

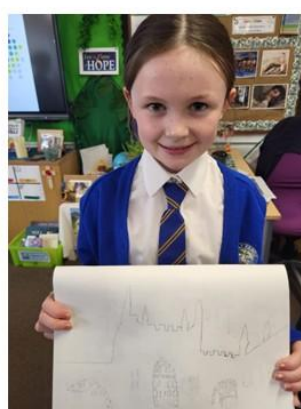
Newsletter Autumn Term Week 10
Friday 14th November 2025

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



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

Spotlight on Remembrance



*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: BTK 5 Peace & Reconciliation and Antibullying week

This week is our BTK 5 where we focus on Peace & Reconciliation and Anti-Bullying. We reflected on what the word Peace means and listened to John's Gospel 14:23-29 when Jesus told the Disciples "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

We thought about how we can be more peaceful in our school and lives and how this links to the theme of Anti-Bullying week; 'Power for Good'. We talked about how, by being more peaceful and kind, we can stamp out bullying in person and online.



Pilgrims of Hope

Today we started our first day of Pilgrimage, taking the children around the world to visit some of these 14 different Christian sites of Pilgrimage.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
YRH	YRM	Y1B	Y1TP	Y2N	Y2M	Y3N
Assisi, Italy	Canterbury, UK The Augustine Camino	Walsingham, UK	Vatican City, Rome	Camino de Santiago, (Way of Saint James) France & Spain	Lourdes, France	The Holy Land, Jerusalem
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Y3C	Y4W	Y4R	Y5M	Y5CW	Y6ST	Y6CT
Knock, Ireland	Fatima, Portugal	Czestochowa, Poland	Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health, India.	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	Shrine of Divine Mercy, Krakow Poland.

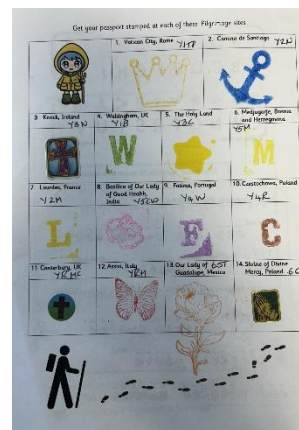


Each classroom has been set up as a different Pilgrimage site and each class will be visiting every classroom in the school as they journey as pilgrims!

YR have loved their trip up the stairs to Y6 today to visit Poland and Mexico!

Every child has their own Pilgrim Passport that they will get stamped after visiting each place, finding out why these sites are so important.

Please ask your child all about it!



On Tuesday, Y3C celebrated a beautiful Year group Mass, focussing on the Saints as role models and how the month of November is dedicated to remembering the Holy Souls. Thank you to Fr Charles for celebrating this Mass.

We remember all those who have died:

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen*



Remembrance Service

On Tuesday 11th November we all joined in the Prayer Garden at 11am for a prayer service and minutes silence to remember all those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts. The children were all reverent and respectful as we listened to readings and prayers and 'The Last Post' played.



Blessing of the Crib

The Season of Advent will soon be upon us, and the annual Blessing of the Crib in the City Centre of Coventry will be at **4pm on Sunday 30th November**. Please see attached poster for more information. It would be lovely to see some of you there.

Parish Christmas Fayre

Fr. Charles and Holy Family Parishioners are organising a Christmas Fayre to bring our whole community together. This will be held after Mass on: **Sunday, 7th December. (11:00 AM – 2:00 PM)**

Our School and Friends of Holy Family will be supporting this event by running the traditional bottle and chocolate tombola's. Therefore, we will be asking for your kind donations of **Bottles (KS2) and Chocolates (EY&KS1) on Friday 28th November** (our Advent activity day) where children can wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers!!

Santa's Grotto will also be at the Fayre! So, we will be selling tickets in school.

You are all warmly invited to come and celebrate the season which hopes to be a joyful time filled with: Delicious Refreshments, Raffle & Tombola Festive Cheer and Great Company!

Please put the date in your diary & see attached poster for more information.

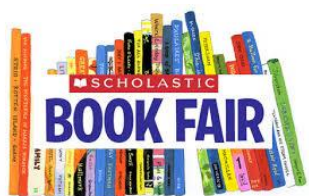


If you would like to purchase a ticket for your child to see Father Christmas, please send in the correct change in a sealed envelope with your child's name and how many tickets you require. Tickets will be sent home with your child. Tickets can be purchased at £2.50 each and will be available to purchase until **Friday 5th December**. Children will receive a gift from Father Christmas.

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

[Link for Parish newsletter](#)

Scholastic Book Fair



Our book fair has been a huge success again this year due to your fantastic support. Thank you, you all bought more than **£1500** worth of books which means our school will receive in excess of **£900** back in free books. We did a daily prize draw where for each reading book purchased your child got a ticket for a chance to win another book. Our lucky winners this year were Evie Knight Y6CT, Cara Corr-Wilson Y6CT, Ruairi Giddings Y4W, Oliwier Bednarz Y4W and Chiara Ayers also in Y4W.

Thank you very much to Mrs Kemp for doing such a great job of organising the Book Fair each year.

Merit Certificate Winner

Well done to everyone who entered the 'design the school merit' competition this year. We received some fantastic designs. The school council made the final decision on the winners and this year they have chosen 3 fantastic designs. 1 for KS1 and 2 for KS2 that have been merged together.

A big congratulations to the following children;

KS1 - Avelina Fernando Y2M

KS2 - Maja Rozinska Y4W, Lena Dabrowska



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

Thank you for your kind donations to this year's Children in Need. The children have loved coming into school wearing their favourite-coloured clothes, whilst supporting this worthwhile charity.

Donations can be made via the following link;

[Holy Family Catholic Primary School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)



Nursery Welly Walk

What a great day we have had for our Nursery Autumn Welly Walk, and the rain stayed away for us!

We looked for all signs of Autumn; leaves, tree branches, pine cones and conkers. We used our looking eyes and listening ears during our walk. We heard the crunchy leaves, birds, children and lots of vehicles on the road. It was very exciting to walk all around the 'big school' grounds. We even waved to some of the Reception children through their classroom windows while we were on our adventures.

We were so tired when we got back to Nursery, so we had a little rest with a special treat...toast!

We had the best time!

Thank you so much for the sponsorship money we have received so far from our Nursery families, we are extremely grateful for your amazing support and generosity. Please send any outstanding donations to Nursery by Monday 17th November.

Well done everyone!



Autumn Term Parents Evenings

Thank you all those who attended this week's parents' evenings. We hope you found them informative and got an understanding of your child/ren's strengths and areas to develop. We know that by working together they will achieve more.

There is another session next week - **Thursday 20th November 3.30pm-5.30pm**



If you haven't managed to book yet, please contact the **school office** as soon as possible, we'll be happy to help.

It is really important that **ALL** parents attend.

Reporting Illnesses

Our school policy asks that you notify us **before 9am** if your child will be absent from school. Please remember that you should contact us **each day** your child is absent. If your child is off due to a **sickness bug**, they must remain at home for **48 hours after the last episode**. After this period, we kindly ask that you update us on how your child is doing. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Star Vision Photography

Star Vision photographs have been sent home this week. We hope you are pleased with the selection provided. Star Vision have worked hard to keep their prices affordable, and we appreciate their efforts to make the photos accessible for all our families.



Labelling clothes

Please can we ask that all children's coats are clearly labelled with your child's name. Staff have been doing their very best to locate coats that have been misplaced in school. As you can imagine, without a name inside, it can be very difficult to return them, especially as many children have the same or similar coats. Thank you for your support!

PCSO

This week some of our Y5 children took part in the Junior PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) training with Adam and Ronnie from the Police. They were pledged in with their promise and were given their ID and uniform to wear. The PCSO's first challenge was to try and learn the phonetic alphabet. First, they had to try and spell their name phonetically, then they had to recite the whole phonetic alphabet. They did incredibly well, completing this with little or no prompt (not bad for their first try!) They are now all looking forward to the next 4 weeks, where they will be learning more about the important responsibilities of a PCSO.



Reflectors



Thank you to everyone who has sent money in with their child to purchase reflectors! Reflectors will be on sale up until the last week before Christmas.

Please can we remind parents that exact money should be sent in, as no change can be given. Reflectors are 50p each.

Sales will take place on: **KS1 – Wednesday / KS2 – Thursday**

Thank you for your support and for helping us keep the children safe and seen this winter!

Free Back Packs

We still have about 30 available FREE pack backs available in the designs that you can see. If your child is in KS2 and needs a new backpack, please pop into the office. Thank you to Costco for donating them!



Christmas updates

Please see below poster for updates for all our upcoming Advent & Christmas Events to get the dates in your diary.

Friends of Holy Family 'Christmas Disco' Y1-Y6

We are delighted to announce we are hosting a Christmas Disco on **Tuesday 9th December**. Tickets will be sold at a price of £2.50, it is a pre-paid event only. If you would like to purchase a disco ticket, please send the correct change in to a sealed envelope and add your child's name and class on the front. All monies school be given to the class teacher. Please can we remind you all that tickets are subject to availability please purchase early to avoid disappointment.

4.00pm-5.00pm Y1 & Y2 in KS2 Hall Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall

5:30pm - 6:30pm KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall

Tickets: £2.50 Pre-Paid event only

CHRISTMAS JUMPER EXCHANGE/ Donations (Recycle and Re-use)

As you know, we hold an Advent activity day in school every year to get the school ready and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day.



Like last year, we would like to hold our Christmas jumper exchange again before the event.

Please be mindful that we have a large number of small sizes not so many large sizes.

So please dig out your old Christmas jumpers to recycle or to donate. Children who bring in a jumper will be issued with a raffle ticket and then they can choose a new one ready to wear on Advent Activity Day.

Advent Activity Day will be on Friday 28th November Children can wear non uniform on this day as well as their Christmas jumper.

As above, we will be asking for your support for our Parish Fayre and asking for children to bring in Chocolates (EY&KS1) or Bottles (KS2).

Mental Health

Please see attached poster for more support for Tips & Wellness being & motivation.

Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation was a new song from K-Pop @Soda Pop@ You may have already had the children coming home and singing this song, they have certainly enjoyed singing along in class!

<https://youtu.be/aNad2MI2Lfw>



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

  							
Y2N	ISLA	Y4R	COREY				
Y2N	REEGAN	Y3C	YA'AQOB				
Y1P/T	POPPY						
Y1B	JACK THOMAS						
Y1P/T	REECE						
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY BIRTHDAY							
 Attendance & Punctuality for this week Whole School attendance 96% 							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.2%	94.8 %	97.7%	98.7%	97.3%	96.2%	95%
Well done to Y3 for 98.7% the highest attendance this week!							

HEAD TEACHERS MERIT

Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Ava Sutcliffe
Poppy Webster



Y6 Miss Thompson

Wojtek Dobrynski
Trae Thompson

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Ellie-Mai Herriot
Cavan Shannon

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Emmie-Faith Girling
Zachary Healy

Y4 Mr Richardson

Taedyn Chitermerere
Chagir Charles

Y4 Mrs Ward

Tyrone Madzvamuse
Tony Wilfred

Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Whole Class

Y3 Miss Clyde

Whole Class

Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Daniel Nkansah
Nathaniel Lyndon

Y2 Mr Newell

Aaron Antonjeyaraj
Reegan Walsh

Y1 Mrs Parkes &

Mrs Twycross

Tommy Bracken
Jazlyn Franklin

Y1 Miss Brown

Michael Murray-Burch
Larysa Mandzi

Nursery Superstars

Miller Coyle
Millie Nally

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



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Date	Event
Friday 28 th November	Advent Activity Day - Non uniform & Christmas jumpers. Bring in Chocolates (EY&KS1) or Bottles (KS2).
Sunday 7 th December	Parish Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto 11am - 2pm
Week of 8 th December	Christmas plays – see below
Tuesday 9 th December	'Christmas Disco' - 4.00pm-5.00pm Y1 & Y2, 5:30pm - 6:30pm KS2
Thursday 11 th December	Nursery Bedtime story 5 - 6pm
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Service, 6.00pm - No tickets required as this in Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	Whole School Advent Mass 9.15am – led by Y3C

Christmas Performances

Parents and grandparent are warmly invited to come and watch. These are ticketed events and tickets will be going on sale in the next couple of weeks. Tickets will be limited to two tickets per child initially.

YN	Reception	Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 10th December 10.45am	Thursday 11th December 9.30am	Monday 8 th December 9.30am
	Friday 12th December 2.15pm	Tuesday 9 th December 2.15pm





HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS

FAYRE

TOMBOLA

SANTA'S GROTTO

RAFFLE PRIZES

FACE PAINTING

CHRISTMAS CAKE

CAKE SALE

PIETY STALL

FREE
ENTRY

REFRESHMENTS

TO BUY

CHILDREN JUICE & BISCUIT FREE

7TH DECEMBER 2025

11.00AM UNTIL 2.00PM

PARISH HALL

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



MERRY Christmas

**HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS
DISCO
TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

**4.00pm-5.00pm Y1 & Y2 in KS2 Hall
Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall**

**5:30pm - 6:30pm KS2 (Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
In KS2 Hall
Entrance via KS2 playground into KS2 Hall
Tickets: £2.50
Pre Paid
event only**



Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery



Blessing of the Christmas Crib



Broadgate

The Coventry Christmas Crib Dedication will take place on the
first Sunday of Advent.
The crib is located in Broadgate next to Lady Godiva statue and
over looked by the two Cathedrals.

4pm

Sunday 30 November

Photo - Eve MacDonald Taken 28/11/21

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Penny Park Lane, Coventry, CV6 2GU Tel: 02476-333631

Email: admin@holyfamly.coventry.sch.uk

Website: www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Motivation

Motivation is what helps you start and keep going with your goals, this may be linked to school, hobbies or life stuff. It is the 'why' behind what you are doing. Motivation can help you to finish a task or practise a new skill, it can make learning and playing more fun and help you to feel proud when you have done something great.

Sometimes it can be difficult to find motivation to begin an activity. To help with this, think about what is your 'why'. Ask yourself what goal matters to you and connect with what excites or inspires you.

Our Top Tips For Motivation:

1. **Set small and clear goals:** Break big tasks into bite-sized steps. Ensure you celebrate each smaller win along the way.
2. **Create a routine that works for you:** Having a plan for your day can help to keep you on track and reduce potential stress.
3. **Remain positive:** If you are finding an activity difficult, remember to be kind to yourself. If something is hard, say, 'I am learning' instead of 'I can't do it'.
4. **Ask for help:** It is ok to ask family, friends or teachers for some help when you get stuck.
5. **Motivational matching activity:** Write some goals down on individual pieces of paper e.g., 'to finish my homework' and some motivational reasons down on another piece of paper e.g., 'to help me learn new things'. Spread the paper around upside down. Take turns flipping them over to match a goal with a motivational reason. When a pair is found, have a conversation about why that motivation may help to achieve the goal. Consider any barriers to achieving the goal and plan how you could overcome them.

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.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Penny Park Lane, Coventry, CV6 2GU Tel: 02476-333631
Email: admin@holyfamilly.coventry.sch.uk Website: www.holyfamilly.coventry.sch.uk

