

**Newsletter Spring Term Week 11**  
**Friday 27th March 2026**

**Holy Family Catholic Primary School**



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**Spotlight on Holy Week**



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## Catholic Life and Mission

### Reflecting on Holy Week



In this last week of term, we remembered Holy Week. We walked with Jesus as we recalled the final days of His life. We had an assembly every day and each year group led us in a different event.

**YR and Y1** reflected on how it begins with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, singing 'Hosanna, King of Kings' and waving palms. Then Jesus directing the Disciples to set up the upper room ready for the Last Supper.

**Y2** reflected on Tuesday and Spy Wednesday when Judas agrees to accept 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus. The Scribes and the pharisees wanted him to die and plotted against him.

**Y3** led us through Maundy Thursday where Jesus washed the Disciples feet, then sat down with them to break the bread and drink the wine at the last Supper.

**Y4** took us into Thursday night in the Garden of Gethsemane and reminded us that Jesus prayed the Lord's prayer - the 'Our Father' for the first time while the Disciples fell asleep. Followed by Judas betraying Jesus with a Kiss and his arrest.

**Y4W** led us in a beautiful Mass today with a reflection on Holy week.

**Y5** ended our week this afternoon, with Good Friday when the children led us reverently and beautifully in a dramatisation of the Stations of the Cross linked to our Catholic Social Teaching. It was a very moving experience for all the children.

**We now look forward to the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.**



### Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Y3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time on Thursday. We continue to pray for you and your families as you continue your journey of faith and prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May. Thank you to Fr Charles and the Y3 staff for preparing the children so well.



### SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & THE EASTER TRIDUUM (MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH UNTIL EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL)

**Confessions:** Normal times on Palm Sunday. For the rest of Holy Week: from 1 hour before all services, until 10 minutes before it, then again after.

**Sunday 29th March:** Palm Sunday Mass 5.00 p.m. (Sat) – Mass 10.00 a.m. (Sun)

**Holy Week Mass:** Mon 30<sup>th</sup>, Tue 31<sup>st</sup>, Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

**5.00-5.50** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**6.00 p.m.** – Mass



**Maundy Thursday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> April – **7.00 p.m** - Mass of the Last Supper, followed by the Solemn watch at the altar of repose, until midnight.

**Good Friday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April – **12.00 noon** – Children’s Stations of the Cross

**3.00 p.m.** – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

**6.00 p.m.** – Stations of the Cross, followed by Veneration of a Relic of the True Cross

**Holy Saturday:** 4<sup>th</sup> April – NB – no 5.00 pm Mass today.

**8.00 p.m.** – Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection and First Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> April – **10.00 a.m.** Mass

[Link for Parish newsletter](#)



### Lenten Charity (Give)

KS2 have been taking part in the big lent walk to raise money for CAFOD. We will continue collecting money and walking after Easter.

Please see the attached poster for more information and the QR code to donate.



### KS1 Toy Sale

Thank you to all who donated to the KS1 toy sale – we managed to raise a fantastic amount of **£176.70** which will be donated to Fr Hudson’s Caritas



### Prepare for this Sunday’s Gospel:

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the Gospel is from, Matthew 21:1-11. Crowds cheered and spread palm branches in the path in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you. The link will take you to a Wednesday word booklet covering all Sundays across the Easter break. [click this link for the Wednesday word](#)



**We are getting the date out early!**

**Our School and Parish Gala Day will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

This will be our traditional format, comprising of our school sports day along with stalls, entertainment and refreshments.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of this event with the Friends of Holy Family Committee – please contact the school office

### Staffing update

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Wood back to school after Easter. She will be returning as class teacher for 3 days (M-W) in Y1 with Mrs Parkes.

### Match Reports

#### **Match Report 1 – Holy Family Boys Football**

##### **Thursday 19th March**

The Holy Family boys put in a spirited performance against St Mary and St Benedict’s in a very competitive game. They started strongly, playing with real directness and intent, though they looked a little shaky when out of possession. At 2–2, the match felt fair and evenly balanced, but the opposition then scored twice in quick succession to make it 4–2.

Showing brilliant grit and determination, Holy Family fought back superbly, scoring three unanswered goals to complete a remarkable comeback and **win 5–4**.

## Match Report 2 – Holy Family Girls Football (Coventry Schools League)

Friday 20th March

The Holy Family girls returned to league action against Stivichall Primary after a break from playing, but they showed no signs of rust. Their togetherness and positional awareness were excellent, helping them build confident passages of play throughout the match. The team linked up brilliantly in attack and stayed organised defensively.

Their control and teamwork earned them a convincing **5–0 win**

## Match Report 3 – Holy Family Girls Football (Coventry Cup)

Monday 23rd March

Riding the confidence from their previous match, the Holy Family girls delivered another outstanding performance in the Coventry Cup. They began the game brilliantly, playing with energy, structure, positivity. The defensive efforts were superb, with the team showing great discipline and commitment. Once again, they turned defence into attack with some excellent passing and transitions, creating numerous scoring opportunities. Their quality shone through as they finished with a dominant **6–1 victory**.

## Match Report 4 – Holy Family Netball

On Thursday Holy Family took on Christ the King at netball. It was a tough game from the start with CTK scoring 3 goals in the first quarter. We managed to pull a goal back thanks to Jemima but we were still behind at the end of the second quarter. CTK proved worthy opponents, and despite a good comeback with goals from Caiden and Cara we lost 9-3. Miss Healy and I are so proud of the team's resilience and sportsmanship.

Player of the match went to Poppy.

[FREE Summer uniform! – see poster below](#)

### Free Family Learning Courses

Please see the attached posters for free family learning courses that parents may find useful, some focus on supporting children with the current curriculum and one is an evidence based parenting course.

### Holiday Activity clubs through HAF

Please see attached poster for sessions during the Easter holiday that HAF have available. HAF bookings are now LIVE. They have an extensive range of bookable activities available and there is something for every child to enjoy. For eligible children who have an EHCP they have experiences at a number of venues, including Red Kangaroo, Spencer's Retreat, Twycross Zoo and many more. Book up quickly, as places and activities are limited.

### Coventry Family Hubs Easter Timetable

Please see the attached poster for the Coventry family hub Easter activity timetable – please scan the QR code to access the full timetable.

### Coventry Rocks

Please [click here](#) for an interactive guide from Coventry Rocks to show what's on over Easter.



### Eating out over Easter

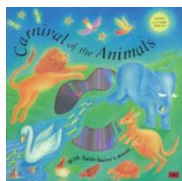
Please see the attached poster for places where kids can eat free of for £1 over Easter.

### Day of Action for Nature

See poster below for two exciting projects happening in The War Memorial Park on Saturday, **18th April 10am – 2pm**. They are looking for YOUR HELP with lots of fun nature activities to join in with.

## Twycross Zoo

Leaflets have gone home with the children this week for a brilliant discount off tickets for Twycross Zoo.



### Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation is Carnival of the Animals by French composer Camille Saint-Saens, born in 1835. Carnival of the Animals was originally written as a light hearted joke for his friends – he never intended for it to be heard by the public!



Have a lovely Easter Holiday with your families.  
We will see you all on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs G Griffiths  
Headteacher



					
Y2N	Lena Bednarz	Y3N	Kade Cosnett		
Y1B	Amelie Gould	Y3C	Helana Sutharson		
Y2N	Una-Maeve Mills	Y4R	Orla Grove		
YRMcG	Zayden Gumbo	Y3C	George Gardner		
YRH	Arthur Flowers	Y5CW	Nirvana Giampaglia		
Y1B	Dathan Efianayi	Y3N	Janina Chwalek		
Y1P/T	Vinnie Glover	Y4W	Naher Filmon		
Y2M	Teodor Buniak	Y3N	Victoria Christopher		
Y2N	Ozias Conway	Y5CW	Jacob Sidgwick		
Y2M	Joseph Martin	Y6CT	Conor Skeffington		
Y2M	Ada McGuire	Y4R	Janelle Egboja		
		Y3N	Alfie Lasek		

**We hope you all have a lovely birthday!**

		<b>Attendance for this week</b> <b>Whole School attendance</b> <b>94.9%</b>						
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Attendance	97.3%	93.5%	95.2%	95%	93.8%	95.7%	94%	

**Congratulations to YRMcG for the highest attendance of 98.3% this week!**



## Spring End of Term Merits

### Y6CT

*Cara Corr-Wilson*

*Lily Grace Jackson*

*Conor Appleby*

*Brodie Sutton*

*Ava Sutcliffe*

### Y5M

*Rory Maloney*

*Zachary Healey-Host*

*Kasia Gawron*

*Victoria Malinowska*

*Lennon Hollingsworth*

### Y3N

*Mason Shaw*

*Edythe Collins*

*Janina Chwalek*

*Alfie Lapek*

*Jack Stokes*

### Y2N

*Holly Neilson*

*Isla Williams*

*Aaron Antonjeyaraj*

*Lilly Gavin*

*Marcel Lesien*

### YRH

*Eden Williams*

*Emmelia Fernando*

*Dennis Byrne*

*Cillian Kennedy*

*Hugo Earley*

### Y6ST

*Jayden Benoy*

*Josh Benoy*

*Darcy Blackstock*

*Kara Donaldson*

*Jessica Sidgwick*

### Y4W

*Alina Stapor*

*Angelica Garside*

*Ewan Martin*

*Oliwier Bedharz*

*Tony Wilfred*

### Y3C

*Emelia Ashton*

*Isaac Walton*

*Ethan Farrell*

*Deanna Efanaya*

*Helana Sutharson*

### Y1B

*Ethan Carvalho*

*Arthur Madeira*

*Lilly Sobczak*

*Serena Rock*

*Ayden Sidle*

### Y5CW

*Ellie-Mai Herriott*

*Jessica Downey*

*Leon Douglas*

*Oliver Kirkland*

*Taylor Faulkner*

### Y4R

*Elsie Byrne*

*Janelle Egboja*

*Leon Herriot*

*Layla Newman*

*Ogochukwu Nnabube*

### Y2M

*Maisie Nagra*

*Joseph Martin*

*Nathaniel Lydon*

*Isabella Maguire*

*Ezra Lucas*

### Y1T/P

*Jazlyn Franklin*

*Mirabel Nguu*

*Cillian Gormley*

*Erina Cengu*

*Jayden Awotwe*

### YRMcG

*Albertina Benson*

*Keilan Doherty*

*Alexander Bennett*

*Eirinn Giddings*

*Penelope Taylor*

*Well done to all of you!*



# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



## ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

## ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

## BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April

## BREWDOG

Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

## CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

## COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

## CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

## DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

## FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March – 17th April

## FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

## FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

## MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

## PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

## PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

## PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

## SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## SUBWAY

Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

## SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

## TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

## TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

## TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

## WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This Lent, our charity focus in Holy Family KS2 will be CAFOD's **Big Lent Walk**, a nationwide challenge inviting families, schools and communities to walk in solidarity with others and help bring **life-saving water** to communities around the world. CAFOD encourages participants to walk during the 40 days of Lent to raise funds supporting people in places such as Ethiopia and Peru, where access to clean water can transform daily life.

As part of our school effort, we will be **promoting walking to school**—especially as the weather begins to improve—and pupils will also take part in **guided walks around the local area during school time**.

Pupils and their families can support in two simple ways:

- Get your friends and family to sponsor your child's walking, or
- **Make a direct donation** via our special Holy Family fundraising webpage. ([Click here](#))

We have set a very achievable target of **£600 for Key Stage 2**, which works out at **£2.50 per pupil** or just **£75 per class** across Years 3 to 6. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity during this season of Lent. If you'd like to know more about 'Cafod's The Big Lent Walk' including a little video [click here](#).



Scan the QR code to donate



# The War Memorial Park – Day of Action for Nature

## Saturday, 18th April 10am – 2pm

The Friends of the War Memorial Park and the Park Staff want to encourage everyone to take an **active** interest in the Park by asking for **YOUR HELP** with two new exciting projects.

The first is the conversion of the old Footgolf area into a new biodiverse area for wildlife. The overall changes will be overseen by the Park's team and the area will change, over time, to a combination of wetlands, wild grasslands, a seasonal pond and two wildflower meadows. As a first action we need to get some base line records by doing some bird/butterfly/insect and other surveys and we need **YOUR HELP** to do this.

The second project is the creation of a new Labyrinth in one of the old bowling green areas. The turf has been cut to prepare the labyrinth layout, and the topiary Elephant will soon be moved into the middle to create a centre point. We now need **YOUR HELP** to plant the wildflower borders within the Labyrinth.

By **helping** us on April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Community can learn more about the wildlife that is currently living in the park through a variety of activities aimed at creating records of the species present at the park. (The findings of the day will help to create 'baseline records' of the ecology of the park which we can build on going forward.) Some of the activities we are planning to do on the day are:

- **Creation of a species list over the course of the day** – recorded on a whiteboard so that participants can see the list grow as the day goes on. *Ongoing Throughout Day*
- **Casual recording of all wildlife via the iNaturalist app.** - *Ongoing throughout day.*
- **Guided bird walk** – A transect route around the park focussed on habitat types, how they might change and which bird species may be attracted. Simple ID of common bird songs and calls will also be covered. *Guided activity for 30 mins.*
- **Guided River Dip** – Survey of the brook by 'kick sampling' using the Urban Riverfly Methodology. *Guided activity 30 mins*
- **Pond Dipping Activity** – Assessment of ponds at the site and potential pond dipping activity and looking at area around ponds (turning over logs etc.) focus on amphibians and how the site supports them via the pond. *Guided Activity 30 mins.*
- **Wildflower Safari** – A guided transect of the area looking at the community of flowering plants present. Forming a baseline and thinking about how this may be enhanced in the future. *Guided activity 30mins*
- **Sweep Netting Activity** – Running a sweep net through the long grass to see what we find. Likely to find multiple species of invertebrate which can then be photographed and recorded. *Ongoing Activity.*
- **Workshop** for creation of Bird Boxes / Tables / Bug boxes, etc., to take home or to erect in the Park. *Guided Activity of one or two 30 min sessions depending on participating numbers.* (Link with the Guided bird walk above and the creation of the species list.)
- **Labyrinth Wildflower Planting** – *Possibly a big planting session at the end of the day.*
- **Other Activities** – litter picking sessions. *Monitored Ongoing Activity 30 min sessions.*

We all care deeply about the natural world and want to see it protected and restored. Come along for the whole day from 10am through to 2pm or just join in for just an hour or two. You will enjoy getting out in the fresh air and learning more about the natural environment in the Park and how it supports wildlife. You will also be helping the Park team and the Friends to improve our wonderful Park.

Please join us on **April 18th**

# Easter Holiday Timetable

30th March 2026 -  
10th April 2026

Find out about the **FREE** activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the Easter holidays.



SCAN FOR FULL  
TIMETABLES



## For more information

If you require help and support during this time, please **drop into** any of our Family Hubs or call the free telephone number on **08008870545** and a member of the team will be there to help you.

Please note, activities are correct at the time of print. Please see social media for updates. You can follow your local Family Hub on Facebook.



# Coventry HAF

Holiday Activities and  
Food Programme 2026

**28 March - 12 April 2026**

**Be inspired and try some free  
activities this school holiday**

**Activities including:** archery, coding/gaming, cooking, crafts,  
dance, media, sports, theatre, trips and more - **all with free food**

**Book  
now**

No HAF  
code required



For more information visit [coventry.gov.uk/haf](https://coventry.gov.uk/haf)  
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# Get ready for the School Summer Term



Preloved school summer dresses, shorts, sun hats & swimwear



**10:30AM  
- 1PM**

**JUST DROP IN  
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED  
10 NAPIER ST, CV1 5PR**



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# Join our **free** 10-week online course

## **Positive Family Foundations**

### **This course is for**

All Coventry mums, dads and carers with children aged 0-10

### **What you'll learn**

How children develop with practical examples to support behaviour, well-being and mental health

### **What we do**

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

### **Where it is**

A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like

### **When it is**

Online, from **Monday 20 April** for **10 weeks**

### **How to join**

View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at **coventry.gov.uk/adulted**

Or scan the QR code to enrol

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

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'I found out loads of different ways to help my son feel calmer'



Find out more about supporting your child with primary school English

# Join our **free** 10-week online course

## English in the Primary School

### **This course is for:**

All Coventry mums, dads and carers with children aged 2-10

### **What you'll learn:**

The English words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home

### **What we do:**

- Email you a new 30-minute course video each week
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## **Maths in the Primary School**

### **This course is for**

All Coventry mums, dads and carers with children aged 3-10

### **What you'll learn**

The maths words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home

### **What we do**

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# Positive Family Foundations

## This course is for

All Coventry mums, dads and carers  
with children aged 0-10

## What we do

- share information about child development and parenting styles
- give out practical resources and activities
- provide a welcoming and inclusive group
- have a drink and a snack

## Where it is

**Familles for All Family Hub**

454 Foleshill Road,  
Foleshill, Coventry

## When it is

1-3pm every Wednesday starting 22 April

## How to join

View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at  
**coventry.gov.uk/adulted**

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