

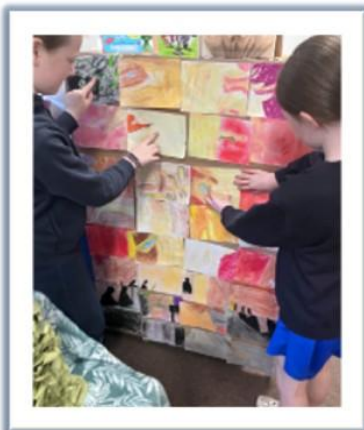
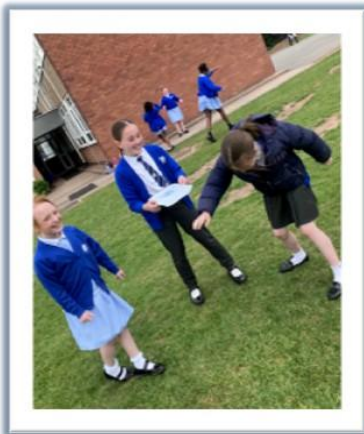
**Newsletter Summer Term Week 5
Friday 15th May 2026**

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



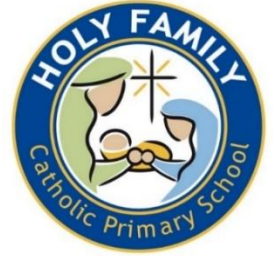
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Spotlight on Year 5



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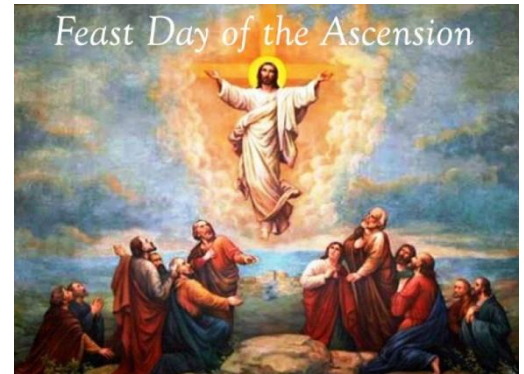
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Catholic Life and Mission

Feast of the Ascension Mass in Memory of and Thanksgiving for Mrs Dunne

The Feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter Sunday, celebrates our Lord's exaltation, when He was taken up into heaven. We know that after Jesus died on the cross, he rose from the dead, and the bible tells us, he was seen for forty days before he ascended into heaven to be "seated at the right hand of God the Father."

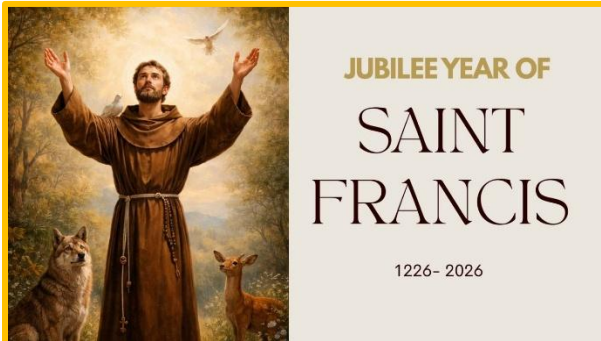
God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father. In ascending to heaven, it allowed Him to prepare a place for us.



It was fitting then, that we gathered as a school community to also remember with love and gratitude, Mrs Dunne, our Teaching Assistant, who has gone to be with God in heaven.

The Mass was a time of prayer, hope and remembrance as we celebrated not only her life, but the joy of Christ's promise that through Him, we are welcomed into everlasting peace.

May she rest in peace, AMEN.



Jubilee Year of St Francis

2026 is proclaimed as the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis by Pope Leo XIV, running to January 10, 2027. This special year commemorates the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, in 1226 and encourages imitation of his life of peace, poverty, and environmental care.

First Holy Communion and May Procession

We look forward to celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion with our year 3 children on Saturday 16th May and wish them the very best of luck on their special day.

Y3C First Holy Communion 10am

Y3N First Holy Communion 12pm

A reminder that we will be holding our **May Procession & Whole school Mass at 9.15am on Friday 22nd May**. At 9.05am we will gather in front of the prayer garden to start the Litany to Mary and process into Church. All are welcome to join us.

On Your First Communion

*From this day on
may the truth of God's word
grow strong in your heart
and may the gentle love
of Jesus fill your life
now and always.*





We invite children to bring in flowers to honour Mary and place around her statue or flowering shrubs for us to plant in the prayer garden. Any flower donations will be taken to the elderly in the community afterwards.



Heather Cullen

I am sorry to share that a past teacher of our school, Mrs Heather Cullen has passed away. Mrs Cullen worked in Holy Family during the 1970's to the 90's and may well be remembered by some of our Parents and Grandparents. We keep her and her family in our prayers at this sad time. **May she rest in peace.**



Prepare for this Sunday's Gospel:

This Sunday is the 7th Sunday of Easter and the Gospel is from John 17:1-1. Jesus is telling his father that he has now completed what was asked of him. Jesus then prays for all of his friends. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you: [Click this link for the Wednesday Word](#)



Please ensure you have put this date in your diary!
Our School and Parish Gala Day will be held on Sunday 28th June 2026 11am – 3pm

Next week is Science Week!!

This year's science week will run from the 18th to 22nd May. This is always one of the children's favourite times of the year. We have been very lucky in securing some fabulous shows this year due to delaying our Science week from the National week in March. **Please see the attached poster from Mr Richardson, with further information.**

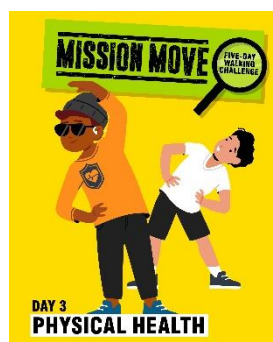
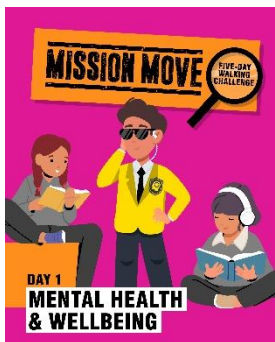


National Walk to School Week.

Next week - 18th May – 22nd May 2026, it is National Walk to School Week

This year's challenge is inviting children to participate in 'Mission Move', completing daily walking or wheeling activities while learning about the benefits of active travel.

Pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school every day of the week.



Concerning viral trend



We have been notified about a concerning viral online trend involving “**NeDoh**” or **squishy silicone toys**.

Where Children and young people are reportedly microwaving these toys after watching videos online claiming this makes them softer. In some cases, the toys have burst when handled afterwards, spraying extremely hot contents and causing serious burns to children’s hands and faces.

Parents/carers should be advised to **avoid searching** for videos of this trend online, as this can increase the visibility of the content through social media algorithms

Please ensure your children are safe when online and do not put these toys in the microwave!

Friends of Holy Family

We would like to invite you to join our team of volunteers that make up our **Friends of Holy Family PTA**. If any parents or grandparents would like to offer their time to help with events such as discos, selling ice lollies or potential coffee mornings please contact the school office – thank you!



Zoo Themed Menu

On Thursday 21st May we will be holding a special zoo themed lunch! If your child would like to have this lunch, please place your order on the Food United app. Please see the attached menu for the choices.

Half Term Clubs

Please see the attached fliers for some holiday clubs taking place over half term.

Family Fun Day

Please see the attached poster from Pathways Family Hub about a family fun day being held during half term.

Coventry Family Hubs

Coventry Family Hubs have some exciting events happening in the May Half Term for the families of Coventry in their local area and Citywide. Please see the attached timetable for details.

Carers Week

As part of Carers Week, we are delighted to invite any young carers to our upcoming event focused on building carer-friendly communities and shining a spotlight on the incredible contributions of carers of all ages. The event will take place on Monday 8th June 2-7pm at the CBS Arena. **Please see the attached poster for further details.**

SENDIASS upcoming parent session

Upcoming session: ‘SEND Travel Assistance Information Session for Parents and Carers’

This session will provide an opportunity to find out more about Coventry's SEND Travel Assistance.

SENDIASS will be joined by the Travel Assistance Team (Applications) and the Travel Bureau (Transport Queries), to provide information and advice on Coventry’s Travel Assistance Service, the criteria, forms, applications, appeals, eligibility, and processes. Coventry Parent Carer Forum (CPCF) are planning to join this event also.

Details

When: Thursday 21st May 2026, 10am - 12pm

Venue: Limbrick Wood Centre, Thomas Naul Croft, Coventry, CV4 9QX

How to Book

To book your place scan the QR code on the poster below/visit the Eventbrite booking page via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coventry-send-travel-assistance-information-session-tickets-1988620915691>



Coventry Rocks

Coventry rocks have put together a *Half Term What's On* guide, packed with local events, days out and activities. Click the following link to be taken to the free guide: [Coventry Rocks Whats On Guide May HT 2026](#)

Pop Up Sensory Library

There is a Pop-up Sensory Resource Library being held at the Harbour centre in Bedworth on Monday 18th may - please see the attached leaflet for details. At the session, all of the available sensory equipment will be on display - families and professionals can explore the resources, chat with the team and sign up to borrow the equipment. Children are also welcome to come along and try out the equipment.

Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation is 'Rein me in' by Sam Fender and Olivia Dean. Rein Me In" was originally included as the eighth track of Fender's third studio album, 'People Watching'. The song was written by Fender himself and the lyrics are set over a jazzy instrumental that includes piano and saxophone.

'Don't reign me in' is still currently No.1 after a record breaking 35 week climb!



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher

YRH	Emmelia Fernando	Y4R	Hanna Dabrowska
YRMcG	Jericho Allen	Y4R	Leon Herriott
Y3C	Charlie Gough	Y4W	Annie Taylor
Y3N	Edythe Collins	Y5M	Cohan O'Sullivan
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">We hope you all have a lovely birthday!</p>			

	<h3 style="color: purple;">Attendance for this week</h3> <h3 style="color: blue;">Whole School attendance</h3> <h2 style="color: blue; font-size: 2em;">95.8%</h2>						
		YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Attendance	95.6%	96.1%	96.7%	95.0%	96.5%	95.8%	96.7%
Congratulations to Y4R for the highest attendance of 98% this week!							



HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

Y6 Mrs Tompkins
Whole class



Y6 Miss Thompson
Whole class

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson
Ellie Adams
Ardo Mariadoss

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss
Scarlett Lilley
Harry Orton-Dixon

Y4 Mr Richardson
Luca Gough
Aiyanna Gill

Y4 Mrs Ward
Oliwier Bednarz
Elsie Afful

**Y3 Mrs Nicholls &
Mrs Newman**
Shar'rae Nshuti
Jack Stokes

Y3 Miss Clyde
Thea Stephenson
Charlie Gough

Y2 Mrs Marlowe
Rebecca Downey
Arloe Reynolds-Gough

Y2 Mr Newell
Tahlia Chitemerere
Oli Zagajewski

**Y1 Mrs Parkes &
Mrs Twycross**
Ada Partridge
Zachary Cleary

Y1 Miss Brown
Serena Rock
Shae O'Sullivan

YRH Miss Heaphy
Dennis Byrne
Emmelia Fernando

YRMcG Miss McGrath
Amia Pratheep
Leo McCabe-Montoro

Nursery Superstars
Ava Bates
William Luther

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

Science Week

18 - 22nd May 2026




This year's Science Week at Holy Family starts on Monday with a human guinea pig show delivered by Medical Mavericks. Tuesday, we see the very popular return of Ady and his giant planetarium where the children will experience some amazing full 360 immersive presentations. On Thursday, we welcome back Dr Ken - who is a one man science show who will be teaching the children scientific principles and complex concepts through engaging and entertaining demonstrations. Finally on Friday all the children in school will get to meet some creatures from all corners of the world as two handlers from Animal Experience visit to teach us all about their animals. Many will get to handle them....if they are brave enough!

Our science week is always one the children's favourite experiences and we are lucky to have secured these fabulous visitors this year. As always the school is able to subsidise some of the cost but we ask if parents could please make a voluntary contribution of **£5.50** via the school gateway. If your child is eligible for pupil premium there will be no charge.

We will share photographs of our week on the newsletter and Twitter. Many thanks for your continued support.


Mr Richardson, Science Co-ordinator






COVENTRY SEND TRAVEL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION SESSION

By **SENDIASS** Coventry





May 21 - 10:00 AM
SEND IASS (formerly Parent Partners...
Coventry



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Heart of England

Monday June 8th, 2pm-7pm
Coventry Building Society Arena, Premier Lounge

**Chat to our Day Break & Regulated Care Team to
explore our care and respite services.**

Meet our Adult Wellbeing & Young Carers Teams.

**Talk to our community partners & find out what local
support is available to you & your family.**

**Bring the whole family & enjoy Arts & Crafts, Stadium
Tours*, and much more.**

***Stadium tours need to be booked when registering**



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ZOO CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 21st May

Mains

Beef Burger
Or
Veggie burger

Sides

Wedges, Sweetcorn or
baked beans

Desserts

Chocolate cake
Fruit or Yoghurt



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POP-UP SENSORY RESOURCE LIBRARY

3rd Monday of every month



Borrow specialist books & toys from our
free resource library

- Whether your child is sensory seeking or avoiding we have equipment to suit you.
- Items can be borrowed for up to 28 days
- Registration requires proof of address, must be less than 3 months old.
- T's & C's apply



Refreshments available to purchase from the cafe

- Signposting
- Support
- Advice
- information

The Harbour Centre
Congreve Walk, Bedworth
CV12 8LY
9.30am-11.30am

Starting 19th January 2026



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May Half Term Timetable



26th May - 29th May 2026

Find out about the **FREE** activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the May half term holidays.
We are looking forward to meeting you.

For more information

Scan the QR code or visit
www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



Activities are correct at the time of print.
Please see social media for updates.
Follow your local hub on facebook.





Coventry Family Hubs

Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Suitable for	Notes
Tuesday	9.30am - 11am	Bump, Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	Harmony Family Hub, CV1 5GR	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	10.00am - 11.30am	Bump, Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	Aspire Family Hub, CV1 25F	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	10.30am - 12 noon	Creative crafts and fun!	Park Edge Family Hub, CV2 1NE	All ages welcome	Come and enjoy painting, crafts, lego and more in our fun for all the family session.
	1.45pm - 3.15pm	Bump, Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	Families for All Family Hub, CV6 5LB	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Thread & Style	Mosaic Family Hub, CV4 9PL	All ages welcome	This is a playful, hands-on session where children can mix, experiment and create their own fabric designs. From friendship bracelets and colourful tie-dye to pom-pom making and fabric crafts, it's all about getting creative, trying new ideas and showing off your own bold style!
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Bump Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	Park Edge Family Hub, CV2 1NE	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.



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Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	The Great Family Fun Day	Pathways Family Hub, CV6 1HD	All ages welcome	Join us at Pathways Family Hub this May half term for a fun-filled day the whole family will enjoy! Packed with exciting activities, games, and creative crafts, there's something for everyone to get involved in. Come along and create special memories together. We can't wait to see you there!
	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Colourful Creations	Families for All Family Hub, CV6 5LB	All ages welcome	Join us for a fun-filled family session celebrating creativity, colour, and the beauty of nature. Design your own vibrant tie-dye tote bags, craft sparkling suncatchers that catch the light and more! Booking Essential, To book please go to www.coventryfamilies.co.uk
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Bump Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	Wood Side Family Hub, CV3 3GL	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
Thursday	10.00am - 11.30am	Cosmic Creations	Wood Side Family Hub, CV3 3GL	All ages welcome	Blast off into creativity. Join our space themed family session for out of this world fun.
	9.30am - 11.00am	Bump Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	Mosaic Family Hub, CV4 9PL	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	9.30am - 11.00am	Petal and Prints	Harmony Family Hub, CV1 5GR	All ages welcome	A fun, nature inspired creative session where families can make, play, and explore together. Create your own butterfly feeders, experiment with beautiful leaf printing and more! Booking Essential, To book please go to www.coventryfamilies.co.uk

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Thursday	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Spring Time Fun	The Moat Family Hub, CV2 1EQ	All ages welcome	Join us at The Moat Family Hub for fun filled activities; make a bird feeder and plant a silly grass head, have a go at origami, make a sun catcher, and other arty stuff.
Friday	9.30am - 11.00am	Bump Baby and Beyond, Baby & Me	The Moat Family Hub, CV2 1EQ	Parents and babies aged 0-2yrs	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	10.30am - 12noon	Pop Up in the Park	Quinton Park, CV3 5PZ	All ages welcome	Join us for a fun-filled session packed with exciting activities for children and families! From games and crafts to outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone to enjoy.
	10am - 12noon	Little Explorers: Library Walk	Harmony Family Hub, CV1 5GR	All ages welcome	This session will encourage reading, exploration, and community awareness through a guided walk to the local library. Children will be able to discover different books and delve into the library environment.



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WEEKLY at the Family Hub

Here to help Monday to Friday

There is someone you can phone, email or visit at the Hub who will help you.

0800 887 0545

Earlyhelp@coventry.gov.uk

Services to Help you and your Family

The Family Hubs can connect you to various local community services. Book online by scanning QR code or visit: www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



Help with the cost of living

Family Hubs assist in accessing emergency food, fuel, and toiletries. Each Hub has "warm spaces" for a free hot drink during your visit.

If you require further support contact Citizens Advice who specialise in topics such as benefits, work, debt, housing and more. Visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call 0800 144 8848

Emergency Food Access

Family Hubs provide Trussell Trust Food Bank vouchers for use at a Food Bank. They guide you to local Food Hubs/Social Supermarkets, where you can access quality food at affordable prices.

Clothing Rail

Free clothing from Clothing Coventry. Visit www.clothingcoventry.org for more details.

Safe Spaces

In Coventry there are several places and spaces that offer young people security, support, and a sense of belonging. The Family Hub is one of those vital spaces offering young people in the community not only a physical location to visit, but also offering a range of resources such as access to power banks, chargers, first aid kits, informational leaflets, hygiene packs and access to a hot drink and food.

ADVICE at the Family Hub

P3 Coventry Family Housing Support

Help with housing related issues. Come and talk to us about concerns with paying your rent, talking to your landlord, paying bills, budgeting, managing your tenancy or your health and wellbeing in your home.

cov.p3charity.org 0808 196 2880

WELLBEING at the Family Hub

Health Visiting

To speak to a Health Visitor, text Chat Health on 07507 329114 (9am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday) 024 7518 9190 (8.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday).

If your child is unwell please see your GP, ring 111 or if it is a medical emergency please ring 999.

Midwifery

Please call your midwife using the number in your red book or call Coventry Community Midwives: 024 7896 7424.

Breast Pump for Hire.

If you would like to hire a breast pump for free please call or drop into your local hub.

EasyPeasy

Scan the QR code below to download the app and discover thousands of parenting tips and activities for you and your 0-5-year old.



Coventry Haven Women's Aid.

Domestic abuse. Are you worried about someone or yourself? The #SafeToTalk helpline is available 0800 111 4998 or email info@coventryhaven.co.uk or drop into your local Family Hub.