

**Newsletter Summer Term Week 3**  
**Friday 1st May 2026**

**Holy Family Catholic Primary School**



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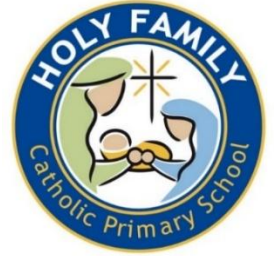
**Spotlight on Alton Castle**



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## Catholic Life and Mission

In this week's Mission Assembly, we considered what a VOCATION is, and what type of job could be classed as such. But we then also asked the children to consider their vocation now - what is God calling them to be, and what qualities God would want us to demonstrate in our daily lives. We reflected on the fact that our common vocation is to love God, and live out our love for God by loving others. We then listened to His Word and considered that God wants us to understand that Jesus is the one who leads us to an abundance of life and love – because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



We pray:  
Loving God,  
Thank you that we don't have to wait until we grow up to say 'Yes' to a life with you. We can live life to the full right now! Thank you for giving us a vocation. We might not know all the details right now, but we can get started by loving you and loving others today.  
Amen

### May is the month of Mary.

May is a very special month in the Catholic calendar as it marks the month of Mary. This is a time when we should take time to pray more to Mary and think about how she is the mother of Jesus and Mother to us all.

In school we will be praying a decade of the Rosary daily in all classes, led by the children. All Children can bring Rosary beads in from home to use.

Our Chaplaincy team will be leading the Rosary club every lunchtime in our prayer garden that is dedicated to Mary.



### First Holy Communion and May Procession

We look forward to celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion with our year 3 children on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Y3C First Holy Communion 10am**

**Y3N First Holy Communion 12pm**

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.

The children in Y3 will be invited to wear their Holy Communion clothes and lead the procession. Please send them to school in their First Holy Communion clothes, but send in their uniform to change into afterwards.

During Mass the Y3 children will receive their First Holy Communion certificate.



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.

### **Prepare for this Sunday's Gospel:**

This Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and the Gospel is from John 14:1-12. Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from this world. Jesus is returning to his father and will make a place ready for each of them in heaven. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you: [Click this link for the Wednesday Word](#)

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### **Coventry City Celebrations**



The children have had a brilliant day celebrating all things Coventry! They have made some fantastic posters which are proudly displayed in the year 6 classroom windows and on the hedges alongside Beake Avenue to show their support to the players during Monday's parade!

If you are planning to watch the parade, a map of the route has been attached at the end of the newsletter, it sets off at 1pm from the CBS arena.



### **Year 5 Spotlight: Residential trip to Alton Castle**

Last week, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Alton Castle. It was a brilliant few days packed with challenge, adventure and shared experiences that helped everyone grow in confidence, independence and faith. The children threw themselves into a wide range of activities, including bike riding, archery, trekking and survival skills. Each session encouraged them to work together as a team, to communicate effectively and to support one another—whether they were aiming for the target, navigating a route, or learning how to problem-solve outdoors. A real highlight was taking part in a special Mass at the beautiful, historic church in Alton. It was a very reverent evening, made even more meaningful as many of the children confidently took on readings as part of the service. Throughout the trip, the children had great fun, formed new friendships and developed key skills in teamwork and leadership. Their behaviour was excellent from start to finish, and they showed real resilience and bravery as they pushed themselves outside their comfort zones. We were incredibly impressed—and very proud of every single one of them.



**Date reminder: Our School and Parish Gala Day will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
11am – 3pm**

This will be our traditional format, comprising of our **school sports day** along with stalls, entertainment and refreshments.

After the success of your 70<sup>th</sup> festival, we would love and need to have more volunteers so please contact the school office if you can help.

## Friends of Holy Family

We are deperately in need of volunteers to help with 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!



## Children's Mile

Thank you to all the parents who signed up to this year's 'Coventry Children's Mile' which returns to the War Memorial Park on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Holy Family has now submitted our application to participate. Once the t shirts have been delivered to the school, we will distribute to the children. Further information regarding the event will be shared nearer the time.

## Shakespeare Playmaking Festival



On Monday 27th, pupils from Holy Family proudly took part in the Shakespeare Playmaking Festival at the Belgrade Theatre. This exciting event brought together talented students from four schools, all collaborating to bring Shakespeare's much-loved comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream to life.

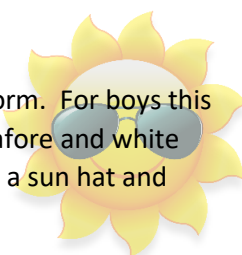
Our choir and drama group represented the school brilliantly, showcasing their creativity, confidence, and teamwork on stage. The pupils worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to the performance, learning lines, rehearsing scenes, and developing their understanding of Shakespeare's language and characters. We even had some Year 6 girls choreographing a beautiful expressive dance to lull Titania to sleep!

The performance itself was a fantastic celebration of drama and music, with each school contributing unique ideas and energy to the production. Our students embraced the opportunity to perform in a professional theatre setting, gaining valuable experience and creating lasting memories.

We are extremely proud of all the pupils involved for their enthusiasm, dedication, and outstanding performance. Well done to everyone who took part in such a special event and thank you to all the parents, family and Mrs Griffiths for attending and showing their support.

## Summer Uniform

Now that the weather is starting to get warmer, children may come to school in their summer uniform. For boys this is a white polo shirt and grey school shorts, for girls this is a blue gingham dress, or a grey skirt/pinafore and white polo shirt. Please be reminded to put suncream on your child before school and to send them with a sun hat and water bottle



## Cool Milk

Please see the attached cool milk poster. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you can register for milk subsidised by the school – please contact the office for information.

## School Food United

If you child is going to be absent from school due to illness, can we please remind you to cancel your child's meal through the School Food United app. This helps us reduce the amount of food wastage in our kitchen. Also, once again this week

we have had increasingly high numbers of children who have not had meals ordered. Please ensure that on Sunday's, you order your child's meals for the week.

### Science Week

This year's science week run will from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Boot Fund

Please contact the school office if you are a low-income family as you may be eligible for The Coventry Boot Fund. The deadline for all applicants is May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Circus Starr

Circus Starr is coming to Coventry on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Parents can apply for tickets and free tickets are provided to families with SEN needs, families on low incomes, those facing challenges such as domestic violence, bereavement or who may be living with a life-limiting condition. Follow this link to apply for tickets:

<https://www.circus-starr.org.uk/event/coventry/>

*Every child, whoever they are, is free to be themselves at a Circus Starr Show. We bring all the fun of the circus to children and families.*



### Parish Hall

Next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, the Parish Hall is being used as a polling station. Please could we ask you all to be mindful of this when using the car park. On Tuesday unfortunately we were advised that a car had been hit by another vehicle in the Parish car park and the driver had driven off. We ask if you were the driver or witnessed the incident, please either email the office or come in person to share the information. This information will be confidential.

### Music Appreciation

This week's music appreciation is a brand new anthem for every Coventry City fam – 'Sky Blue Rising' is all about passion, pride and the unbreakable spirit of the Sky Blue Army. This track is by Christopher David Graham, also known as Rice Kris - a Scottish genderfluid rapper and also founder and CEO of Rice Kris (brand).



*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs G Griffiths*  
*Headteacher*



Y1PT	Ugonna Ugorji	Y4R	Philomene Dombele
Y1PT	Noah Tougher-Jordan	Y5CW	Gracie Tyler
Y2M	Daniel Oduro Nkansah	Y5CW	Leon Douglas
Y3N	Jack Allen	Y5M	Pola Stolarska
Y3N	Hannah Szymanska	Y5M	Coen Ball
Y4W	Alina Stapor	Y5M	Harry Orton-Dixon
Y4W	Adelaide Robinson	Y6CT	Evie Knight

We hope you all have a lovely birthday!



### Attendance for this week Whole School attendance

95.1%



	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	98.3%	95.3%	97.7%	95.2%	95.9%	91.7%	93.7%

**Congratulations to YRMcG for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!**



# HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

**Y6 Mrs Tompkins**  
Dariusz Manikowski  
Belle McCloskey



**Y6 Miss Thompson**  
Layla Donnachie  
Reggie Kelly

**Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson**  
Noah Madeira  
Nirvana Giampaglia

**Y5 Mrs Mariadoss**  
Annie Corr-Wilson  
Pola Stolarska

**Y4 Mr Richardson**  
Chagir Charles  
Hanna Dabrowska

**Y4 Mrs Ward**  
Alice Thompson  
River O'Neill

**Y3 Mrs Nicholls &  
Mrs Newman**  
Oscar Faulkner  
Adelyn O'Callaghan

**Y3 Miss Clyde**  
Kavan Thandi  
Jakub Mukosiej

**Y2 Mrs Marlowe**  
Ezra Jay Brown  
Molly Corr-Wilson

**Y2 Mr Newell**  
Reegan Walsh  
Klaudia Bednarz

**Y1 Mrs Parkes &  
Mrs Twycross**  
Britney Mowoh  
Jayden Awotwe

**Y1 Miss Brown**  
Dathan Efianayi  
Oleg Szydowski

**YRH Miss Heaphy**  
Nitihive Advik  
Isabelle Walton

**YRMcG Miss McGrath**  
Ben Gardner  
Oliver Gardner

**Nursery Superstars**  
Valentyna Buniak  
Noah Jackson

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

## Science Week

### 18 - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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





# Boost their

# Cool Milk

## HYDRATION & DEVELOPMENT

Our school works with Cool Milk to provide fresh school milk

### FREE FOR UNDER 5S | SUBSIDISED FOR OVER 5S\*

- Calcium for strong bones and teeth
- Protein for muscle repair and growth
- Vitamin B12 to boost the immune system
- Vitamin B2 to aid energy release
- Potassium to regulate fluid and blood pressure
- Phosphorus to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
- Iodine to support healthy cells and metabolism



Don't let your child miss out!  
Register online today at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.  
\*Over 5s in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk.  
Please speak to the school for details.



# WE ARE BACK



Coventry City Council



## Parade Route Map 4 May 2026



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Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England





# School term dates 2026-2027

**September 2026**

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**October 2026**

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**November 2026**

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**December 2026**

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**February 2027**

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**March 2027**

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**April 2027**

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**May 2027**

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**June 2027**

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**July 2027**

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**August 2027**

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Christmas Day	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day (Substitute)	28 December 2026	May Day holiday	3 May 2027
New Year bank holiday	1 January 2027	Spring Bank holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank holiday	30 August 2027

Term time 
 Holiday 
 Bank holiday 
 Weekend 
 LA set training day 
 + 4 set by the school

- Teacher Training Days**
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026
  - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027
  - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027
  - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027
  - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

[coventry.gov.uk/termdates](http://coventry.gov.uk/termdates)

