

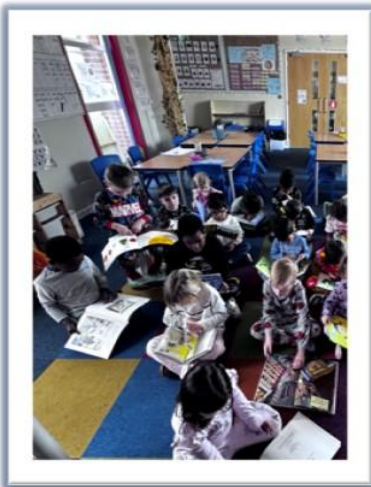
**Newsletter Spring Term Week 8
Friday 6th March 2026**



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

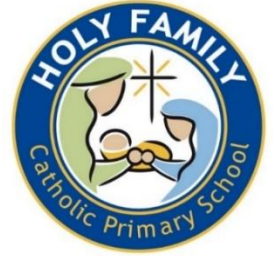
*Jesus said "Let the children come to me"
We live and learn and love in his way.*

Spotlight on World Book Day



Newsletter – Friday 6th March 2026 – Week 8

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



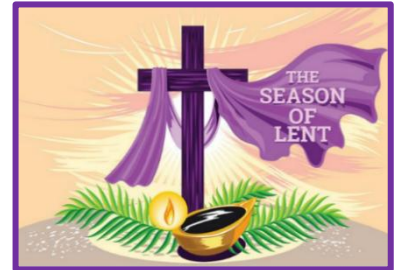
*Jesus said "Let the children come to me."
We live and learn and love in his way.*

Catholic Life and Mission

This week's Mission



During this week's Mission, we reflected on our half-term values: **Intentional & Prophetic**. We talked about how being intentional means thinking carefully about the choices we make, how we live our lives, and how we use the resources of the Earth. We try to always be guided by our conscience and make the right choices.



We also discussed what it means to be **prophetic** by setting a good example for others through our words and actions, following in Jesus' footsteps.

Our mission this week was to: **'Make time to listen to God and to do this intentionally'**.

During this season of Lent, we are all encouraged to think more carefully about our actions and try to live out these values each day.

Let us remember the things we should focus on more during Lent;

Pray, Give, Act.



Lenten Charity (Give)

KS2 will be taking part in the CAFOD big Lent walk again this year to raise money to fight global poverty. It helps us to walk in solidarity with others and help bring life-saving water to communities around the world. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to support our brothers and sisters around the world. [See poster below for more information and the QR code to donate.](#)

KS1 will be joining with all the Diocesan schools to take part in the 'Pledge £1' Fr Hudson's Caritas appeal! The children in **Y1 & 2** have asked if they could hold a toy sale to raise money, so watch out for more information.

Cardinal Newman Charity roadshow

Thank you to Cardinal Newman staff and pupils for bringing their charity roadshow to our school today. The children enjoyed lots of fun games, whilst raising money for Lenten charity. Well done all and thank you for your generosity in supporting this event. Holy Family raised an amazing £329 for the Lenten charities!

A message from Fr Charles **The building speaks**

A reminder that you are warmly invited to come in to Holy Family Church on **Fridays in Lent, from 2.40-2.55** to look at our church and things in it, to find out more about what these mean and the faith these show or to say a prayer. [Link for Parish newsletter](#)

Parish Book Sale - A big thank you from the Parish for donating books and supporting the book sale last week. This helped to raise £541 of much needed funds.

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

This Sunday the Gospel is from, John 4:5-42. We hear of the encounter with Jesus and a Samaritan woman at the well. This is a lovely story of an example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you.

Nursery Applications – September 2026

Allocations of nursery places for September 2026 were emailed out to parents on Tuesday 3rd March. Please follow the instructions on your offer letter to respond.

Spring Parent's Evenings

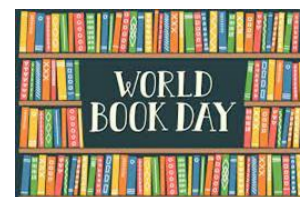
Thank you to all those who have booked parents evening appointments so far. It is important for all parents to attend and book an appointment via this link [Login | Parents Booking](#) . If you have any problems logging on, please contact the school office. If your child is on the SEND register you **do not need to book** via this appointment app.



YN – Y5 Tuesday 24th March 5.30pm - 7.30pm
(Y4R only – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th 5.30 – 7.30pm)
YN - Y5 Thursday 26th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm

World Book Day

On Thursday the children celebrated world book day and enjoyed coming into school **relaxed and ready to read** in their PJ's!! The children also enjoyed the teacher swap with them reading one of their favourite books to another year group. On Tuesday YR to Y3 had a great day with West End in School's Kaya, who delivered dance workshops through the story of Pinocchio. They all came together for a final performance at the end of the day. Well done!



Book Club

Book Club leaflets have gone home this week. If you would like to place an order you can do this by either clicking on the following link or copy it into your browser: <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-VX7X2LP9>
There are some lovely books to choose from. All orders must be placed by **Friday 20th March 2026**.

Secondary Admissions

Places were allocated to current Y6 pupils for secondary schools on Monday 2nd March. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Netball Match Report

On Monday, Holy Family travelled to St Osburg's for our netball game. After months of cancelled games, we were very excited to play! It was a tough game and after the first quarter we were 3-1 down. We didn't let this get to us though and we battled through the next quarter, but with goals from both teams we were still behind. That was until our super scorer Caiden came on and scored 5 goals in one quarter! We were winning going into the last quarter but St Osburg's were a good match for us and pulled it back. The final score was 9-7 to St Osburg's but myself and Miss Healy were so proud of our team's performance! Caiden received oppositions player of the match 🏆

Big Plastic Count

Holy Family have been challenged with taking part in the Big Plastic Count from 9th to 15th March and need your help! Please see the poster attached for further information.

Mental Health in Schools Team

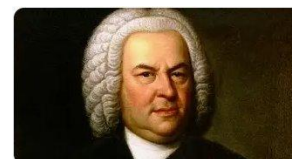
Please see the attached flyer regarding helpful tips for wellbeing. The theme next week is 'Nutrition'.

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.

Music Appreciation

This month we are celebrating Classical Music from Mozart. This week we celebrated Bach's 'The Double Violin Concerto', which is from the late Baroque era and composed around 1730. The German born, Bach, was proficient in multiple instruments including violin, organ, viola and harpsichord.



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

YRMcG	Albertina Benson	Y4R	Michael Ngwu
YRMcG	David Gonsalves	Y6ST	Jessica Sidgwick
YRH	Ciara Cuffe	Y6ST	Liam Cullen
Y1B	Paige Jebson-Hambly	Y6ST	Chimduben Nnatube
Y2M	Chimeremeze Nnatube	Y6CT	Antonia Malewska
We hope you all have a lovely birthday!			

Attendance for this week Whole School attendance 95%							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	93.9%	94.3%	95.7%	95.2%	96.1%	95%	93.7%
Congratulations to Y4W for the highest attendance of 96.4% this week!							



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Oliver Kelly
Millie Zaborowska



Y6 Miss Thompson

Joe Corcoran
Isla Varney

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Leah Pote
Willow Bishop

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Teddy Currie
Kasia Gawron

Y4 Mr Richardson

Elsie Bryne
Amelia Hamlin

Y4 Mrs Ward

Tony Wilfred
Isla Jackson

Y3 Mrs Nicholls &

Mrs Newman
Kalle Girling
Arthur Poole

Y3 Miss Clyde

Charlie Gough
Carmen Allen

Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Daniel Nkansah
Charlie Orton Dixon

Y2 Mr Newell

Charlene Charles
Marcel Lesien

Y1 Mrs Parkes &

Mrs Twycross
Zachary Cleary
Nathan Filmon

Y1 Miss Brown

Lilly Sobczak
Tobias Lasek

YRH Miss Heaphy

Jude McCloskey
Lewis Isherwood

YRMcG Miss McGrath

Alicia Lasek
Francesca Phipps

Nursery Superstars

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

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





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



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

Nutrition

Nutrition refers to the nutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really important for our **mental health!**

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

- 1. Get involved in the cooking**– Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with others and learn a new skill.
- 2. Make it fun**- There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.
- 3. Try something new**- When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.
- 4. Keep Hydrated**- Dehydration could lead to headaches, difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water, it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

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.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 9-15 MARCH

6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Family is taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

This March, thousands of people from across the country are joining the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste – Holy Family included! We'd love for your household to take part.

By counting every piece of plastic packaging you throw away in a week, you'll help pressure the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people.

Plastic is essential for many people to live safely and independently. But walk into any supermarket and you'll see the scale of the problem right there on the shelves: almost all of our food and household products are wrapped in plastic. How can we recycle our way out of the problem when too much plastic is being produced in the first place?

In previous years, The Big Plastic Count has revealed that most of our plastic isn't even recycled. Most of it is burned in the UK and the rest is sent overseas or to landfill – all of which harms people and planet. Since the last count, the UK has elected a new government – one that says it's serious about tackling plastic waste. This is our chance to put their promise to the test.

How to take part

- 1** Stick your Count Sheet somewhere noticeable – like the fridge
- 2** Tell everyone at home that you're counting plastic packaging and make sure they do, too.
- 3** Between **9-15 March**, count every piece of plastic packaging before you throw it away – whether you're at home, at school or on-the-go.

Your Count Sheet includes categories for different types of plastic. This means The Big Plastic Count team can figure out what happens to your plastic after you bin it. For help with categorising, and to see the things you don't need to count, head to: thebigplasticcount.com/plastic-id

Once your household has completed the investigation, your child should bring the Count Sheet to school on Monday 16th March to submit their results in class.

With your help, we'll create a fairer future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

Best wishes,
Mrs Griffiths



Find out more: thebigplasticcount.com



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



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



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
or email hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk



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

