



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6th February 2026

‘With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together, reaching out to all.
‘Only our best is good enough’

YEAR 1/2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Well done to Year 1/2 who performed a brilliant assembly to our school community all about Children’s Mental Health and Random Acts of Kindness. The children read and sang beautifully and left us all with clear messages and ideas on ways to promote kindness in our words and actions. It was great to see all our families from Yr1/2 come along too.

IN A
world
WHERE YOU
CAN BE
anything
BE KIND

The quote “*In a world where we can be anything, be kind*” reminds us that kindness is a choice we make every day—often through small, meaningful actions. In our school community, kindness shows up when we include others, listen with empathy, respect differences, and support one another through challenges. By choosing kindness in our words and actions, we create a safe, welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and able to learn and grow. Together, these daily acts of kindness help shape a community built on respect, understanding, and belonging.

We encourage all our parents and families to be good role models for our children and to challenge and correct any behaviour from their child where kindness has been forgotten about.

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	99%	Green	2
Year 6/5	98%	Green	4
Year 5	96%	Yellow	2
Year 4	93%	Red	4
Year 3/4	95%	Yellow	0
Year 3	99%	Green	2
Year 2	94%	Yellow	0
Year 1/2	99%	Green	3
Year 1	97%	Green	5
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Rec M	99%	Green	5

HOPE UNIVERSITY TRAINEE TEACHERS

The children in Years 1, 1/2, 2, 3/4 and 5 have been working alongside Hope University Trainee teachers for a number of months alongside their class teaching team. Their placement comes to an end on Friday 13th February and we wish Ms Donaghey, Mr Misher, Ms Bigwood, Ms McGaughey and Ms O'Dowd all the best for the future and thank them for all their effort and enthusiasm towards our school.

CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place from 9th to 15th February 2026.

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is 'This is My Place', and the aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong.

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health charity says, "We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.

To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference."

At Holy Family we are passionate about inclusion, and we promote and celebrate difference. When children slip a bit and forget about our school values, we will continue to challenge this and seek your support with your children's behaviour either through their actions or the words they say. Children, families, schools and communities should be inclusive and nurturing environments, where children and young people feel they belong and can say "This is My Place"



NON UNIFORM DAY - Friday 13th February – Non-

Uniform Day to celebrate Chinese New Year and Mental Health Week.

Children are asked to bring in a donation of an unwanted present or something that the PTA could use for their Easter raffle as a prize within a hamper.

Yr 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY – CHINESE NEW YEAR

Just a reminder from the events tab on the app, that the children in Year 3 will be having their class assembly next week followed by our Fun Friday Superstar assembly.

All family and friends of Year 3 are welcome to attend.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY – 10TH FEB 2026

As part of **Internet Safety Day**, we are reminding our school community of the importance of helping children stay safe, respectful, and confident online. The day encourages positive and responsible use of the internet and digital devices, both at school and at home. Families can support this by talking regularly with children about what they do online, setting clear boundaries around screen time and appropriate content, using privacy and parental controls where possible, and reminding children never to share personal information or passwords. Encouraging children to speak up if something online makes them feel uncomfortable, and modelling kind, respectful online behaviour, helps reinforce the message that staying safe online is a shared responsibility.

Please see below an Online Safety update for further information.

SPORTS NEWS

A group of Year 5 children represented the school at a football tournament this week following a period of trials. The team reached the quarter finals but lost in a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 children will be representing the school at an Indoor Athletics team at Halewood Academy next week.

Huge thanks to Mrs Suhail and Mr Haplin for all the work behind the scenes regarding PE and school sport.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

A parishioner from our parish, Ann Farrell, has offered to come along and speak to any parents in Year 3 and Year 4 who are interested in making their First Holy Communion but would like further information about the process with the parish etc. We will send an app out with a booking form just so we know if this would be of interest to our families. The meeting will take place this Tuesday 10th Feb 2026 at 3:30pm and a pack of information will also be distributed.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Following the success of our Prayer and Liturgy class session with families during the autumn term, we have pencilled in dates for classes across this Spring term. All families are welcome to come along to your child's classroom and take part in a short prayer and liturgy reflection. As a Catholic school, the children take part in daily prayer and liturgy, and we thought it would be nice to continue to welcome our families into the classroom to also participate in the short reflection before pick up time. Families, please report to the main office.

Mon 9th Feb – Yr 4 from 2:50pm

Chinese New Year is a special time celebrated by millions of people around the world and marks the beginning of a new year on the lunar calendar. It is a time for family, gratitude, and new beginnings, with traditions that include sharing meals, giving wishes of good fortune, and celebrating with colour, music, and symbols of luck. At our school, Chinese New Year is an opportunity to learn about and appreciate Chinese culture, values, and traditions, while encouraging curiosity, respect, and understanding of the diverse world we live in. We wish all families celebrating a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year.



Tues 10th Feb – Yr 3/4 from 2:50pm

Mon 23rd Feb – Yr 1 from 2:50pm

Tues 24th Feb – Yr 1/2 from 2:50pm

We will also add these dates and all the classes on the events calendar on the app very soon.



END OF HALF TERM

Just a reminder that we finish for the half term next Friday 13th February and return back to school at the usual times on Monday 23rd February 2026

Our Holy Family School Prayer

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Bless my family at school,
Bless my family at home,
Bless all the families around the world,
As we live, love and learn together, reaching out to all.
Amen**

Please find below our latest Online Safety update.

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

What is AI and is it safe?

Internet Matters has a wealth of information on their website about AI, including is it safe for children to use, privacy and data considerations, examples of popular tools and the risks that you should be aware of. You can access this information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>

AI Chatbots

Parent Zone have published an article highlighting what you need to know about chatbots, and the growing role of artificial companions. The article discusses what an AI friend is, the minimum age rating for using a chatbot, the appeal and the risks of AI friends as well as what you can do if your child is using them. You can access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/ai-chatbots>

AI Tips from the NSPCC

This article from the NSPCC introduces AI tools and discusses what AI generated content is. It also includes tips on how to support your child to use AI safely. Read the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Parenting in the AI age

UNICEF have published an article discussing how to approach AI with your child. It discusses how AI can help promote learning as well as some of the dangers. You can find the article here:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/digital-parenting/how-approach-ai-children>

Resources for Parents and Carers from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have several resources on their website in support of SID, including a video about what children are being exposed to online with generative AI tools. You can find the resources here:

<https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/safer-internet-day>

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