



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 17th October 2025

'With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together, reaching out to all.

'Only our best is good enough'

FOREST SCHOOL TRAINING

This week Miss Killen has been completing the final few days of her Forest school training. This has been my passion for a few years, and we have finally been able to secure funding for the training. Miss Killen will be coming back with lots of ideas and hopefully we will be able to introduce Forest School activities into our busy school curriculum too. Forest School is an inspiring outdoor learning approach that takes place in a natural setting, such as a woodland or forest area.

In our school, it will offer children the opportunity to develop confidence, independence, and resilience through hands-on experiences in nature. Sessions will be child-led and play-based, allowing pupils to explore, take appropriate risks, and build important life skills in a supportive and engaging environment.

Activities might include building dens, using tools safely, exploring wildlife, and working together on creative challenges. Forest School supports children's physical, emotional, and social development while deepening their connection to the natural world.

More exciting times ahead!



PTA PUMPKIN PAINTING COMPETITION

Don't forget about the PTA Pumpkin Painting Competition for next week for Nursery to Year 6. The pumpkins can be whatever size and can be carved or painted. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.



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	94%		5
Year 6/5	95%		3
Year 5	100%		8
Year 4	97%		7
Year 3/4	95%		2
Year 3	96%		2
Year 2	97%		7
Year 1/2	97%		8
Year 1	94%		6
Rec K	97%		6
Rec M	99%		5

LOST PROPERTY

Thanks for picking up the items from last week's newsletter. We have the following this week with no names on! These are now awaiting collection in the school office.

Jumper – size 36

Cardigan – size 28

Cardigan – size 26

Once again, the children will be taking part in Black History activities next week as part of Black History month. Children will explore the achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history and today, through stories, art, music, and class discussions. Each year group will focus on inspirational figures and themes that promote equality, diversity, and inclusion. We look forward to a meaningful and engaging week of learning and reflection.



PRAYER AND LITURGY

It was lovely to welcome families into school for our class prayer and liturgy reflection. We are looking forward to inviting more families soon.

Monday 20th Oct – Rec M Prayer and Liturgy starting at 2:45pm

Tuesday 21st Oct – Year 6 Prayer and Liturgy starting at 2:45pm

Monday 10th Nov – Year 5 Prayer and Liturgy starting at 2:45pm

Monday 17th Nov – Rec K Prayer and Liturgy starting at 2:45pm

Tuesday 18th Nov – Year 6/5 Prayer and Liturgy starting at 2:45pm



CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Just a reminder from the events tab, that all classes will be having their class group photographs next Friday 24th October 2025.

TERM DATES

The Governing Body have set the dates for the 26/27 academic year. These will be added to the app soon but please see a copy at the end of the newsletter.

All children need to bring in a water bottle daily filled with water, and they need to take this home each day so that it can be cleaned etc. Ideally this bottle will be a reusable one instead of one-off bottles of water to reduce plastic use. We would much prefer that we stick with water but if parents add some dilute, we will leave that choice up to parents, however, please be aware that water is the best option for the children's teeth. We do not allow any fizzy, energy or sports drinks in class or for lunchtime.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting for the School Council members will be Friday 24th November 2025 at 8:30am.

YEAR 6/5 ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder that Yr 6/5 will be having their class assembly on Thursday 23rd October 2025. All families related to that class are welcome to join us in the hall from 9am.

SPORTS NEWS

A team of Yr 5 and Yr 6 children attended a Rugby tournament this afternoon winning all their games and had an amazing time with the coaches from St Helens rugby club too. Next week, the girls football team are taking part in their second round of league fixtures. On the 4th November, a Yr 5 and Yr 6 basketball team will be selected to attend that tournament. We will be holding trials next week on the playground during lunchtime on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for those children who would like to take part.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

SEPTEMBER 2026

The online admission portal for both Knowsley and Liverpool Council are now available. Please note the deadline for Year 6 children to apply to secondary school is 31st Oct 2025.

HALF TERM

It has been a really long term for the children. Just a reminder that we finish next Friday 24th October at the usual times and will be returning after the half term on **Tuesday 4th November 2025.**

**HOLY FAMILY PTA
WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL**

**PUMPKIN ★
PAINTING
COMPETITION**



**PUMPKINS TO BE BROUGHT INTO
SCHOOL WEEK COMMENCING**

20TH-24TH OCTOBER

**ONE WINNER FROM EACH CLASS CHOSEN
& WILL RECEIVE A £10 SMYTHS VOUCHER**

(IT IS OPTIONAL TO PARTICIPATE)

Holy Family Term Dates 2026 – 2027

September 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

October 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
49	30						

December 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			

January 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
53					1	2	3
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4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027							
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11	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
13	29	30	31				

April 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
17	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
17						1	2
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19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
21	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
22	31						

June 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22		1	2	3	4	5	6
23	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
24	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	28	29	30				

July 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26				1	2	3	4
27	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
28	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
29	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30							1
31	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
32	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
33	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
34	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
35	30	31					

Autumn term – 71 days Spring term – 54 days Summer term - 65 days Total school days - 190

Red / Blue – School Closed