

Newsletter Autumn Term Week 2
Friday 12th September 2025

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



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We live and learn and love in his way.*

Spotlight on Whole School

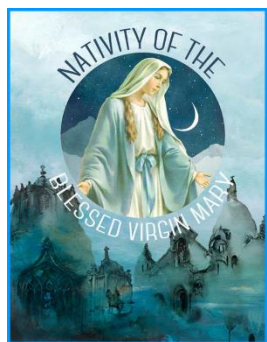




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Catholic Life and Mission

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Monday 8th September was the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady and so on Wednesday we gathered in our prayer garden for a special prayer service dedicated to honouring Mary.

The celebration of Mary's birthday makes her feast day different to that of the feast days for other saints. Normally we celebrate their feast days on the day they died, however, we celebrate Mary's on the day she was born. We listened to this prayer of Mary:

"Dear children! Today I call you to prayer. I am with you and I love you all. I am your Mother and I wish that your hearts be similar to my heart. Little children, without prayer you cannot live and say that you are mine. Prayer is joy."



Our Mission was to pray that we could have immaculate hearts like Mary.

Whole School Mass



Today we came together to celebrate the first Mass of the new school year with Fr Charles, our new Parish Priest. The theme was to thank God for creation and for this new year. We reflected on what this new year can bring and Fr Charles talked to us about being looked after and nurtured by God, just like he has to do with his rose bushes.

Thank you to Y6ST for leading the Mass and proclaiming the word of God so reverently. Let us continue to Fan the Flame of hope this year. Fr Charles thanked the children for being so reverent and respectful and to all who enhanced the Liturgy.

Please see the list of Whole School Masses for the year attached

New Reception Welcome Mass

We invite all the families of our new reception children to attend a welcome Mass on **Sunday 28th September** at 10am in Church. Sunday Mass is at 10am every week, so it would be lovely to see more of our families there.

[Please click this link for Holy Family Church weekly newsletter](#)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Please be advised that we have confirmed the date of **Saturday 16th May** for our year 3 children to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Further information will be shared next week at the parents information evening.

[Wednesday word - Please click the link to see this week's Wednesday word.](#)

Meet the teacher and Curriculum information evenings for parents

As the new school year begins, we would like to invite parents/carers to come into school and meet your child's teacher to find out how they have settled in and hear all about what they will be learning over the course of the year. You will be given lots of **useful and important information** on this evening so please make a note of the dates in your diary so you can attend.



Tuesday 16th September: Y2 & Y3 – 5.00pm / Y5, Y6 & Butterflies - 5.30pm

Wednesday 17th September Y1 - 5pm, Y4 - 5.30pm

Monday 22nd September - YR & YN – 5.00pm

We know that there are many siblings in our school so if any dates clash with different year groups, please attend the date and time for your **oldest child's meeting**.

Autumn Parent's evenings

We have also set the dates for our one to one parent's evenings to give you plenty of notice. They will take place on **Tuesday 11th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm** and **Thursday 13th November 5.00pm - 7.30pm**. Further information will follow for parents to book appointments via the online parent booking system.

School Communication Apps

Please can I ask that all parents read this newsletter, follow us on twitter and use our website to keep up to date with all the key dates and everything that will be happening this year.



It is crucial that all parents install all our school apps.

These are our main forms of communication and we don't want you to miss any dates or events. Thank you.

Please see the attached with all the relevant apps for parents.

'Do Jo' is free – you do not need to pay anything extra so use the free version!

Y1 -Y6 Data Collection – must be updated!

Thank you to all who have updated their child's data. Please can I ask that you all check over your **SIMS parent lite app** information if you haven't already. This is where we hold all your child's information, therefore it must be updated. In case of an emergency, we require, at least 2 contacts to be added, we also require email addresses and the correct home address. If you have any problems logging onto this app please contact the school office on 02476 333631 who will be happy to assist, if any of the data changes throughout the year please let the school office know.



All Parents should have received an email reminder to do this. **If you are in YR or Y1** you will have received an email invitation asking you to register your account. Once you've registered with your unique code you can sign in using your web browser at www.sims-parent.co.uk. You can also use the app for convenience when you're out and about. This will now be in place of the paper data collection sheets. It is highly important that we hold the correct information at school therefore we expect all parents to activate their account. If you experience any difficulties. [Click here to view a SIMS Parent Lite App Parents Guide](#) All data needs to be updated before Friday 26th September.

School Term Dates

Please see the term dates attached and make a note of the holidays and **teacher training days** when the children are not in school.

I would like to remind you that school holidays are not permitted during term time, and any absence for exceptional circumstances should be requested using our exceptional leave form **before** any bookings are made.

Class Fund

We are very grateful to all the families who pay this regularly, as this enables each class to purchase additional resources for your child's class. Class fund for the Autumn term can now be paid via the school gateway. At the end of each year, we will publish a breakdown of how the fund has been used for each year group.

Food Allergies



Please can we remind you that **we have NO EGGS or NUTS or SEEDS to come into school in your child's packed lunch.**

It is highly important that items such as chocolate spread are not given to the children in their lunch as some chocolate spreads advise traces of nuts, we also like to promote healthy eating and that

is not a healthy option, also eggs in sandwiches and Cereal bars with nuts in, as these can be fatal to some of our children.



Hair styles

Please can we ask that you read over the hair policy on the website.

Children with long hair should have their hair tied up/back when they are in school. This is for health and safety reasons and to help prevent the spread of headlice. Children should not wear hair gel, have their hair spiked up or shaved.

PE Uniform

Your child's class teacher should have been in touch this week to let you know which days your child will be taught PE. Lessons will start next week. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct clothing for PE:

- Yellow Holy Family t-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms (Plain – no logos)
- Navy sweatshirt (Plain – no logos)
- Trainers

All uniform can be purchased from Clive Mark or Senik. Sweatshirts and jogging bottoms should NOT be branded or have any other logo other than Holy Family. As always, earrings are not permitted.

Merit assemblies

Merit Assemblies will be taking place on Friday mornings at 9.05am starting next week. It's very important that we hold the correct contact details on SIMS for you to be invited in to assembly to see your child receive the weekly merit. If we are not able to hold the assembly on the Friday morning due to Masses or other events the office will advise in text that they will be given in class at 3pm the office will send a message advising that it will be given in class.

Admissions Reception-September 2026

The online facility for applying for a place in our reception classes is now open until 15th January 2026. The web address is: www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions. Please remember that parents are responsible for providing a copy of their child's Catholic Baptism Certificate to the school by the closing date on 15 January 2026. Our preferred method is to email this via admin@holyfamly.coventry.sch.uk Failure to do this will result in your child being ranked as non-Catholic and this could affect their place.

Nursery Admissions Applications

Application forms will be available via our website from during October the date is still to be confirmed. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

Secondary Admission Applications

To all **Year 6** parents - applications are now open for you to apply for your child's **secondary school** the closing date will be 31st October 2025. [Please click here](#) if you haven't already applied. **If you are still unsure of where to apply, Secondary schools are holding Open evenings over the next couple of weeks.**

Cardinal Newman Open Evening

Cardinal Newman is our local Catholic Secondary school, and we are one of their main feeder schools. It is a wonderful school that has excellent pastoral care and by choosing to send your child there they can continue their journey of faith whilst receiving a high-quality education. Please go and have a look to see what they can offer. **Wednesday 24th September 5.30pm -7.30pm**



School Food United

Please remember to order you child's meals on **Sunday** evening for the week.

Celtica Irish Dancing



Please see the attached poster of our local Irish dancing group for children from 3 to 8 years old. Maggie is an excellent teaching and has been teaching in Holy Family Parish for 26 years. She also supports our School fete and Parish events by bringing dancers to perform (you may remember from our 70th Birthday festival!) If you would like to learn how to Irish dance then pop along and have a go!

Family Hub

If for any reason you need support with your finances or just general money enquiries, Citizens Advice offer free drop-in sessions at your local family hub.

Parenting

Please see the autumn parenting support schedule sessions available for all families to access. These courses and workshops are friendly and supportive. They offer practical resources and activities as well as opportunities to discuss specific concerns you may have with your child.

SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 16.09.25

There is a session for Parents/Carers of Children or Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The session offers a great way to meet other parents/carers who may be in a similar situation, and an opportunity to share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

Details: When: Tuesday 16th September 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: The Wave, Coffee Tots Community Room, New Union Street, Coventry, CV1 2PS

How to Book: Please contact SENDIASS to book your place if you would like to come along, **QUOTE:**

'COFFEE' ☺ Email: iass@coventry.gov.uk or TEL: 024 76 69 4307

***Please Note: Unfortunately, this session would not be suitable for children to accompany their parents.**

Music Appreciation



This month is 'A Cappella' month & our music appreciation this week has been 'Don't Worry be Happy'. An award-winning A Cappella song by Bobby McFerrin where he expresses his feelings on not worrying about anything and being happy no matter what.

We hope that the children have come home singing this song and remember the message; 'Don't worry, be happy'



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

  			
Y1B	IDARA	Y4R	
Y1P/T	TOMMY	Y6CT	JACOB
Y5M	VICTORIA	Y3C	SOFIA
Y5M	RIA	Y6CT	CARA
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE LOVELY BIRTHDAY			

 <p>Attendance & Punctuality for this week</p> <p>Whole School attendance 97.4%</p> 							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	95.3%	97%	96.5%	99.4%	95.9%	98.4%	97.8%
Well done to Y3 for 99% the highest attendance this week!							

School term dates 2025-2026

August 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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September 2025

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October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

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January 2026

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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July 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Summer bank holiday

25 August 2025

Christmas Day

25 December 2025

Boxing Day

26 December 2025

New Year bank holiday

1 January 2026

Good Friday

3 April 2026

Easter Monday

6 April 2026

May Day holiday

4 May 2026

Spring Bank holiday

25 May 2026

Term
time



Holiday



Bank
holiday



Weekend



LA set
training day



Secondary
Induction Day



+ 4 set by the school

Teacher Training Days

Monday 3rd Nov 2025

Monday 5th Jan 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026


www.coventry.gov.uk/termdates

SCHOOL MASSES

Whole School Masses 2025-2026




Date	Theme/Feast	Class	Time
Sunday 7 th September	Staff Commitment Mass		10am
Friday 12 th September	Creation & New Beginnings	Y6ST	9:15am
Friday 10 th October	Harvest	Y4R	
Friday 19 th December	Advent/Christmas	3C	
Friday 9 th January	Epiphany/ New Year	Y6CT	
Friday 27 th February	Lent	Y3N	
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick	Y5CW	
Friday 27 th March	End of term (Holy Week reference)	Y4W	
Friday 17 th April	Alleluia – New term	Y2M	
Friday 22 nd May	May Procession & Mass in Church	Y5M	
Friday 26 th June	Commemoration of the Feast of St P&P	Y2N	
Friday 17 th July	Leavers Mass	Y6 mixed	



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Debt Advice

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General Advice

Need help with benefits, housing, charity support, employment, or form-filling? Our team is here to provide support and practical solutions for everyday challenges.



Wood Side Family Hub
Upper Ride, Willenhall Wood, Coventry, CV3 3GL

Debt Advice
Tuesday, 9:30-11:30

General Advice
Thursday, 14:30-16:30



Families for All Hub
454 Foleshill Road, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 5LB

Debt Advice
Wednesday, 9:30-11:30



Harmony Family Hub
Clifton Street, Coventry, CV1 5GR

General Advice
Monday, 12:30-15:30



Aspire Family Hub
Humber Avenue, Coventry, CV1 2SF

General Advice
Tuesday, 13:30-16:30






Join Us for Irish Dancing Fun!



Our Coventry based Irish dancing school is all about fun, friendship, and learning Irish dance in a relaxed, welcoming space.

No competitions - just music, laughter, and the joy of dancing together. Perfect for children who want to make friends and discover the magic of Irish dance!

Ages: 3 - 8

Where: Coundon Social Club, CV6 1CP

When: Mondays @ 4.45pm or Tuesdays @ 4.30pm


How Much: £3 per week

Contact: Maggie Gallagher for more info - 07950 291350



www.maggieg.co.uk/celtica.html

Parenting support schedule



September – December 2025

Courses

Talking Teens (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Four week course)	Time
Bishop Ullathorne School	Tues 23 Sept - 14 Oct	3:30 - 5:30pm

Virtual Talking Teens		
Venue	Date (Four week course)	Time
Online	Weds 12 Nov - 3 Dec	9:15 - 11:15am

Virtual Parenting Puzzle		
Venue	Date (Four week course)	Time
Online	Mon 17 Nov - 8 Dec	6 - 8pm

Parenting Puzzle (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Four week course)	Time
Joseph Cash Primary School	Thurs 6 - 27 Nov	1 - 3pm
Stoke Heath Primary School	Thurs 25 Sept - 16 Oct	1 - 3pm

SEND Nurture Programme (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Ten week course)	Time
Baginton Fields School	Tues 16 Sept - 2 Dec	9:15 - 11:15am
Templers Primary School	Thurs 18 Sept - 4 Dec	9:15 - 11:15am

The Nurture Programme (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Ten week course)	Time
Allesley Library	Weds 24 Sept - 10 Dec	12:30 - 2:30pm

Welcome to the World Antenatal Programme (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Mondays)	Time
Aspire Family Hub	Mon 11 Aug - 8 Sept	4 - 6pm

Baby Five to Thrive (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Five week course)	Time
Park Edge Family Hub	Tues 9 Sept - 7 Oct	10 - 11am

Dad and Baby Five to Thrive coming soon! Please email to express interest!

Living with Confidence Programme (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date (Eight week course)	Time
Park Edge Family Hub	Mon 22 Sept - 24 Nov	12:30 - 2:30pm

Workshops

Understanding your child's behaviour (UCB) 2 hr workshop (Virtual)		
Venue	Date	Time
Virtual	Fri 3 Oct	9:30 - 11:30am
Virtual	Wed 17 Dec	6 - 8pm

Sleep 1.5 hr workshop (Virtual)		
Venue	Date	Time
Virtual	Tues 18 Nov	12:30 - 2pm

Understanding your child's behaviour (UCB) 2 hr workshop (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date	Time
Stoke Heath Primary School	Fri 14 Nov	1 - 3pm
Finham Primary School	Mon 29 Sept	9:15 - 11:15am

Sleep 1.5 hr workshop (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date	Time
Stoke Heath Primary School	Thurs 11 Sept	1:30 - 3pm

Positive Family Foundations Programme for Parents (Face to Face)		
Venue	Date	Time
Telfer Rd Adult Education Centre	Tues 16 Sept	6 - 8pm
Hearsall Community Academy	Tues 16 Sept	1 - 3pm

Contact Kate Stevenson to book a place kate.stevenson@coventry.gov.uk

Booking details

To book onto a workshop please email: parenting@coventry.gov.uk

To book onto any programme please complete a request form: www.coventry.gov.uk/parenting-requestform

Coventry Families Portal
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