

Newsletter Autumn Term Week 6
Friday 10th October 2025

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



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Spotlight on Hello Yellow



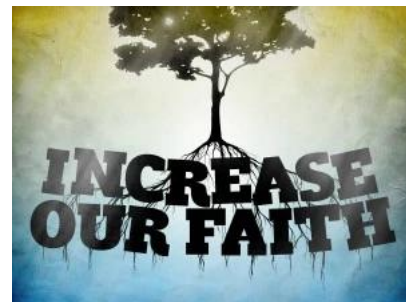
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Catholic Life and Mission

This week's Mission

The Gospel this week came from Saint Luke, who described our faith as a mustard seed. We talked about how the Gospel explains how we can depend on God, trust Him and ask for His help and how, with God, we can do amazing things – if it is God's will. Our mission then in school this week was 'to allow God to work in you by supporting others', and this has been abundantly evident across the whole school community. We have been inundated with food donations for our local food bank, and gifted with a great deal of delicious cakes for our 'Tea and Talk' event, reminding us of your kindness and generosity. A big thank you to anyone who has donated their time, food or money to these events. You truly have supported others through your actions.



"If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you." Luke 17:5-6

BTK Harvest

Harvest Festival Mass



Y4R led us in a beautiful Mass today, reflecting on Pope Francis letter: Laudato Si, asking us to care for our common home. We were thankful for the food of the harvest which comes from the earth, sea and air. Therefore, we must live more simply and look after our planet. Well done to all of Y4R.



Thank you very much for your kind donations that have been given to Holbrook's community care, your generosity and kindness will be much appreciated by those who receive it. Our Chaplaincy team and Eco helped load it into the car!



Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month when we focus on the special prayer to Our Lady, the Rosary. All of our classes have been praying a decade of the Rosary daily. Next week our Chaplaincy team will be leading a lunchtime Rosary club in our prayer garden that is dedicated to our Lady. Children can bring in their Rosary beads from home if they have them. Our Prayer Garden is open to all so if parents would like to take a moment in prayer before or after school then please let yourself in.



Cardinal Newman (Change of Name consultation)



Please see attached poster for more information regarding our Secondary school, Cardinal Newman, who are going through consultation to change their school's name. This consultation statement is issued by The Holy Cross Catholic MAC outlining the intent to change the name to **Saint John Henry Newman School**. The proposed change is to align with their Patron's status as a Saint and their new school building (September 2026). [Please click this link your give your feed back](#)

Written Submissions: Can be emailed to <https://www.cncs.school/contact-us> with the subject 'school name' or sent directly to the school. The consultation period will run from 10th October 2025 to Tuesday 4th November 2025.

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

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

Merit Certificate Competition

Thank you to all that has entered the competition for redesigning our weekly merit certificate. This deadline has now been extended until **next Friday 17th October**. The School Council will be the choosing the winner. We look forward to seeing all of their designs. Please remember they must be the child's own work!



World Mental Health Day - (Hello Yellow)

Today we celebrated this important day thinking about our mental health; what affects it and what we can do to make it better. We wore yellow, a colour of positivity and happiness, to raise money for the Young Minds & Mind charities. Thank you to all who gave money or donated via just giving. If you would like to donate, please click on the below links.

Thank you to Mrs Twycross for arranging this fantastic afternoon for us all to come together and talk to each other. Please remember if you need any support, we are all here at Holy Family to support you. We hope you all enjoyed it and had a nice time chatting.



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/holy-family-catholic-primary-school-5>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/holy-family-catholic-primary-school-4>

Sporting updates - Football

What a brilliant start to the season for the Holy Family Boys Squad, who beat St. Augustine's 9-2 in their first game of the season. The team started a bit slow and went 1-0 down early on, but their heads never dropped. Caiden smashed in a great goal to level it, and from there, the boys found their rhythm. They played some lovely football in both halves, showing real teamwork and determination. Amazingly, everyone on the team got on the scoresheet! A fantastic all-round effort.



The opposing team's Player of the Match was Ollie.

Star Vision Photography



Thank you to all that came to have their children sibling's photographs. The photographs proofs should be with us before the end of term. Once we receive the proofs these will be distributed to your children in class.

Inconsiderate Car parking

It has come to my attention that we have some parents parking inconsiderately and dangerously. Please can I stress that we are very lucky to have the parish car park to use. As you can see from this picture this is very dangerous for other cars and for parents walking past with children. The safety of everyone is our priority.



Casual 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.

Holbrook's Community Association

Please see the attached poster if you would be interested in joining the Holbrook's Community in their coach trip during October half term to Blackpool. The cost is £20.00 per person. We have also attached more information for Holbrook's social supermarket. Please contact the below details if this is something that you would be interested in.



First Encounters with Shakespeare: King Lear

Holy Family pupils are invited with their families as part of Holy Family being an RSC associate school.

This performance marks an exciting moment for our school as we begin to introduce **Shakespeare into the English curriculum**. To support this, we have appointed a team of **Shakespeare Ambassadors**—students who will champion his works, lead activities, and help inspire a love of theatre and language among their peers.

Please see attached poster for your QR code for you to access this wonderful experience for your children to attend.

SENDIASS support sessions

- 'SENDIASS Coffee Morning' - meet and chat with other parents/carers who may be in a similar situation
- 'Demand Avoidance' - explore and develop an understanding of Autism with a pathological/extreme demand avoidant profile

SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 14.10.25

This 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 14th October 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am

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

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

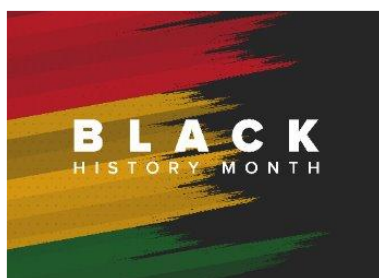
How to book:

Please visit the SENDIASS Eventbrite page to book your place:

[SENDIASS Coventry Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)



Music Appreciation

This month is focused on Black History Month we have been listening to the legendary Aretha Franklin singing 'I say a little prayer' we hope that you enjoy singing along with your child!



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

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| Y1P/T | Obanijesu | Y6CT | Belle |
| Y2M | Rebecca | Y4R | Jessica Ogochukwu |
| WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE LOVELY BIRTHDAY | | | |

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|  <p>Attendance & Punctuality for this week</p> <p>Whole School attendance 96.3%</p>  | | | | | | | |
| | YR | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Attendance | 96.3% | 95% | 99.5% | 95.7% | 98.3% | 96.9% | 95.4% |
| Well done to Y2 for 99.5% the highest attendance this week! | | | | | | | |

HEAD TEACHERS MERIT

Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Emily Azike
Julian Bednarek



Y6 Miss Thompson

Cohen Christian
Jessica Sidgwick

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Ellie Adams
Taylor Faulkner

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Thandi Sibanda
Orlagh Ryan

Y4 Mr Richardson

Shavonne khan
Elsie Byrne

Y4 Mrs Ward

Enxhi Cengu
Chiara Ayers

Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Amea Yeboah
Kane Rebera

Y3 Miss Clyde

Chrizya Gonsalves
Ethan Farrell

Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Maisie Nagra
Joseph Martin

Y2 Mr Newell

Arthur Sutcliffe
Oliwia Rogozinska

Y1 Mrs Parkes & Mrs Twycross

Reece Ogelsby
Jashny Jadson

Y1 Miss Brown

Ayden Sidle
Amelie Gould

Nursery Superstars

Valentyna Buniak
Aiden Goddard

*Well done to all of you for
your hard work this week!*



CARDINAL NEWMAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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10th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation on name of school change

We are writing to inform you that we are undertaking a consultation on changing the school's name from Cardinal Newman Catholic School to **Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School**.

We had originally considered this following his canonisation on 13th October 2019. However, shortly after this we were informed that the school had been selected for a rebuild and we made the decision to wait until this was near completion.

The current school building was built in 1969 and named after our Patron who was at that time a Cardinal. He is one of the most significant figures in the recent history of the church and will on the 1st November 2025 have his status elevated when he is named a Doctor of the Church.

The Local Governing Body has agreed to initiate this consultation. We believe that as we move into the new building it is an opportune moment to honour our Patron and celebrate his Sainthood by renaming the school, *Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School*.

We are excited about our new building and the new journey our school community will begin and the new name which will be a milestone in our next steps.

The consultation period will take place from 10th October to 4th November 2025.

Please find alongside this correspondence the consultation statement outlining the intent, background and rationale.

It also details how stakeholders can submit their feedback on this.

Yours faithfully

Ms E. O'Connor
Headteacher

Mr C. Collins
Acting Chair of Governors





Consultation Statement: Intent to Change School Name

Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Coventry. CV6 2FR.

Introduction

This consultation statement is issued by The Holy Cross Catholic MAC outlining the intent to change the name of Cardinal Newman Catholic School. The proposed change is to align the new school building (September 2026) with our Patron's status as a Saint.

Purpose of the Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to gather feedback from stakeholders, including students, parents, staff, local residents, and partner organisations, regarding the proposed change of the school's name.

Background and Rationale

The decision to consider a name change has been prompted by the following factors:

- **Saint John Henry Newman Canonisation in October 2019:** To ensure the school's name better represents the status of our Patron, building an immediate link between the school's name and its Patron's Saint status
- **Rebranding and Modernisation:** To reflect the school's evolving mission and vision in the 21st century and the move into the new school alongside the significance of Saint John Henry Newman (Doctorate)

Proposed New Name

The proposed new name for the school is:

Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School

Consultation Process

We invite all stakeholders to share their views either in support or opposition through the following methods:

- Please find the Forms link below to record your feedback from Friday 10th October 2025.
- <https://forms.office.com/e/mEBX6fVX9s>
- Written Submissions: Can be emailed to cn-admin@hccmac.co.uk with the subject 'school name' or sent directly to the school.

The consultation period will run from 10th October 2025 to Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Decision-Making

All feedback will be carefully considered by The Holy Cross Catholic MAC (HCCMAC) and the local governing body of Cardinal Newman Catholic School. A final decision regarding the name change will be made as soon as possible and communicated to the community as soon as possible following the consultation period.



RSC

FIRST ENCOUNTERS
SHAKESPEARE FOR YOUNGER AUDIENCES

KING LEAR

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
EDITED BY JUSTINE THEMEN

eventbrite



Friday 17th October 2025 @ 6pm
Edgewick Community Primary School



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rsc-first-encounters-king-lear-tickets-1755577973979?aff=oddtcreator>

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Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Penny Park Lane, Coventry, CV6 2GU Tel: 02476-333631
Email: admin@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk Website: www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk



SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

**HOLBROOKS COMMUNITY CENTRE
JOHN SHELTON DRIVE - HOLBROOKS - CV6 4PE**

OPEN FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS



Our Social Supermarket, held at Holbrooks Community Centre on a MONDAY between 12:00pm and 2:00 pm supports those who need a little bit of extra help with buying food and home items. Anybody claiming *Universal Credit, Pension Credit, or ESA* can become a member.

EACH SHOP COSTS JUST £7

for up to £25 worth of grocery food items.

A typical grocery bag contains:

Fresh fruit and vegetables, salad, bread, fresh meat (incl Halal) or veggie alternative, tinned food items, pasta/rice, tea/coffee/squash, cooking sauces, biscuits, dairy (cheese & milk) and other confectionary items plus any extras we have at the time.

**To enquire about membership, email:
hca@holbrookscommunity.co.uk**

HCCA COMMUNITY TRIP TO BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

£20.00 PER SEAT.

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, EMAIL
CONTACTUS@HOLBROOKSCOMMUNITY.CO.UK
FOR A BOOKING FORM OR POP INTO OUR CENTRE
115 HOLBROOK LANE, CV6 4DE**

TUES & THURS 9:30AM – 4:30PM

WEDS – 12:00PM – 7:00PM

***FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE UPON BOOKING
ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY THE
17TH OCTOBER AT THE LATEST**



Please note that refunds will not be given after Friday 17th October 2025. Places will only be booked once payment is received.

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