

**Newsletter Autumn Term Week 3**  
**Friday 18th September 2026**

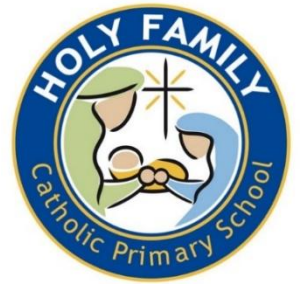
**Holy Family Catholic Primary School**

*Jesus said "Let the children come to me"  
We live and learn and love in his way.*



**Spotlight on Year 6**





### *Catholic Life and Mission*



This week, our focus was 'forgiveness' and 'reconciliation'. We talked about how hurtful choices and actions can separate us from God and from each other. We referred to these as 'human-centred choices', but questioned, how can our choices be 'God-centred'? To do this, we need to have confidence in God's mercy and forgiveness, live out Jesus' teaching to 'love one another', and forgive one another, close the gap made by hurtful choices and reset our friendships.

Therefore, our mission of the week was to love one another by being forgiving.

We also reminded ourselves that we are a Cross of Nails school, and prayed the Litany of Reconciliation together. It is a beautiful litany – why not say it at home together?



#### ***Litany of Reconciliation***

*We all make mistakes from time to time and forget that we are made in God's image. When we show hatred for others because they are different from us, which country they come from, the religion they practice or what part of town they live in.*

**Father Forgive**

*When we want what is not ours.*

**Father Forgive**

*When we are greedy and do not treat other people, or our environment with care and compassion.*

**Father Forgive**

*When we are jealous of others and cannot be happy for them when they win or do well.*

**Father Forgive**

*When we stop caring about those who have so little, like the homeless and the refugee.*

**Father Forgive**

*When we do not respect each other, our own bodies or others' bodies.*

**Father Forgive**

*When we trust in ourselves and not in God.*

**Father Forgive**

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

**Amen**



## Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

A message has gone out on Dojo to all Year 3 and Year 6 parents regarding how **to register for the sacraments** in 2027. Please make sure you read the message carefully as there is a new process this year. Details can also be found on the parish newsletter.



### Wednesday Word

This weeks Gospel is from Matthew 20:1-16. Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to teach us how God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you.  
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Click here for the Parish website for newsletters: <https://hf-cov.org.uk/wp/>

### Parents Information and getting to know you Evenings

We hope your children have settled well into their new year group and classes. We would like to invite you to a short session to meet the teacher and find out all about what your children will be learning throughout the year, plus an opportunity for you to ask any questions.

As shared on dojo these are:

| Date                                 | Year groups | Time   | Where      |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September   | 1, 3 & 5    | 5.30pm | Classrooms |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | 2, 4 & 6    | 5.30pm | Classrooms |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September | Reception   | 5.30pm | KS2 hall   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September | Nursery     | 5.30pm | KS1 hall   |

### School Gates

We are really pleased that our new electric school gates are now in place and will help keep us even more safe! We will update you during next week about how these electronic gates will work and what the timings will be for opening and closing. Please keep an eye on school dojo!



### Car Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have been notified of more incidents of unsafe parking, causing parents having to walk their children onto the road, or parents being blocked in by other cars and subsequently being late for work

### Class Fund

The Class Fund is a voluntary contribution of £1 per week, which helps the school purchase additional resources and equipment for children to use in the classroom.

While the school's existing budgets cover essential resources, there are times when additional items are needed to enhance children's learning and ensure they have access to a wide and varied range of resources and experiences. Contributions to the Class Fund help us provide these extra resources, supporting enriching learning opportunities for all children. **Payments can be made termly via the school gateway.** Thank you for your support.

## School Food United

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

We appreciate that there has been a problem with free school meals pulling through to the app, however, we have had a significantly high number of children with no meals ordered this week.

Large numbers of add on meals puts the kitchen staff under a large amount of pressure - because of this, from next week, if a child has not had a meal ordered on two occasions, we will be asking you to bring in a packed lunch on the third occasion.

Please could we also ask that your child stays on **either** school dinners **or** packed lunches for a full half term and doesn't switch between both as this is very difficult for the kitchen to manage their numbers and food orders are made the week before.



Eligibility for free school meals has now been extended to anyone receiving Universal Credit. If you are now eligible and would like to apply for free school meals please click on the following link: [Free School Meals – Apply for Free School Meals](#)

## Admissions

### Admissions Reception - September 2027

The online facility for applying for a place in our reception classes is now open until 15th January 2027. The web address is: [Primary school admissions – Starting primary school in September 2027](#) 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 2027. Our preferred method is to email this via [admin@holyfamilly.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamilly.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

Nursery applications for children to start nursery in September 2027 will be available via the website on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026. You need to apply for your child born between 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The closing date for applications will be 15 January 2027 and Governors will review all applications in accordance with our admissions policy during February 2027.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026. [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.**

## School Sports Teams

Would your company be able to support one of our school sports teams through sponsorship? We are currently looking for sponsors for our Girls' Football, Boys' Football and Netball teams. Your donation would help us purchase new team kits, giving our children the opportunity to represent the school with pride.

As a thank you for your support, your company name/logo can be displayed on the team kit, helping to promote your business while supporting young people in our school community. If you or your company would be interested in sponsoring a team, please contact the office.

Together, we can help our children play with pride, confidence and team spirit!

## Afterschool Sports

Our afterschool sports timetable is still being reviewed. We are currently looking at different suppliers for a more varied timetable. We will put a post on dojo once it has been finalized so please keep an eye out.

### SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 22.09.26

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 22nd September 2026, 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.

#### **To Book:**

Please scan the QR on the attached poster below, or visit the 'SENDIASS COFFEE MORNING SEPTEMBER 2026' Eventbrite page

### Rock Steady

Please [click the link](#) for any parents interested in signing your child up for 'Rock Steady', who come in and deliver personalised band sessions to help children grow with their interest in music and singing.

### MHST

Please see the attached poster from the Mental Health in Schools Team. The theme for this week is: **Nutrition**.



### Holy Family Parish Tea Party

Please see the attached poster for a tea party being held at Holy Family Parish Hall on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. You will be entertained by a professional singer and treated to a selection of goodies, including savoury, sweet, tea, coffee and soft drinks.

### Music Appreciation of the Week

Continuing with top bands of the world month, this week's music appreciation of the week is 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by Queen - a ground breaking 6 minute operatic masterwork, written by Freddie Mercury and released by the rock band Queen on October 31, 1975. It was almost never released as record executives thought it was too long!



Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs G Griffiths  
Headteacher

|                                                                                    |       |                                                                                   |        |        |        |        |        |                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |       | <b>Attendance for this week</b><br><b>Whole School attendance</b><br><b>95.7%</b> |        |        |        |        |        |  |
|                                                                                    | YR    | Year 1                                                                            | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |                                                                                       |
| Attendance                                                                         | 97.5% | 94.5%                                                                             | 94.6%  | 97.4%  | 95%    | 97.2%  | 95.7%  |                                                                                       |
| <b>Congratulations to Y6TN for the highest attendance of 98.7% this week!</b>      |       |                                                                                   |        |        |        |        |        |                                                                                       |



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| Y2N | Hunter-Theo Buckley | Y2N  | Grace Cuffe        |
| Y2M | Idara Luther        | Y6ST | Ria Niroshan       |
| Y1B | Connie Gallagher    | Y4R  | Sofia Mandzij      |
| Y2M | Tommy Bracken       | Y6ST | Brooklyn Colson    |
| Y1B | Orianna Gill        | Y4W  | Sydney-Rose Jones  |
| Y2M | Ada Partridge       | Y6ST | Krystal Sebastijan |

We hope you all have a lovely birthday!

# HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

**Y6 Mrs Twycross &  
Mrs Newman**

Nirvana Giampaglia  
Visanth Mayilvahan



**Y6 Miss Thompson**

Cohan O'Sullivan  
Leah Pote

**Y5 Mrs Cocksworth**

Chiara Ayers  
Jacob Sawicki

**Y5 Mrs Mariadoss**

Olivia Azike  
Janelle Egboja

**Y4 Mr Richardson**

Sofia Mandzij  
Thea Stephenson

**Y4 Mrs Ward &  
Mrs Wood**

Hannah Szymanska  
Alfie Lasek

**Y3 Mrs Corr-Wilson**

Franciszek Wiacek  
Una-Maeve Mills

**Y3 Miss Clyde**

Ted Keane  
Miller Ward

**Y2 Mrs Marlowe**

Hunter-Jax Gent  
Mirabel Ngwu

**Y2 Mr Newell**

Cillian Gormely  
Grace Cuffe

**Y1 Mrs Nicholls &  
Mrs Parkes**

Dixie Ward  
Robyn Naylor

**Y1 Miss Brown**

Lewis Isherwood  
Orianna Gill

**Nursery**

Whole Class

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



**FREE TEA AND COFFEE**

# DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

Join us for our next SENDIASS Coffee Morning.

Meet other parents in a similar situation.

Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

## COFFEE MORNING

**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026  
(9.30AM-11.30AM)**

**TO BOOK: please scan QR code**

(Or visit the SENDIASS website: <https://www.covsendiass.co.uk/events>)

**The Wave,  
Coffee Tots Community Room  
New Union St, Coventry CV1 2PS**

\*Please note this session is not suitable for children

# School term dates 2026-2027

**September 2026**

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**October 2026**

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**November 2026**

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**December 2026**

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**January 2027**

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**February 2027**

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**March 2027**

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**April 2027**

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**May 2027**

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**June 2027**

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**July 2027**

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**August 2027**

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| Christmas Day           | 25 December 2026 |
| Boxing Day (substitute) | 28 December 2026 |
| New Year bank holiday   | 1 January 2027   |
| Good Friday             | 26 March 2027    |

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Easter Monday       | 29 March 2027  |
| May Day holiday     | 3 May 2027     |
| Spring Bank holiday | 31 May 2027    |
| Summer Bank holiday | 30 August 2027 |

Term time



Holiday



Bank holiday



Weekend



LA set training day



+ 4 set by the school

## Teacher Training Days

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

[coventry.gov.uk/termdates](http://coventry.gov.uk/termdates)



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

## Gratitude

Gratitude is the act of looking for things that make us feel happy and being thankful for them. For example, saying "thank you" to someone who did an act of kindness such as holding a door open for you, or telling your friend that you're happy they make you laugh and tell you funny jokes.

We can also be thankful to ourselves. We all have different skills and talents which bring us joy. What is yours? It might be skateboarding, cooking, sport or dancing. Whatever your skill or talent is, be thankful for it!

*"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." – Karl Barth*

### Notice the good in your life - practise gratitude

**Look around**, can you see something that makes you feel happy? For example, your best friend's smiling face. **Listen**, can you hear something that makes you feel happy? For example, music that makes you want to dance.

Being thankful for the good things in your life can improve your wellbeing and reduce feelings of frustration. It gives you the chance to reflect on the good things you have accomplished and have a more positive mindset.

Each day this week, try and notice three people/places/things that you are thankful for. Write these down on your phone or a notepad to be able to look back on and appreciate the positive aspects of your week.

### Express gratitude

Show your appreciation to someone who did something nice. Say: "It was really kind of you to...", "It really helped me out when you..."

Tell the people in your life how you feel and what they mean to you. This can be as simple as "Mum, good dinner. Thanks!"

**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.**

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

Email: [admin@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk) Website: [www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk)



# Holy Family Parish

## Tea Party

COME AND SPOIL YOURSELF

*All welcome*

£15 PER PERSON IN AN ENVELOPE WITH  
NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER. ENVELOPES  
MUST BE POSTED INTO THE PRESBYTERY  
POST BOX. (LIMITED PLACES)

**SUNDAY** September 20th

**Holy Family Hall 4pm - 6pm**

Professional Singer

*Marie Brennan*

Entertaining you with a  
selection of songs  
from the  
50s and 60s.



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