



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 5th December 2025

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

'Only our best is good enough'

PANTOMIME TRIP ON MONDAY

Just a reminder of the information regarding the school Pantomime trip (Reception to Yr 6) taking place on Monday 8th December 2025.

Don't forget to complete the permission form in preparation for our forthcoming trip to the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk at Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park.

All classes will be leaving school at 9:05am so please ensure that your child arrives on time. The pantomime will start at 10am and it finishes at 12:30pm. This means that we will not return to school until approx. 1pm where the children will then have their lunch.

As we are returning to school later than usual, we are asking children to bring in a packed lunch on this day or update the form to let us know that they will be having a packed lunch from the school kitchen.

As lunch will be later, we are asking children to take with them to the pantomime their usual water bottle and a couple of healthy snacks for them to have during the 20-minute interval. Please put these snack items in a small bag eg. zipped locked sandwich bag that can be disposed of at the venue.

Please note this snack will be for your child only and not to be shared with anyone else. The children will have to take responsibility for looking after their own snack and water bottle. Please be mindful of the amount of snack you send.



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%	Yellow	7
Year 6/5	99%	Green	7
Year 5	95%	Yellow	12
Year 4	93%	Red	8
Year 3/4	98%	Green	5
Year 3	97%	Green	5
Year 2	94%	Yellow	8
Year 1/2	97%	Green	12
Year 1	93%	Red	10
Rec K	99%	Green	13
Rec M	97%	Green	11

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting for the School Council members will be this Friday 12th November 2025 at 8:30am with Mr Quigley.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

We have an extremely busy few weeks ahead as we celebrate a wide range of events in the lead up to Christmas. As always, the dates are on the events calendar on the app since September but just as a reminder that next week we have:

Tuesday 9th December – 2pm – Yr 5 and Yr 6
Christmas Concert – **doors will open from 1:40pm**
Thursday 11th December – 2pm - Yr 3 and Yr 4
Christmas Concert - **doors will open from 1:40pm**

Please note that we cannot open the doors any earlier than 1:40pm as we need to put all the chairs out and prepare the hall following completion of the final lunchtime sitting. If you choose to come earlier and queue outside, that is totally fine but if it is lashing down with rain or there is poor weather, please be prepared to stand outside until we can open the doors from 1:40pm.

The PTA will not be selling any refreshments this year as uptake has been low the past few years but will be selling tickets for the PTA Christmas hamper raffles.

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

Many thanks for the amazing contributions towards the foodbank. Your child should have their number that corresponds with the date when it is their turn to bring in an item. Children will also be reminded the day before that it is their turn to bring something in just in case, they forget their number as the month progresses. On their day, children will open the door on the calendar and receive a treat. In return, we ask that they bring in an item for the food bank. Thanks for your support as always.

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL CONCERT

Each year our choir attends and performs at the annual Halewood Town Christmas Concert. The fabulous Asa Murphy and his band will be performing once again alongside other schools and community groups within the Halewood area. The children who will be singing this year should have received an app with further information on how to purchase tickets via Parentpay too. We are looking forward to seeing their performance on Thursday 11th December from 6pm at Halewood Academy.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that all after school clubs have now finished for the term. A new set of clubs will be available in the new year. Bookings and a list of clubs will be available week beginning 5th January and the clubs will start week beginning 12th January. Further

PTA SANTA DASH / CHRISTMAS DINNER / CHRISTMAS

HAT COMPETITION – 12th DEC

Your child will have taken home a paper copy of the sponsorship form, but the PTA have also to set us up with Parentkind's recommended platform for online donations called Superkind. The PTA have created a page for this year's Santa Dash on the Superkind website. This allows parents to make a payment online rather than having to send cash into school.

<https://superkind.org/campaign/holy-family-pta-sponsored-santa-dash-2025>

Any sponsorship money will be greatly received if you are able to. All children will take part in the event regardless if they manage to raise any money or not so please do not worry.

The children can come into school in non-uniform on this day to celebrate the start of our Christmas celebrations. The children are being encouraged to dress festive (Tinsel, baubles, hat) and/or they can wear a Christmas jumper/top if they already have one. We will also be having our Christmas dinner on this day at a reduced cost of £2 payable on Parent Pay next week. Please note that as in previous years, the sandwich and jacket potato option is not available on this day so if children do not want the Christmas dinner or vegetarian Christmas dinner on this day, they must bring in their own packed lunch.

Please note that usually on a Thursday, the choice is a roast dinner but with having the Christmas dinner on Friday, the option for Thursday will be;

Choice 1: Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet and oven cooked chips and beans

Choice 2: Vegetarian fingers and oven cooked chips and beans

Choice 3: Choice of sandwich and salad bar selection

Choice 4: Jacket Potatoes and salad bar selection

CHRISTMAS HAT COMPETITION

Each year we have a Christmas Hat competition that some children like to take part in. Some of the designs each year are amazing. Children can come into school with their own home-made Christmas Hat and x2 children from each class will have their name picked out of a hat randomly and will win a prize.

CHILDREN HAVING MOBILE PHONES AND ACCESS TO APPS

In recent years, the challenge of promoting online safety and more and more children having access to text messaging services and online apps has significantly increased for schools. The amount of primary school children whose parents allow them to

information will be sent on the app as usual in the new year.



A MESSAGE TO OUR CHOIR MEMBERS

Dear Holy Family,

THANK YOU once again for supporting Tunza and agreeing for your children to perform at our Markets over the weekend - what a fabulous performance!

Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone involved. The weekend was a great success for us all and the feedback from visitors has been amazing. I have attached a certificate of thanks for the school. I hope the children will be proud that they helped us achieve a fantastic amount over the weekend! I am also hopeful that the school will be happy to take part again in 2026.....the weekend of 28/29

November !!!

Thanks again and if I don't see you before, have a great Christmas and New Year.

Cheers

Ian from the Tunza Centre



have a phone has also significantly increased. This is totally fine if parents choose to do this as long as parents monitor constantly how safely their child is using these devices.

Within Year 5 and Year 6 classes, we have found that some children are being allowed full access to mobile phones and are using Whatsapp group chats, TikTok and Snapchat. Whilst all these apps have a recommended age of 13 years old and older, it is worrying to hear that parents are allowing their children full access to these apps without full supervision. From speaking to Year 6 as part of online safety lesson this week, we have found a real inconsistent approach to parents monitoring what their children are writing, doing or saying. Some parents are keeping a close eye whilst others are just giving free rein to the children. We continually speak to children about how to be safe online and promote our values constantly. Visitors always compliment them on their outstanding and exemplary behaviour that the vast majority of our children display when with us in school. When the children are at home with you and your family, it is important that you instil that same message and safeguard your children, correct any poor behaviour and monitor what your child is doing. Your support and understanding will be greatly appreciated regarding this important safeguarding message.

Our Holy Family Values:

Courage	Being resilient and never giving up.
Justice	Knowing what is right and wrong.
Tolerance	Accepting people for who they are
BEST	Be the best version of you
Commitment	Being responsible and engaged.
Compassion	Helping and caring towards others.
Respect	Showing kindness in all that we do.