

Newsletter Spring Term Week 4
Friday 30th January 2026

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Spotlight on Year 4



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Catholic Life and Mission

This week's Mission

We listened to the Gospel from Matthew (4:12-23) where we heard about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. We heard how Jesus meets some fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John, 2 sets of brothers, who stopped what they were doing to follow Jesus. We prayed for our ears to be open so we can listen to Jesus' call.



When we hear Jesus' call and choose to follow Him, He shows us who we truly are and leads us into God's amazing plans.

Putting faith into Action

Some of our wonderful Y4 children have put their faith into action and asked if they could make things to sell during Lent to raise money for CAFOD and The Myton Hospices. They came to talk to me about their plans last week and since then have been busy getting samples and posters ready (see picture in the middle of front page). Well done and thank you for this selfless gift, putting your Catholic Social Teaching and Live Simply pledges into action. Watch this space for their plans!

Prepare for this Sunday's Gospel:

This Sunday the Gospel is from Matthew 5:1-12 where we hear how to be truly happy through the Sermon on the Mount (The Beatitudes). Read the Gospel with your child using this link:

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

Link for Parish newsletter

Staff update

25 Years Service!



We would like to congratulate Mrs Marlowe who celebrates 25 years' service in Education and all at Holy Family! What an amazing achievement. Thank you for all you have given to our school over these years, and for all the children you have loved and taught!



Sad News

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of one of our kitchen staff, Jennifer Walker, after a short illness. Jen worked in our kitchen for the last 5 years, until very recently, preparing and serving the dinners to our children. We pray for the repose of her soul and for her family and friends at this difficult time.

Staff leaving

I am sorry to share that **Mrs O'Leary**, our teaching assistant in reception, will be leaving us at half term to spend more quality time with her family. She has worked at Holy Family for 18 years and has worked across the school from YR to Y4! I wish to thank her for being such a wonderful support to so many of our children, especially as they start their journey with us. She will be greatly missed

After half term, I'm sorry to say that we will also be saying goodbye to our wonderful **Marie**, from the office team. Marie has been with us for nearly 8 years and has now decided to concentrate on her other career of hairdressing. She has always been a friendly, welcoming presence in our office, greeting everyone with her big smile and kind nature. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new venture.



Primary English Parent Session

This week in our English in primary school session, parents enjoyed reading with their children and will take home the book *The Smeds and the Smoos* by Julia Donaldson to cherish forever.

Whilst reading, parents used their new skills such as prediction, asking questions, acting, rhyming and hot seating to make the story session more interactive. It was lovely to see them sharing the joy of reading together.



English as an additional language (EAL)

Many of our children are in a unique position of being able to speak dual languages. In order to recognise and acknowledge this, it is really important that if your child speaks an additional language at home frequently, that they are recorded as EAL. Therefore, please can we ask parents to update the information we hold on the SIMS Parent Lite app. This helps us identify children who may need additional support and ensures we are supporting inclusion, not discrimination.

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 range from 1.25 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.

Holbrooks in the Community

We are working in partnership with a range of training providers, including colleges and Adult Education services, to ensure that future provision within Holbrooks is directly informed by the outcomes of this consultation.

We would be grateful if you could share this consultation with your staff, students, or families where appropriate, to help us gather a broad and representative range of responses via this link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TK7W2KN> .

We have also attached a poster below.

All participants who provide contact details will be entered into a **prize draw to win a £100 gift voucher**.

The consultation will close on 9th February, and we welcome all responses before this date.

Thank you for your time and support in helping us shape future training and skills opportunities for the Holbrooks community.

Coventry Updates

Vaccine Clinics at Family Hubs

Between January and June 2026, Family Hubs will be hosting vaccine clinics at the Families For All Hub in Foleshill and the Harmony Hub in Hillfields. The clinics will take place twice a month (every other week).

The clinics are designed for families with children who have not yet started school and offers an opportunity to speak with a nurse on the day about vaccines or any concerns they might have. There is an added option for children to receive any missed vaccinations while they are there at the session. Walk-ins are welcome and no appointment required.

Lets Talk, Walking Wheeling Cycling

Coventry City Council is asking the community about active travel journeys, the barriers people face, and preferences for different types of cycle route. This work will shape the council's emerging infrastructure plan, and help prioritise future projects [The survey is open until 8 March.](#)

Family Learning workshop – based on using Makaton with young children

Are you interested in communicating with your child using signs and symbols?

Come along to our free Family Learning workshop – based on using Makaton with young children

This workshop is for any Coventry mums, dads, and carers with children aged 0- 7

Where: Park Edge Family Hub, Roseberry Avenue, Coventry, CV2 1NE

When: 10am – 12 noon Saturday 28th February (a one-off workshop session)

What we will do:

- look at how signs can be useful for communication with ALL children
- explore different communication schemes – focusing on Makaton
- learn the correct signs for common words and phrases used in families
- give you fun games to take home and play with your children

Come along to the session, or reserve a place at <https://coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

To find out more email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk

English parent courses

- Do you want to know more about the English our children learn in nursery and primary school?
- Join our free 7-week Family Learning course – 'English in the Primary School' (adults only).

We will focus on phonics, reading, writing, spelling grammar, and punctuation in a relaxed and friendly way.

Where: Telfer Road Adult Education Centre, Telfer Rd, Radford, Coventry, CV6 3DR

When it is: 6-8pm every Tuesday from 3rd February

How to join: Either come along to the first session on Tues Feb 2nd, or enrol

For further details email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk / [Click here](#)

EGO Arts - Little EGO

Drama club for kids aged 4 to 8 at EGO Arts Venue, Fleet St, Coventry City Centre. Little EGO is an inclusive, welcoming theatre group. Learn skills and confidence, make new friends and take to the stage! [Free taster session Friday 30 January, 4.30pm to 6pm.](#)

Heart of England Music - Digital Music Festival

Heart of England Music is delighted to announce the return of its Digital Music Festival, taking place on 20 March 2026, following the outstanding success of last year's event.

Anything goes – as long as it fits within one minute. Performances previously featured individual young musicians alongside groups, bands, choirs, orchestras and whole-class music lessons, reflecting the huge breadth of musical activity taking place across the Heart of England Music Hub region. For any queries, please contact info@heartofenglandmusic.com.

Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation is another tune from Ed Sheeran: 'Sapphire', which the children have enjoyed



We wish our Y6 children and staff safe travels for this Sunday, as they go on their trip to Plas Dol-y-moch. We hope you have a great time!

Thank you to Mrs Tompkins, Miss Thomson, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Richardson, Miss Clyde and Mrs Quayle for giving up their time to take them.

We have attached some flyers showing useful courses and information below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

Y2M	Rihanna	Y3N	Mollie-May
YRMC	Joziah	Y3C	Emme-J
		Y5CW	Owain
		Y5CW	Trinity
		Y5M	Katarzyna
		Y6CT	Millee
We hope you all have A lovely Birthday			

Attendance for this week							
Whole School attendance 95.3%							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	97.5%	94.7%	96.5%	95.8%	94.2%	96.7%	91.3%
Congratulations to YR for the highest attendance of 97.5% this week!							

HEAD TEACHERS MERIT

Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Saoirse Walsh
Shynia Harris



Y6 Miss Thompson

Wojtek Dobrzynski
Luke McGinn

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Mikolaj Dobosz
Owain Connell

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Cohan O'Sullivan
Krystal Sebastiyan

Y4 Mr Richardson

Tymon Rozanski
Johann Jotham

Y4 Mrs Ward

Naheer Filmon
Amber Jebson

Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Alfie Lasek
Mollie-May Hobbis

Y3 Miss Clyde

Emme-J Broom
Jakub Mukosiej

Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Ted Keane
Rebecca Downey

Y2 Mr Newell

Miller Ward
Lilly Gavin

Y1 Mrs Parkes & Mrs Twycross

Sean Fitzpatrick Harkin
Teresa Chwalek

Y1 Miss Brown

Oleg Szydlowski
Arthur Madeira

YRH Miss Heaphy

Caoilinn Walsh
Cillian Kennedy

YRMcG Miss McGrath

Penelope Taylor
Myla Fallon

Nursery Superstars

James Wileman
Olivia Pozarlik

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

HAVE YOUR SAY

& WIN A
£100
GIFT
CARD



HOLBROOKS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

We are now in the second year of funding from the National Lottery to help the Holbrooks community thrive.

We want to hear from you about the skills, training, support, or hobbies you'd like to see in Holbrooks.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey and help shape Holbrooks into a better place to Live, Work and Play.

Scan the QR code, visit [surveymonkey.com/r/TK7W2KN](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TK7W2KN), or pop into 115 Holbrook Lane (by the Park) and we'll help you complete it.

Complete the survey for a chance to win a £100 gift card!

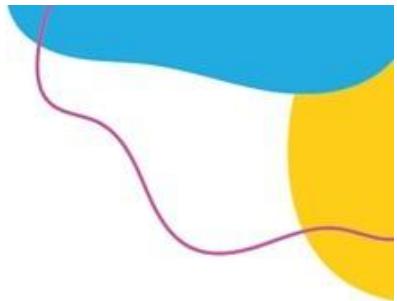


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Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Mood Boosters

Our mood can change, and this is completely normal. You may notice that sometimes you are feeling more tired than usual, maybe stressed or experiencing difficulties with schoolwork or friendships. Situations like these may cause you to feel a bit low, it can be really helpful to talk about these things with an adult, or someone you trust.

Whilst it is normal to feel this way at times, there are things we can do to **boost** our mood and help us to feel happier. By doing more of the things we love and value, or 'doing more of what matters', we can boost our mood. This helps us to feel less tired, have an increased sense of achievement, feel better about ourselves and have some fun!

Our tips for boosting your mood:

1. Have a look at the **BBC Moodboosters** video resources by scanning the QR code. There are a selection of videos to try, you could do these with a friend/ family member, with your class, or by yourself. But most importantly, have fun!



BBC
Moodboosters!

2. The **five ways to wellbeing** - can you challenge yourself to try one of these for each day over the next week! Watch the video on the QR code for more information.

- **Connect** - Reach out to a friend/family member, listen to music that reminds you of happy memories, look at old photographs, or arrange activities with friends.
- **Be Active** – Try different ways to get your body moving. You could dance, walk, skip, or hula hoop!
- **Take Notice** - Spend time outside appreciating nature, maybe on your way to school or practise mindfulness
- **Keep Learning** - Read a new book, watch a documentary, follow a new recipe, or learn a new language.
- **Give** - Give someone you love a hug, hold the door open for the person behind you, or give your time to help others.



Five ways
to
wellbeing!

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.