purchase them.

ASPIRE DAY ONE

This week, all children across the school have taken part in our first Aspire Day of the year. This is our bespoke school programme in which we study British people who can aspire to.

In EYFS and Key Stage One, the children will study the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who, as a Catholic community, are the first people we look to aspire to. For this term, their focal person will be Joseph the father of Jesus.

In Key Stage One, they will study a variety of jobs that are crucial to a successful society, including key worker jobs, roles that keep justice and the creative arts.

In Key Stage Two, each class will begin the year by studying an inspirational sports person. Between the classes, they will study; Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, Kevin Sinfield, Donald Campbell, Steve Prescott, and Marcus Rashford. The work always creates great discussion and debate. Why not ask your children all about what they have been learning?

AUTHORISED AND UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Just a reminder that the school is obliged by law to differentiate between authorised and unauthorised absence. A Parent App or telephone message from a parent does not in itself authorise an absence. Only if the school is satisfied as to the validity of the explanation offered by the app/message will the absence be authorised. We may have to visit the child's home as part of our 'welfare check in' system and safeguarding procedures if we are still not clear on an absence or may require further medical evidence.

EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

Please note that all the events for the year will be on the parent app for you to add to your mobile device next week. It just takes some time to type everything into the system.

MEET THE CLASS TEACHING TEAM

The first of our 'meet the class teaching team' meetings will take place from Monday 15th September onwards from 9am till 9:45am approx. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and teaching assistant in the school hall, listen to updates for the class and ask any further questions if needed.

w.b. 15 th September	
Mon	Yr 5
Tues	Yr 6
Wed	Yr 6/5
Thurs	Yr 4
Fri	Rec
w.b. 23 rd September	
Mon	Yr 3/4
Tues	Yr 3
Wed	Yr 2
Thurs	Yr 1/2
Fri	Yr 1

Nursery and Reception parents have already had all their induction information about the year ahead last term as part of our comprehensive transition plan.

However, Reception families will have a meeting on Friday 19th September at 9am and you will be able to hear and learn about our Read Write Inc phonics programme and other updates

Our Mission Statement

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Aims and Objectives

<p>Having Christ at the centre of all we do by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placing RE at the core of the curriculum. • Modelling Gospel values through our Holy Family 'Best' values of Courage, Justice, Tolerance, Commitment, Compassion and Respect. • Together, with Jesus as our example, we strive to give our best each new day. • Treat others as you would like to be treated. • Worshipping collectively on a daily basis. • Developing a sense of awe, wonder, spirituality and stewardship of God's creation. • Committing to living simply through our decision making and actions. • Participation of masses in Church and school. • Promoting a Christian moral code for all adults and children to adhere to • Supporting and celebrating as a parish and school the sacramental preparation of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation • Studying and aspiring to people who have led good lives through our Aspire Programme. • Providing opportunities for staff and children to grow spiritually. 	<p>Enabling all to live, love and learn together by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising the human dignity of every child, who are made in the image and likeness of God, therefore striving to do our best for every single child. • Being called to work for the common good of each and for all so that the whole school community can be safe, happy and successful. • Offering a fun, broad, balanced and diverse curriculum where children are encouraged to make memories and develop dreams. • Create an environment where children play safe, work hard and have fun. • All stakeholders are encouraged to respect everything and everyone around them. • Valuing each child's contributions both individually and through Pupil Leadership Groups • Creating a stimulating and safe learning environment which provides opportunities for all to shine and celebrate success. • Enhancing children's school life by providing educational visits and residential days for Y6 • Having high expectations for children so that they can be the best version of themselves. • Providing opportunities and challenge for all children including those children with Special Educational Needs ensuring full participation. • Encouraging teamwork and supporting each other in 	<p>Reaching out to all by working in partnership with our families, parish and wider community by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Holy Family as our inspiration, we will provide a family ethos and atmosphere where all visitors are made to feel welcome. • Fostering a strong partnership with all our families in order to provide the best opportunities for all. • Valuing families' views and opinions via annual questionnaires. Inviting families and members of the community to our class assemblies, stay and pray and school events • Celebrate success and achievements together as one proud family. • Inviting members of the parish and local community into school and participate in our school life. • Visiting members of the local community where we reach out to all, such as those in care homes • Keeping parents well informed through the school website, Parent and a weekly school newsletter • Working closely with the other schools in our parish • Studying other faiths and cultures as part of our curriculum. • Raising money for charity and an awareness of our
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	<p>solidarity in classes, clubs and teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging the Continuous Professional Development of staff through in-service, CCRS and Leadership courses. 	<p>global family through our Catholic Social Teaching initiatives,</p>
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