

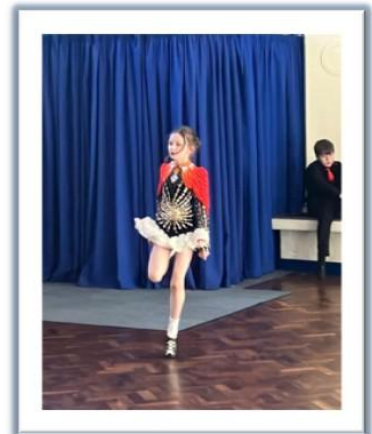
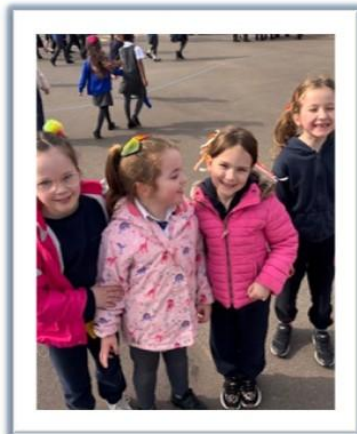
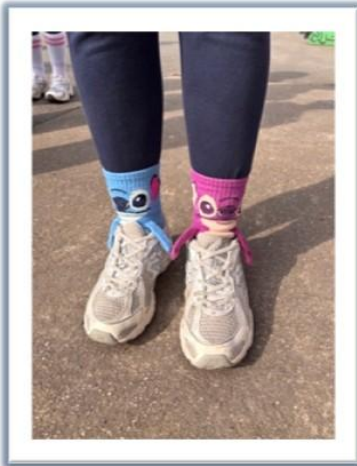
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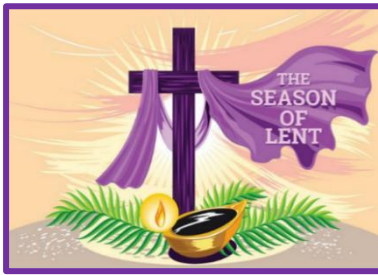
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## Catholic Life and Mission



### This week's Mission

This week, we thought about having confidence in God's compassion. We listened to the Gospel of John 9:1-15, 35-39. When Jesus saw the blind man in his suffering and need, He reached out to help him. Jesus not only gave sight to the man through His love and compassion, Jesus gave him eyes of faith and we are reminded that Jesus invites us to open our eyes of faith.

Following Jesus, and noticing how He treated those in need, gives us confidence to trust in God's compassion and love. We thought about how we might treat others with compassion and care. We reflected on how we can say 'Yes!' to the joy of faith that Jesus offers us by growing in our friendship with Him.

### Mass for the Feast of St Patrick

We all came together as a school to celebrate St Patrick's Day with Mass on Tuesday. Thank you to Y5CW who led our Mass so beautifully. Parishioners commented on the reverence of the children throughout.

After Mass we celebrated with Irish music and dancing with a special visit from our MP, Taiwo Owatemi, who was very impressed with our school and children.

Well done to Joe, Poppy, Annie, Jessica & Emmie for a fantastic performance of Irish dancing for our visitors and the whole school. We managed to get most of the school and teachers up dancing!

### Lenten Charity (Give)

A reminder that KS2 will be taking part in the CAFOD big Lent walk to raise money to fight global poverty.

See poster below for more information and the QR code to donate.



### KS1 toy sale

Y1 & 2 will be holding a toy sale on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any old toys to donate, please send them in by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you

### Prepare for this Sunday's Gospel: [click this link for the Wednesday word](#)

This Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and the Gospel is from, John 11:1-45. We see Jesus acting with compassion again as he raises Lazarus from the dead. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you.

This week we welcomed Hayley Toogood to our admin office team. We hope you will make her feel welcome and that she will be very happy working at Holy Family. She is looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.



**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

### **Spring Parent's Evenings – NEXT WEEK!**

Thank you to all those who have booked parents evening appointments so far. It is important for all parents to attend and book an appointment via this link [Login | Parents Booking](#).

**YN – Y5 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**(Y4R only – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 5.30 – 7.30pm)**

**YN - Y5 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 5.30pm**

### **World Down Syndrome Day.**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day so today children came in wearing colored hair pieces or odd socks to symbolize the uniqueness of every chromosome and to get people talking about Down Syndrome, it is also to recognise that we are all unique, different and special. Thank you to everyone who took part.



### **The Big Sing**



Holy Family Choir recently had the incredible opportunity to take part in The Big Sing in Leamington Spa, and what a memorable experience it was for everyone involved. Performing alongside so many other talented young singers created a truly uplifting atmosphere, filled with energy, teamwork, and a shared love of music.

A particular highlight of the event was the chance to perform with Tunde from the Lighthouse Family. His presence inspired the students and added a real sense of excitement to the day. Hearing his powerful voice live and singing together as one large choir was an unforgettable moment for our pupils.

The event not only showcased the choir's dedication and hard work but also helped build confidence and a sense of pride in representing Holy Family. Students returned feeling motivated, inspired, and even more passionate about music.

We are extremely proud of our choir for their commitment and enthusiasm, and we look forward to many more opportunities like this in the future.

## Holy Family Sparks Shine at Lyng Hall



Our Holy Family Sparks truly lived up to their name during their recent performance at Lyng Hall School. The children performed with great enthusiasm, energy, and confidence, making it a wonderful event for everyone involved.

Not only did they impress with their musical talents, but their behaviour throughout the visit was exemplary. They represented our school with pride, showing respect, focus, and a fantastic attitude from start to finish.

A particular highlight of the event was the grand finale, which brought together all the Sparks music groups. It was a joyful and uplifting moment, showcasing the power of music and collaboration—it was an absolute pleasure to watch.

We are incredibly proud of our Holy Family shining Sparks. Well done to each and every one of you—you were amazing! 🎉



## Morning of Music

### Year 1



On Tuesday, Year 1 took part in Mousike Ensemble at St John's CofE. We sang lots of songs about travel through the world but also life. We enjoyed singing and dancing with other children and made lots of new friends. We also performed our own party piece, Life is like a Highway, which got everyone singing along and dancing too! Well done Year 1 - you made us very proud!

### Year 5



This morning we had our annual Mousike Ensemble.

Led by Holy Family School, and joined by St Osburg's and Our Lady of the Assumption, the event brought together children in a wonderful celebration of music and creativity.

The theme of the performance was "Journeys"—and what a journey it was! Through song, instrumental pieces, and expressive performances, the children took us on a vibrant and emotional voyage, showcasing not only their musical talents but also their confidence and teamwork.

Every child played their part with enthusiasm and pride. From powerful singing to skilful instrumental playing, each performance reflected the dedication and hard work that had clearly gone into preparing for this special event. It was a joy to see such collaboration between the schools, creating something truly memorable.

We are incredibly proud of all the children involved. Their energy, commitment, and talent shone throughout the morning, leaving the audience uplifted and inspired.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Mousikē Ensemble—you took us on a journey we won't forget!

## ECO

On Wednesday morning, our Eco Team had the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with pupils from Cardinal Newman, who are currently engaged in the Environmental Leadership Certification programme in partnership with WWF. The day began with an engaging lesson on biodiversity, where students learned about the importance of various species and their roles in our ecosystem.



Serena, one of our enthusiastic team members, shared her excitement about the planting activity: "We put lavender and flowers in a pot to help the bees make honey." This hands-on experience not only reinforced the lesson on biodiversity but also highlighted the vital relationship between plants and pollinators.



The students embraced the activity with great enthusiasm, and as they dug into the soil and carefully placed the plants, it was clear that everyone was having a fantastic time. "We had lots of fun!" was a sentiment echoed by many, showcasing the joy of learning through practical involvement.



By the end of the session, the school grounds were adorned with beautiful new plants, contributing to a greener environment and supporting local wildlife. This collaboration was a brilliant example of how teamwork and education can come together to foster a love for nature and sustainability among young learners.

## Mental Health in Schools Team

Please see the attached flyer regarding helpful tips for wellbeing. The theme next week is: Positivity.

## Larks & Owls Easter Club



Holy Family Holiday Club are now taking bookings for Easter holidays. The closing date for bookings is **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Please call 07800634991 or email [LandO@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:LandO@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk) for more information.

## 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.

## 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.

## Children's Enterprise Fair

Please see the attached poster for a wonderful family event taking place this Saturday. One of our pupils, Ezra-Jay from year 2 will be holding a stall and would love to see some of you there!

## Meningitis

Please read the below message received from the Public Health Team with regards to the recent meningitis update:

You may have seen coverage in the news about the outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease (this is a form of meningitis) in Kent.

The UKHSA have produced a helpful blog which provides more information about meningitis which you may want to share with parents and carers.

[What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

This includes information about the vaccinations that are available which provide protection against some forms of meningitis and septicaemia.

If parents and carers are unsure whether their children are up to date with their vaccinations, please advise them to contact their GP practice. They can confirm their vaccination status and advise whether any catch-up doses are needed either at the practice or through the School Aged Immunisation Service.

If you have any queries, please contact the Public Health team by emailing [hpteam@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:hpteam@coventry.gov.uk)

### Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation is Irish Traditional Music, also known as Irish trad, Irish folk music and other variants. It is a genre of folk music that developed in Ireland



*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs G Griffiths  
Headteacher*

Y2N	Ethan McCarthy	Y5CW	Leia Ward
Y1PT	Zachary Cleary	Y5CW	Leonardo Mariadoss
Y2N	John Benson	Y5CW	Maddison-Leigh Beddow
Y1B	Michael Murray-Burch	Y6CT	Ava Sutcliffe
Y2M	Nathaniel Lydon		
Y1B	Anthony Nally		
<b>We hope you all have a lovely birthday!</b>			

<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Attendance for this week</b>  <b>Whole School attendance</b>  <b>95.7%</b> </div>							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.8%	94%	94.7%	96.2	99.2	97.8	94.8
<b>Congratulations to Y4W for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!</b>							

# HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

## Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Lily Grace Jackson  
Ivy Quinn



## Y6 Miss Thompson

Lena Dabrowska  
Chimdubem Nnatube

## Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Whole Class

## Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Whole Class

## Y4 Mr Richardson

Taedyn Chitermerere  
Ogochukwu Nnatube

## Y4 Mrs Ward

Delano Clark  
Amber Jebson-Hambly

## Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Arthur Poole  
Edythe Collins

## Y3 Miss Clyde

Ya'aqob Gill  
Thea Stephenson

## Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Ezra Lucas  
Teodor Buniak

## Y2 Mr Newell

Jake Naylor  
Victor Sawicki

## Y1 Mrs Parkes &

Mrs Twycross  
Vinnie Glover  
Hunter-Jax Gent

## Y1 Miss Brown

Jonah Kelly  
Paige Jebson-Hambly

## YRH Miss Heaphy

Rozalia Skiba  
Arthur Flowers

## YRMcG Miss McGrath

Keilan Doherty  
Leo-McCabe Montoro

## Nursery Superstars

Omorolake Rotilu  
Jordan Sebastijan

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



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Dimensions tool



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

## Positivity

*"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."* - Alice Morse Earle.

Positivity means focusing on the good things in life, even when things get tough. It's about thinking and acting in a way that makes you feel happy and hopeful. Being positive can help you feel better, solve problems, and have a more joyful life.

### Our tips for practising positivity:

- **Focus on the good** – Look for the positive in every situation. Every day, there is always something positive.
- **Use positive words** – Try saying things like "I can do this" or "I'll keep trying and I will get there".
- **Be kind to yourself** – Don't be too hard on yourself. Try to remind yourself that you are trying your best. Celebrate any small successes!
- **Practise gratitude** – Think about three things that you are thankful for each day. It could be something as simple as a sunny day or a friend saying something nice to you.
- **Spend time with positive people.**
- **Find something you enjoy** – Whether it is a hobby, sport, quality time with friends and family, or watching your favourite TV programme, doing something you love can bring you joy.
- **Try using positive affirmations** – Tell yourself one positive thing every day, like "I am enough" or "I am trying my best".
- **Help others** – Helping someone else, even in a small way, can make you feel good about yourself too.
- **Keep a positive journal** – Write down things that you are proud of or moments that made you smile.

### Positivity makes a big difference!

When you practise positivity, you start seeing the world in a brighter way. You can face challenges with confidence and believe in yourself.

Positivity is also contagious — when you're positive, you inspire others to be positive too!

**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.**

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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**

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# CHILDREN'S ENTERPRISE FAIR!

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Times: 11am - 1pm

At the John White Community Centre, CV3 2ED

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