

Newsletter Week 2 Summer Term  
Friday 19th April 2024



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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### Spotlight on Alton Castle







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### Catholic Life and RE

*We hope all our families had a lovely Easter holiday and have been filled with the joy of the Resurrection.*



#### Virtues and Values

Over this half term, the virtues and values that we are focusing on is Eloquent and Truthful. During our assembly on Tuesday, we really thought about the meaning of the words and how we can live them out in our school. We talked about always trying to explain our ideas clearly and be the best we can be by owning up to our mistakes. Jesus once said, "I am the way, the truth and the life". Over this half term let us grow and walk in Jesus' footsteps by developing an eloquent language which we can use to understand and articulate our emotions, beliefs, and questions. Let us always be truthful in the way we represent ourselves and speak about the world.

#### Y2 Mass

Thank you to all that attended our beautiful Mass on Monday. The children read beautifully and the singing, as always was wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Marlowe for organising and to Father Pat for leading such a lovely Mass.

#### Sacraments

Please can I remind Y6 parents that next week we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Commitment parents meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We look forward to seeing you all to help prepare your child for Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to all that attend Y3 3<sup>rd</sup> Commitment meeting this week. Today the teachers have sent out the information that you will need for the day. If you didn't receive any information, please get in touch.

#### Y5 Alton Castle Trip

The children in year 5 have had a lovely few days in Alton Castle. It has been full of fun, adventure and, of course, prayer and reflection. Both Holy Family staff and Alton Castle staff have commended the children on their behaviour. I am sure they can't wait to tell you all about it! Please go to our school Twitter page to look at their photos. Next week we will have more pictures on the newsletter. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on the trip. We really appreciate you giving up your time to give the children such a great adventure.

#### International Cross of Nails Schools

We are very pleased to inform you of our successful application to become an International Cross of Nails School. Established by Coventry Cathedral, ICONS is a growing network of schools around the world. The award recognises the initiatives, commitment and passion of the staff, pupils and community of Holy Family to embed reconciliation as core to our school's ethos and practise. To achieve the award and ICONS status, we have had to evidence work focusing on 'Healing the wounds of History', 'Living with difference and celebrating diversity' and 'Building a culture of Peace'. We showed our visitor a range of work ranging from Reception all the way to Year 6. As you will see in the letter attached to the newsletter, representatives of the Community of the Cross of Nails from the United States of America, South Africa, Asia, Canada and Europe gave it their seal of approval too.

To receive our Cross of Nails statue, we are going to be taking the children from Reception to Year 6 to the Cathedral on **Tuesday 11th June at 10am** for a special service. We would be



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delighted if our parents to join us there too so please save the date! More details about this special event will follow in the next few weeks.

**Wednesday Word** Please see this week's Wednesday Word to pray together as a family; [Click here](#)

### **Y5& Y6 Youth Group**

Youth group will be back on Tuesday 23rd April 7.00pm until 8.30pm. It is £1.00 entrance, and the children can purchase items from the tuck shop.

### **Act of Kindness**



Before the Easter break, we informed you that Adelyn in Y1TP was having her hair cut to raise money for the Little Princess Trust. She has gone through with it and her hair looks super. But more importantly, she has managed to raise £1239! Adelyn, we are so proud of you here at Holy Family and think that you are a hair-o (hero with a haircut). What an achievement.



### **A message from the School Council MAD HAIR DAY New Date Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Our first fundraising day is a **MAD HAIR DAY** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We are asking for a minimum of £2 per pupil for this, however we understand that these are challenging times therefore any contribution would be highly appreciated.

### **Year 2 Space trip**

On Wednesday 17th April, Year 2 visited 'The National Space Centre' in Leicester. The children explored all of the many mini exhibitions around the centre and learnt more about the planets, constellations and galaxies in space. Children had a hands-on experience solving puzzles, launching mini rockets and actually sitting inside a flight deck of a space shuttle. It was amazing to watch a virtual space shuttle take off and see a female astronaut attempting to wash her hair whilst gravity free in space! The space centre even had a 'typical 1969' lounge, which displayed a 1960's TV, radio and telephone, as well as old fashioned furniture and carpet to match!

Later in the afternoon, the children experienced the 'Patrick Moore Planetarium'. This was like a cinema which had a virtual film surround of night and day. It explained how the earth spins and travels around the sun...it made us all very dizzy! Year 2's behaviour was as usual 'outstanding' and they had the best time! Thank you, Mrs Marlowe, Miss Clyde, Mrs Kang, & Mrs Mainwaring for giving the children this experience.







### Turning ECO Batteries into Book

We need your help at turning batteries into books! We now have a battery recycling box at school located in the school office. Please bring your old batteries in and Valpak will donate books to school as a result. We will be keeping a tally of the amount we collect and keep you posted. Please see the poster below for further information.



### Wellies

If you have any old wellies could you please consider donating these to school. They are very useful particularly so the children can take part in the outdoor actives for the Eco garden. We are looking for range of sizes. Thank you.

### Plastic Bottle tops

If you have any clean bottle lids please can you bring them into school. We would like to make eco signs with them, signposting everyone to our eco stations and recycling bins around school. We ask for any colour and size: plastic bottle lids, milk tops, pop bottles - even coffee or gravy lids! We are also hoping for donations of outdoor varnish and any short screws if anyone has any spare that you wouldn't mind parting with. Thank you!



### Scholastic Books

Thank you to all of the families that purchased books and other items from the Scholastic book fair. Please see photograph attached showing some of the books that we have been able to get from Scholastic so far using the rewards. Thank you for your continous support. It really makes a difference.

### School Nursing Newsletter

Please see attached information we have received from our school nurses.

### Sports Activities

We are really pleased that so many children have signed up to the after school activities. Please can I remind all parents that your child must be picked up on time from the teacher at the school gate on the Penny Park Lane side. It is really important that you keep all of your contact details up to date on 'SIMS parent' incase we need to contact you if there are any emergencies, changes or cancellations to these activities.



## Boot Fund

We have been advised that the school boot fund applications are now open, and the closing date is **Tuesday 30th April**. The Boot fund is for our low-income families. If you require a boot fund form to see if you are eligible, please come in to the school office to complete an application before the closing date

## School Food Ordering NEW Summer Term Menus

Please remember to order you child's meals on Sunday evening for the week. Again, this week the office had to chase parents to remind them to order their child's meal choice. If children's school meals are not ordered, this will result in your child not being able to have their food choice. **If your child has an allergy and they are having school meals the office staff will have contacted, you regarding your child's menu.**



## St George's Day in Broadgate

This year we have been notified that Broadgate will be transformed into the home of mythical dragons, knights, princesses, and an array of traditional entertainment suitable for the entire family!



So, calling all young knights and warrior maidens, can you help the Knight of the Realm join the Order of St George: Defender of Dragons? Meet St George's Dragon on **Tuesday 23 April from 12pm – 2:30pm** as well as performances by Coventry Morris Men.

Help the larger than life St George find his missing mount from **11am – 3pm on Saturday 20 April**. The Damsels in Distress will be riding around Broadgate on their delightfully dippy dragons, in search of their prince charming as well as performances by Brass Band Central England.

## Scooters and Bikes on the playground

Please be reminded that children should **not** be riding their scooters and bikes on the playground. We have had a number of near-misses of children nearly colliding with people walking. Parents, pupils and younger children should be able to walk around our site safely and this is not possible when children are riding around. We appreciate that it seems like a good space for it however, riding bikes and scooters needs to wait until children are off premises. Staff will ask children to dismount if they see them. Thank you for your support.

## Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation is from is focused on Rock n Roll -This week the children have listened to- Bill Haley Rock & round the clock tonight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgdufzXvjqw>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Griffiths  
Headteacher





## Attendance & Punctuality for this week

### Whole School attendance 95.1%



	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	91.1%	93.6 %	95.9%	96.4%	94.5%	99.3 %	95.7%

Well done to Y5 for 99.3% the highest attendance this week!



Y2C	DOTTY	Y5CW	MAX
Y3PS	ANNIE	Y5CW	TOLA
Y3PS	RORY	Y6CT	GEORGIA
Y3PS	TEDDY	YRK	ARLOE
Y3RS	LAYLA	YRW/C	FRANKIE
Y4W	CONOR	YRW/C	TEODOR

Happy Birthday to you we hope you all Enjoy celebrating



# HEAD TEACHERS MERIT

**Y6 Mrs Tompkins**  
Patryk Leczycki  
Ollie Birtles



**Y6 Miss Thompson**  
Angel Gharu  
Marek Sorokin

**Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson**  
Whole Class

**Y5 Mr Newell**  
Whole Class

**Y4 Mr Richardson**  
Lily-Grace Jackson  
Caitlin Boland

**Y4 Mrs Ward**  
Ava Sutcliffe  
Ella-Rose Oates

**Y3 Mrs Silvera**  
Dominic Keating  
Hannah Rusiecka

**Y3 Mrs Nicholls**  
Cavan Shannon  
Oliver Kirkland

**Y2 Mrs Marlowe**  
Whole Class

**Y2 Miss Clyde**  
Whole Class

**Y1 Mrs Twycross/Mrs Parkes**  
Carmen Allen  
Sophia Jukes

**Y1 Miss Brown**  
Aahana Lealh  
Izzy Osei

**YR Mrs Kailey**  
Aaron Antonjeyaraj  
Dexter Goddard

**YR Mrs Wood/Mrs Cole**  
Chimeremeze Nnatube  
Ezra Lucas

## Nursery Superstars

Kealan Oates  
Michael Murray-Burch

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

*Keep it up from  
Mrs Griffiths*



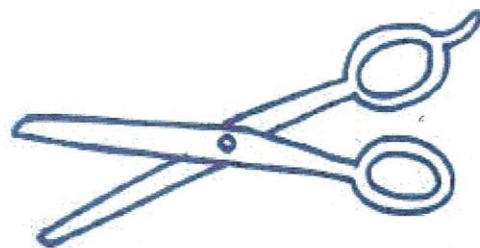


Thank you! 

Adelyn O'Callaghan

for kindly donating your hair

Your wonderful donation makes a real difference to children affected by hair loss



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# HELP US PROTECT THE PLANET BY RECYCLING BATTERIES!

Recycle  Read

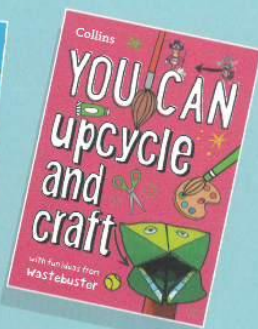
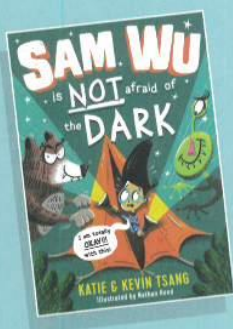


Did you know around **600 million** batteries are thrown away each year in the **UK**? Your school is recycling batteries to care for the environment.

**YOU CAN HELP TOO!**

**YOUR MISSION** is to collect used batteries from home and bring them into school. Every battery counts!

By collecting batteries we can also get discounted books and have a chance to win books too.



To find out more, head to: [jointhepod.org/batteries](http://jointhepod.org/batteries)

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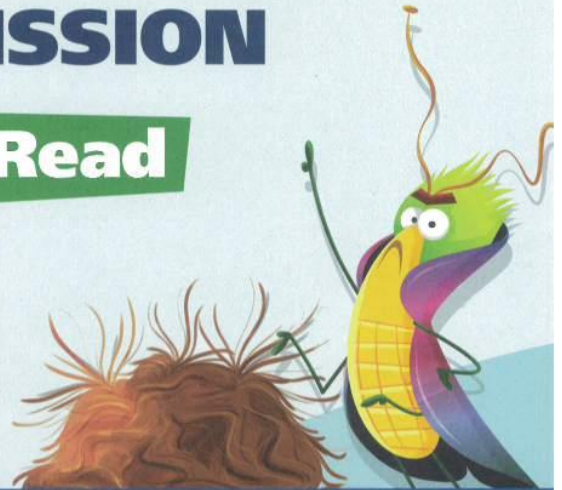
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# WASTEBUSTERS BATTERY RECYCLING MISSION

Recycle  Read



Our school is recycling batteries to protect the planet... every battery counts!

This is your chance to help and you could win prizes!\*



## YOUR MISSION

1. Hunt out used batteries at home! These are the batteries we are collecting... **AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and BUTTON BATTERIES**
2. Take them to your school's collection point (ask your teacher where your collection point is)
3. Enter the prize draw at [jointhepod.org/win](http://jointhepod.org/win)

## PRIZES



Marley Positive Vibration Recycled Plastic Headphones

Super Nature Lego



Smart Green Science Weather Station

NIKE Nature Skills Football



RESIST WASTE Eastpak Backpack

Refillable Ocean Saver Water Bottle



To find out more, head to: [jointhepod.org/batteries](http://jointhepod.org/batteries)



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# COVENTRY SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

Primary Schools



## Welcome to the Summer 2024 term!

The school nursing service works all year round, Monday to Friday excluding public and bank holidays! Our details are at the bottom of the page.

Here's a reminder of what the school Nursing team can support you with:

- Toileting
- Sleep
- Challenges with eating and diet
- Delivering the NCMP for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- Puberty
- Emotional health and how to relax
- Managing behaviour
- Hygiene

### Confidentiality

Whilst we offer confidentiality, the school Nursing Team works in partnership with other agencies, where information may need to be shared in your child's best interest.

### Consent

The School Nurse Team will obtain consent from parents and carers before supporting children and young people. In secondary schools, young people can access the School Nurse independently for advice and support without parental consent. However, we always encourage young people to speak with their parent/carer.

## DO YOU AND YOUR CHILD HAVE AN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY APPROACH TO SATS?

Not all children thrive on the challenge or look forward to SATs and for those that don't, it can be an opportunity to instil resilience and learn to manage stress rather than avoid.

Starting a buddy system with peers in the class can give even the least confident an opportunity to support others.

Introducing mindfulness into your daily routine can help give you and your child the ability to stay focused, present and engaged. Visit [www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/](http://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/) for some free exercises to try.

[www.home.oxfordowl.co.uk/ks2-sats-support/](http://www.home.oxfordowl.co.uk/ks2-sats-support/) for advice on how to help your child achieve their best.

Twinkl have created some useful resources, which can be accessed from here: [www.tinyurl.com/dttbes8d](http://www.tinyurl.com/dttbes8d) you can sign up for a free account and access the free resources by filtering your search.

We are able to offer the online Solihull Approach courses to parents in this area, using the code BEAR you can access courses in understanding your child's feelings, their mental health and wellbeing plus more.

Visit [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) to find more.

## Water Safety in the Garden

- Cover any water storage tanks, hot tubs, and drains.
- Ensure that your garden hosepipe is turned off at the main tap to prevent unsupervised access by children.
- If you have a garden pond, make sure it is surrounded by a strong cover or barrier to keep children safe.
- Do not leave children unsupervised near a garden water feature.
- After use, make sure to drain paddling pools, buckets, or containers and place them upside down

Safety around water is a huge topic, visit [www.capt.org.uk/drowning/](http://www.capt.org.uk/drowning/) for further advice.

### Contact Us

**Coventry School Nurse Team:**  
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**ChatHealth 07507 329 114 (Parent Line)**

**Charter Avenue School Nurse Team:**  
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Coventry School  
Nursing Team



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## UPCOMING AWARENESS DAYS

**Child safety Week, 3rd to 9th June 2024**  
The theme from the Child Accident Prevention Trust this year is Safety. Sorted!  
All children should have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm.  
With one small change families can stop a serious accident. To view their free resources visit [tinyurl.com/mwkr48h](http://tinyurl.com/mwkr48h)

**Sun Safety Week, 3rd to 9th May 2024**  
As we come into the summer months here are our five tips to stay safe in the sun.

- Wear protective clothing
- Use sun cream - the more protection the better - and apply it throughout the day
- Limit your time in the sun between 10 am and 4 pm as these are peak hours
- Wear sunglasses
- Sit in the shade at regular intervals.

For guidance visit [tinyurl.com/2p8uu5mx](http://tinyurl.com/2p8uu5mx)



**National Smile Month**  
13th May - 13th June 2024

By keeping your mouth healthy, you can keep your teeth for life and protect yourself from other diseases.

Did you know that you can register with any NHS dentist, there isn't a catchment area!

Accessing NHS dental health is free for children.

Visit [www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-Dentist](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-Dentist) to find out which dentists are taking on NHS patients.

Some neurodiverse children may find brushing their teeth can be a difficult experience, fortunately there are specialist dentists who give advice and make a visit to the dentist seem much more accessible and less daunting.

To find out more please speak to your GP or Dentist to complete a referral or contact the Coventry Community Dental team on 02476961375.

## WEE WORRIES IN THE DAYTIME

As children get older, dealing with daytime wetting can become more challenging. Some children may start wetting themselves during the day after being dry for some time, while others may have never been fully dry at all. For most children experiencing daytime wetting, there is no serious underlying cause. However, it's always worth discussing the issue with your school nurse to ensure you and your child receive the right support. Some children who wet themselves during the day may also wet at night, and by addressing the daytime wetting, children may become dry at night more quickly.

For more information contact your school nurse, GP, or visit the healthy bodies section on the [www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk) website or visit the Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity [www.eric.org.uk](http://www.eric.org.uk)

Free helpline: 0808 801 0343 Mon to Thur, 10am - 2pm



**Stress Awareness Month, April 2024**  
Some quick Mindfulness Ideas...

**Grounding**  
5 Things you can see  
4 Things you can hear  
3 Things you can touch  
2 Things you can smell  
1 Thing you can taste

**Hand Breathing**  
Follow your fingers up and down, breathing in and out.

[www.healthforkids.co.uk/grownups/healthy-minds/](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/grownups/healthy-minds/)

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