

Newsletter Autumn Term Week 9
Friday 7th November 2025



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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Spotlight on Scholastic Book Fayre



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Catholic Life and Mission

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday.

This week's Mission



We have started the term with a reminder of our theme for the year – 'Fan the Flame of Hope' with all the children writing a message of hope or their name on a flame that has been joined together to make this lovely display:



Let us keep this message of hope burning brightly in our lives, even as we near the end of this Jubilee year.

Live Simply

This week the children have made their 'Live Simply' pledge by writing them on a leaf that will be displayed in our prayer tree in our main library area.

Please remember to try and do your bit to look after yourself, others and our world, it really is that SIMPLE!



Parish Christmas Fayre

Fr. Charles and Holy Family Parishioners are organising a Christmas Fayre to bring our whole community together. This will be held after Mass on:
Sunday, 7th December. (11:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

Our School and Friends of Holy Family will be supporting this event by running the traditional bottle and chocolate tombola's. Therefore, we will be asking for your kind donations of **Bottles (KS2) and Chocolates (EY&KS1) on Friday 28th November** (our Advent activity day) where children can wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers!! Santa will also be at the Fayre! So, we will be selling tickets in school for you to book your slot.

You are all warmly invited to come and celebrate the season which hopes to be a joyful time filled with: Delicious Refreshments, Raffle & Tombola Festive Cheer and Great Company!
Please put the date in your diary & see attached poster for more information.



[Please click this link for the Wednesday word](#)

[Link for Parish newsletter](#)

Outdoor Learning

This week our whole school took part in the National Outdoor classroom day! The children all really enjoyed learning outside and had a fund day. **It's good to be outdoors!**

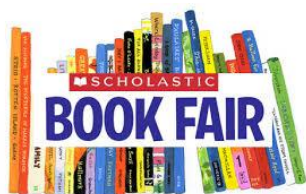


We would like children to get outside for learning more – therefore we are asking for all children in YN – Y2 to have a pair of wellies to stay in school. Please can you ensure they have their name written inside and children know what they look like!

If you have any old wellies that you would like to donate, please can you send them in.
Thank you



Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fayre has been in school all this week which is a great opportunity for the children to purchase books with such a wide range of choice and new titles. It has been fantastic to see so many children excited to choose new books to read at home. The last day will be Monday 10th November. A big Thank you to Mrs Kemp for organising this event and setting it out each day! Thank you for your support in helping to promote reading whilst raising money for our school.

Merit Certificate Competition Extension

Thank you to all the children who took the time to design our new merit certificates. The school council worked together this week and chose the winning designs, which was very hard. The winners will be presented in our Mission Assembly on Monday. I would like to say a very big thank you to you all for your hard work in designing this year's certificates they were all brilliant, Keep up the good artwork!

Autumn Parent's evenings



Thank you to all those who have now booked their child's parents evening appointment.

Parents' Evening Bookings

The booking system will **close tonight at 6.00pm**.

If you haven't managed to book yet, please contact the **school office** as soon as possible, we'll be happy to help. It is really important that ALL parents attend to hear your child's strengths and areas for development.

Parents evenings are on:

Tuesday 11th November 5.00pm -7.00pm & Thursday 20th November 3.30pm-5.30pm

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

The School Council would like to invite everyone to wear their favourite colour to school on **Friday 14th November**, in exchange for £1 (or more!) Please do NOT buy anything new for this occasion. The School Council just want to give everyone a chance to come in feeling comfortable, wearing a colour that they love. You can donate using cash or via the Just Giving page - scan the QR code on the poster or follow this link:

[Holy Family Catholic Primary School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)



After-School Sporting Activities

Please can we remind you all that **PE kits should not be worn for after-school sports activities**. No snacks are needed during the session. Please ensure children are picked up on time, as the school office closes at 4:30 PM. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

REFLECTORS FOR SALE

The School Council are going to be selling reflectors that children can attach to bags, coats and even bikes! Each reflector (or sets of bike reflectors) will cost 50p each. Reception and KS1 will be offered the opportunity to buy theirs every Wednesday at break time, and KS2 will be able to purchase theirs on Thursdays at break time. These sales will run for a few weeks so there will be lots of opportunities to visit the reflector store!

We ask that **CORRECT CHANGE** is sent in - 50p per item. No change will be able to be given. We also advise that children will only be allowed to make one purchase each week, to ensure that there is enough stock for all pupils to enjoy.

School meal ordering

We've noticed a large number of school meal orders have **not been placed** this week. Please remember that **all meal orders must be completed by Sunday evening** for the week ahead.

If a meal has **not been ordered**, the school office will need to contact you to **bring in a packed lunch** for your child. Unfortunately, our catering team are now under **strict instructions** and can **no longer accommodate extra meal requests on the day**, due to the rising cost of food and careful stock management.

You will receive a **confirmation email** from School Food United once your orders have been placed. Please double-check this email to ensure your child has a meal ordered **every day**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep things running smoothly.

Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a casual, reliable and caring Supervisory Assistant to supervise our children during lunch times. We currently have one vacancy to cover sickness absence. The hours could be up to 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday (term time only). If you are interested or wish to find out more, please call the school office and ask for an application form.

Christmas updates

Please see below poster for updates for all our upcoming Advent & Christmas Events to get the dates in your diary.

Friends of Holy Family 'Christmas Disco' Y1-Y6

We are delighted to announce we are hosting a Christmas Disco on **Tuesday 9th December**. Tickets will be sold at a price of £2.50, it is a pre-paid event only.

Tickets will be going on sale on Monday so we ask that you pop the correct change in to a sealed envelope and add your child's name and class on the front. All monies school be given to the class teacher.

4.00pm-5.00pm Y1 & Y2 in KS2 Hall Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall

5:30pm - 6:30pm KS2 (Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6) Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall

Tickets: £2.50 Pre-Paid event only

CHRISTMAS JUMPER EXCHANGE/ Donations (Recycle and Re-use)

As you know, we hold an Advent activity day in school every year to get the school ready and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day. Like last year, we would like to hold our Christmas jumper exchange again before hand.

Please be mindful that we have a large number of small sizes not so many large sizes.

So please dig out your old Christmas jumpers to recycle or to donate, Children who bring in a jumper will be issued with a raffle ticket and then they can choose a new one ready to wear on Advent Activity Day.

Advent Activity Day will be on Friday 28th November Children can wear non uniform on this day as well as their Christmas jumper.

As above, we will be asking for your support for our Parish Fayre and asking for children to bring in Chocolates (EY&KS1) or Bottles (KS2).



Festive activities in the City Centre

An afternoon of magical activities and entertainment will be taking place in the city centre for everyone to enjoy.



If you would like to join this will be held on in Coventry city centre on Saturday 22nd November for our free event where you can enjoy spectacular shows and dazzling displays filled with festive magic! But that's not all - there's also an opportunity to see Father Christmas himself at the Cathedral Ruins.

From 3pm - 8pm, those in the city centre can see snow leopard and reindeer characters, giant robins and a mesmerising snow angel inside a giant snow globe. There will also be mischievous elves roaming around Broadgate, a live fire and ice sculpting show plus the unforgettable LED drummers, Spark!

If that's not enough then both the Christmas market and the big wheel will be open in heart of the city offering delicious food and drinks. Everyone can attend but Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The festivities will take place across the city centre, including University Square, Cathedral Ruins, Upper Precinct, Broadgate, Smithford Way, Market Way and Hertford Street. Maps will be available online in advance, or printed versions will be available at the event to see what's taking place where. For more information please [click this link](#)

Star Vision Photography

Please can we remind you that you have until the end of this Sunday to take advantage of the £5 discount and to receive orders back into school next week.

Mental Health

Please see attached poster for more support for Tips & Wellness being.

Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation was a new song from K-pop Demon hunters called, 'Golden'. You may have already had the children coming home and singing this song, they have certainly enjoyed singing along in class!



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

  			
Y2M	DEXTAR	Y5M	SCARLETT
Y1B	LEO	Y3N	ADELYN
Y2N	AARON	Y3N	SHAR'RAE
		Y4R	COREY
		Y3C	YA'AQOB
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY BIRTHDAY			

 Attendance & Punctuality for this week Whole School attendance 96.1% 							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	95.4%	95 %	96.5%	97.3%	96.5%	95.8%	96.3%
Well done to Y3 for 97.3% the highest attendance this week!							



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Date	Event
Friday 28 th November	Advent Activity Day - Non uniform & Christmas jumpers. Bring in Chocolates (EY&KS1) or Bottles (KS2).
Sunday 7 th December	Parish Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto 11am - 2pm
Week of 8 th December	Christmas plays – see below
Tuesday 9 th December	'Christmas Disco' - 4.00pm-5.00pm Y1 & Y2, 5:30pm - 6:30pm KS2
Thursday 11 th December	Nursery Bedtime story 5 - 6pm
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Service, 6.00pm - No tickets required as this in Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	Whole School Advent Mass 9.15am – led by Y3C

Christmas Performances

Parents and grandparent are warmly invited to come and watch. These are ticketed events and tickets will be going on sale in the next couple of weeks. Tickets will be limited to two tickets per child initially.

YN	Reception	Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 10th December 10.45am	Thursday 11th December 9.30am	Monday 8 th December 9.30am
	Friday 12th December 2.15pm	Tuesday 9 th December 2.15pm





HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS

FAYRE

TOMBOLA

SANTA'S GROTTO

RAFFLE PRIZES

FACE PAINTING

CHRISTMAS CAKE

CAKE SALE

PIETY STALL

REFRESHMENTS

TO BUY

CHILDREN JUICE & BISCUIT FREE

7TH DECEMBER 2025

11.00AM UNTIL 2.00PM

PARISH HALL

**FREE
ENTRY**

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Penny Park Lane, Coventry, CV6 2GU Tel: 02476-333631

Email: admin@holyfamilly.coventry.sch.uk

Website: www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk



MERRY Christmas

**HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS
DISCO
TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

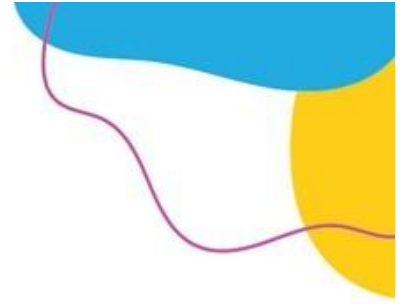
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In KS2 Hall
Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall
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Pre Paid
event only**





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Be Helpful

Being helpful means doing something kind for someone else — like sharing, listening, or offering a hand — even in small ways. When you help, your brain feels safe and happy. It teaches empathy, kindness, and gratitude — all great for mental health!

Why being helpful is good for you:

Boosts your mood: Helping others releases feel-good chemicals in your brain.

Builds Confidence: You'll feel proud and capable when you make a difference.

Creates Connection: Helping brings people together and reduces loneliness.

Reduces Stress: Focusing on others can calm your mind and improve wellbeing.

Our Top Tips For Being Helpful:

1. **Start Small** – You don't have to do something huge – even small acts of kindness matter! Holding a door, sharing a smile or helping with a chore all count.
2. **Listen First** – Sometimes the best way to help is to listen and being there for someone who needs to talk.
3. **Spread Positivity** – Compliments, encouragement, and gratitude go a long way. They make everyone feel good!
4. **Make it a habit** – Try to do one helpful thing every day. The more you practice kindness, the more natural it feels!
5. **Work as a team** – Helping doesn't mean doing everything alone. Teamwork makes helping fun and easier for everyone.
6. **Reflection time** – After helping someone, take a minute to think: How did it make you feel? How did it help the other person? What did you learn about kindness?

Examples of how to help others:

- Sit with someone who is alone at lunch time
- Give family or friends a kind note to brighten their day
- Help your neighbour to take their shopping in
- Offer to tidy the classroom or help your teacher hand out resources

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.