

Newsletter Autumn Term Week 11
Friday 21st November 2025

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



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Spotlight on Reception & Nursery



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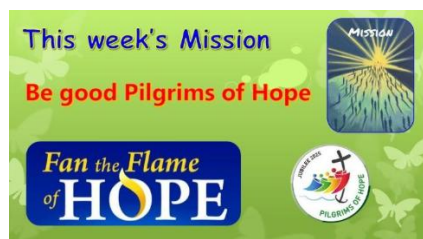
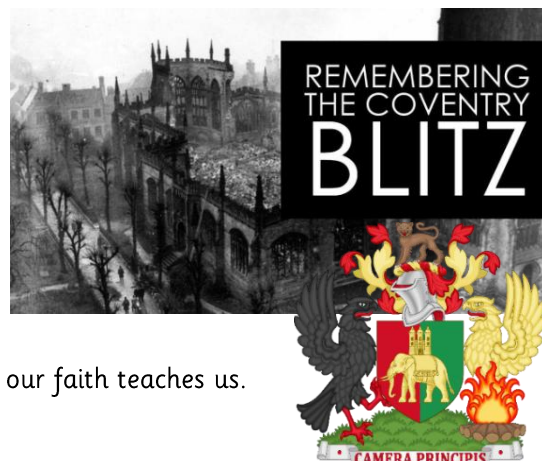
Catholic Life and Mission

This week's Mission:

This week we remembered and acknowledged the 85th Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz that took place on 14th & 15th November 1940. Over 30,000 incendiary bombs were dropped on our city killing 568 people and destroying 71 factories and over 40,000 homes!

The people of the city did not give up hope, showed forgiveness and rebuilt the city – a phoenix rising from the flames, part of the City's emblem! This gives Coventry its status as a City of Peace and reconciliation.

We thought about how hard it is to forgive and have hope, but this is what our faith teaches us.



Pilgrims of Hope

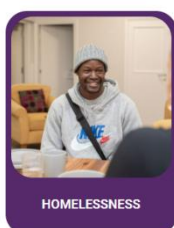
On Monday, our children continued on their Pilgrimages to the other special sites around the World. I hope they came home talking about where these 14 different Christian sites of Pilgrimage.

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, 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.



Diocesan Jubilee Final Event

Today we joined all the Diocesan schools for a Jubilee final event, where we came together in prayer and in song to celebrate how we have lived out our Mission and the 3 tasks of Prayer, Social Action and Fundraising. As a Diocese we have raised over £128,000 for Fr Hudson's Caritas to help with their projects.



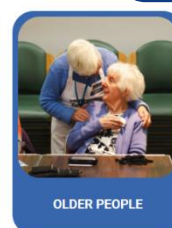
HOMELESSNESS



DISABILITY



REFUGEES & MIGRANTS



OLDER PEOPLE



CHILDREN, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS

Year 6 Mass Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul

On Tuesday, Y6 celebrated a beautiful Year group Mass, focussing on the Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul. Thank you to Fr Charles for celebrating this Mass for us.



World Youth Sunday

Today our Y5 children took part in the World Youth Sunday live stream, where they took time to think about their faith, what it means to them and how they can be more proactive in sharing this with others. This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is World Youth Sunday, dedicated to our young people, therefore we look forward to seeing our Y5 & Y6 children at 10am Mass at Holy Family.

Act of Kindness

We would like to thank one of our parents, Mr De-Silva, for his kind donation of lots of bottles of cordial juice that he has kindly donated to our school and to the Parish Christmas Fayre. We are all very grateful for your kindness.

Acts of Charity - Children in Need

Thank you to all that kindly donated to this year's Children in Need Appeal. We are delighted to announce we raised an amazing amount of **£412.00**. Thank you for support of this worthy cause.



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

Please see the flyer attached as a reminder of the Holy Family Parish Christmas which 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 or even their 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.



Thank you to all that have kindly purchased tickets to see Father Christmas, please can we remind you all to 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](#)

Nursery Rhyme Week

In Nursery this week the children have celebrated 'Nursery Rhyme Week'. They introduced our new Nursery rhyme area in the book corner, where we could choose a Nursery rhyme from the nursery rhyme board and perform it to our friends on the 'stage' with instruments. We used puppets to help us act out our rhyme, it was very exciting! They have explored our new London area in our classroom where we could act out and sing 'The wheels on the bus!' or 'The Grand old Duke of York.'

We are excited to learn more about the capital city of England soon.

In the space area, they have added some resources such as a cow and a moon to support our learning of 'Hey diddle diddle' and in the Math's area, we sang '5 little speckled frogs' and '5 little monkeys' to practice taking one away. They have been super busy in the creative area painting Humpty Dumpty, building walls and making Fish with collage materials. To end the week today, we dressed up as our favourite Nursery rhyme and had a little show where we sang our favourite rhymes on the stage for our friends. What a fantastic week, well done Nursery!



Reception Welly Walk

In Reception, we wrapped up warm for our Welly Walk! The children searched for signs of autumn by spotting colourful leaves, conkers and fallen branches and talked about the changing weather.

We explored the whole school and even visited our special prayer garden, where we took a quiet moment to be reverent and say our morning prayer together. Along the way, we sang songs and had lots of fun splashing in puddles and jumping in leaves!

After our long walk, we enjoyed a special treat from our teachers to warm ourselves up... hot chocolate!

A heartfelt well done and an enormous thank you to our wonderful Reception children and their families for supporting our welly walk. We are truly grateful for your generosity and continued support. Please return all sponsor forms and donations to your child's class teacher by Monday 24th November.

Reception have also explored Space through the story Whatever Next. We've used our phonics to write about what we would take to space, we've made rockets then investigated how to launch them into space, we've role played the story, made starry space pictures and used marshmallows and toothpicks to create our own star constellations. We also enjoyed our annual Welly Walk. Well done, Reception! We are very proud of you 🌟



Year 6 Cinema Trip

On Wednesday the Year 6 children and some staff were very fortunate to visit the Albany Theatre to watch 'Wicked' the Musical. This was to support the Literacy and Arts curriculum and children will be completing a writing challenge on it. We hope that year 6 enjoyed it.



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. If you did not manage to book an appointment, please talk to your child's class teacher and they will try to accommodate another time after school.

Reflectors

Thank you to our school council for doing a wonderful job selling the 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!

Star Vision

Please can we remind you all that you have until midnight on Sunday to take advantage of free shipping back to school on all photo orders. After this time there will be a price increase and all orders will be delivery to home only.

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 'Free' 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

  			
Y1P/T	MIRABEL	Y5M	MAJA
Y2N	LILLY	Y4W	ECHI
Y2M	MABEL	Y3C	KAVITHAN
		Y6CT	GRACIE
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY BIRTHDAY			

 Attendance & Punctuality for this week Whole School attendance 93.3% 							
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94%	92.3 %	96.5 %	94.2%	92.7%	94.2%	93.3 %
Well done to Y2 for 96.5% the highest attendance this week!							

HEAD TEACHERS MERIT

Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Cara Corr-Wilson
Conor Appleby



Y6 Miss Thompson

Layla Donnachie
Isla Varney

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Miller-Gra McKeown
Gracie Tyler

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Chloe Mohammed
Coen Ball

Y4 Mr Richardson

Olivia Azike
Fabiola Gonsalves

Y4 Mrs Ward

Delano Clarke
Alice Thompson

Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Victoria Christopher
Dominic Varga

Y3 Miss Clyde

Aurora James
Mason Whitehead

Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Oliver Chatland
Adah Belgrave

Y2 Mr Newell

Arlo Healy
Frankie Gibson

Y1 Mrs Parkes & Mrs Twycross

Zivah Leo
Zachary Cleary

Y1 Miss Brown

Dathan Efianayi
Jimmy Wood

Nursery Superstars

Ava Bates
Ethan Omosehin

*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 10 th December 10.45am	Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	Monday 8 th December 9.30am
	Friday 12 th 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

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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

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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.

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