

**Newsletter Spring Term Week 9
Friday 13th March 2026**

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



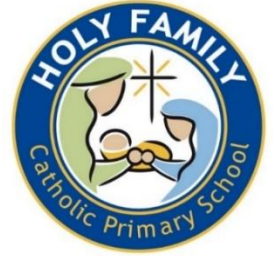
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Spotlight on Year 2



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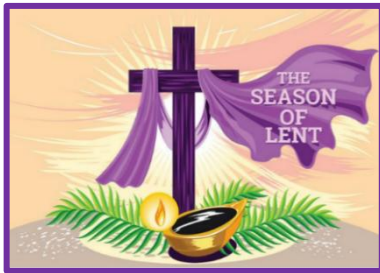
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Catholic Life and Mission

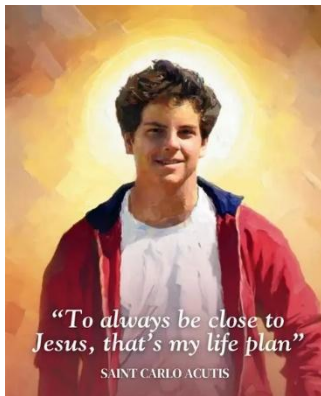
This week's Mission



This week our mission and focus for our daily Pupil prepared prayer times was centred around the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. In John 4, Jesus breaks social barriers by engaging a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, offering her "living water" leading to eternal life.

We focused on these lines - *'The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming, when he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."* (John 4:25-26)

Jesus didn't hide who He was, He wanted the Samaritan woman to know Him and the Good News He brings. Jesus wants us to know Him too! We can have hearts full of confidence when we ask Jesus to lead us in our faith.



St Carlo Acutis Relic

This week we had the wonderful experience of having the relics of St Carlo Acutis in our school. Thank you to St Osburg's Parish and Sister Anna for making this possible. Sr Anna gave a lovely talk about this young and most recent Saint. Then all the children in KS2 were given a prayer card and were allowed to touch the relic with it making it a 3rd class relic for them to keep and cherish. It was a spiritual and moving experience for all.



Carlo Acutis
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Servant of God: 13 May 2013
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Venerable: 5 July 2018, Rome
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Blessed: 10 October 2020, Assisi
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Saint: 7 September 2025, Rome

Pray, Give, Act.

Lenten Charity (Give)

A reminder that KS2 will be taking part in the CAFOD big Lent walk to raise money to fight global poverty.

See poster below for more information and the QR code to donate.



KS1 will take part in the 'Pledge £1' Fr Hudson's Caritas appeal! The children in Y1 & 2 will be holding a toy sale on Wednesday 25th March. So, we ask if can please donate any toys/games that you no longer play with, but are in good condition, and bring them in to school next week. Thank you.



St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Holy Family Parish: Celebrations for St Patrick's day will take place on Monday 16th March from 12.45 - 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. This is hosted by Cardinal Newman School with refreshments, singers, Irish music and dancing. Everyone is welcome. [Link for Parish newsletter](#)

School: Mass will be on Tuesday 17th March at 9.15am in Church (Y5CW). You are all welcome to attend.

Prepare for this Sunday's Gospel: [click this link for the Wednesday word](#)

This Sunday the Gospel is from, John 9:1-38. We hear how Jesus brought healing and light to a blind man. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you.

Coventry Aspirations Week

On Monday we hosted one of the City's sessions for aspirations week, to give children an idea of what they might like to do in the future. We welcomed a team from the NHS to talk to us and other schools visited and the children found the event beneficial. We have had this lovely message back:

The Apprenticeship and Employability team at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Griffiths and Holy Family Catholic Primary school for hosting today's Primary Aspiration event. The children and staff made us all feel welcome and all the children were extremely polite and engaged with all the activities. Please do pass on our gratitude to the other schools who also attended the event.

We would also like to thank our NHS Healthcare Professionals for their participation and support. The activities were a great success as always and we appreciate their time out of work to support.



On Friday 13th March, some of our Year 3 pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit Hill Farm Primary School as part of Coventry Aspirations Week. The visit gave the children a fantastic insight into the wide range of careers available at Jaguar Land Rover (JLR).

During the session, the children learned about the many different jobs that help make JLR such a successful company, discovering that there are around 15,000 different roles within the organisation. Members of the JLR team spoke to the pupils about their own careers and explained how they help design, build and improve vehicles.



The children explored three roles in particular: a production engineer, a crash engineer and a sustainability buyer. They discovered how production engineers help build the cars, how crash engineers make sure vehicles are as safe as possible, and how sustainability buyers help the company make environmentally responsible choices.

One of the highlights of the visit was the chance to sit inside some of the Jaguar Land Rover cars, which the children were very excited about!

The trip was a wonderful experience and left the children feeling inspired about the possibilities for their own futures. Who knows – we may well have some future Jaguar Land Rover employees in our Year 3 classes!

Big Sing

Good luck to our choir and drama group who will be taking part in the Big Sing in Leamington Spa this weekend. Thank you to Mrs Corr Wilson for organising this fantastic opportunity for them.

Spring Parent's Evenings



Thank you to all those who have booked parents evening appointments so far. It is important for all parents to attend and book an appointment via this link [Login | Parents Booking](#) . If you have any problems logging on, please contact the school office. If your child is on the SEND register you **do not need to book** via this appointment app.

YN – Y5 Tuesday 24th March 5.30pm - 7.30pm
(Y4R only – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th 5.30 – 7.30pm)
YN - Y5 Thursday 26th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Church Car Park

Can we please remind parent/carers that **parking in the area in front of the Church is strictly forbidden** when dropping off or collecting children from our school. We are very fortunate to have full access to the parish hall car park; however, the Church car park is reserved for parishioners only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Club

Book Club leaflets have gone home this week. If you would like to place an order you can do this by either clicking on the following link or copy it into your browser: <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-VX7X2LP9>
There are some lovely books to choose from. All orders must be placed by **Friday 20th March 2026**.

Coventry Gang Show

We have some students who will be taking part in this year's Gang Show from 23 to 25th April. Please see the attached poster, for further information. Please use the QR code to purchase tickets.

Positive Parenting rebranding

We're pleased to share that the Positive Parenting Team has officially rebranded and is now the **Family Relationships Team**. Our aim remains: Empowering Parents and Thriving Relationships.

We remain committed to strengthening family and parental relationships, recognising their vital role in children's wellbeing and development.

Our work includes providing support through delivery of programmes and workshops.

All bookings can now be made via the Coventry Families Portal:
<https://www.coventryfamilies.co.uk/parenting-support>

Dates, times, and venues are listed at least two months in advance, allowing parents to book directly or enabling professionals to book on their behalf with consent.

Football Squad – All Souls

Holy Family suffered their first loss of the season in a tough away match against All Souls, ending 4–1. Despite going 2–0 down early in the first half, the boys settled quickly and controlled much of the possession. Their hard work paid off when Trae fired in a well-deserved goal to make it 2–1 at half-time, leaving everything still to play for.

The second half saw Holy Family dominate with wave after wave of attacks, only to be denied repeatedly by an outstanding All Souls goalkeeper. Against the run of play, All Souls managed to score twice more, taking their chances clinically.

Although the result wasn't the boys wanted—especially as it was part of a double-header that sees us exit the cup—they should all be proud of their performance, resilience, and effort throughout. Plenty of positives to build on, and everything still to play for in the league!

Mental Health in Schools Team

Please see the attached flyer regarding helpful tips for wellbeing. The theme next week is self-care.

Larks & Owls Easter Club



Holy Family Holiday Club are now taking bookings for Easter holidays. The closing date for bookings is **Wednesday 25th March**. Please call 07800634991 or email LandO@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk for more information.

Holiday Activity clubs through HAF

Please see attached poster for sessions during the Easter holiday that HAF have available. HAF bookings are now LIVE. They have an extensive range of bookable activities available and there is something for every child to enjoy. For eligible children who have an EHCP they have experiences at a number of venues, including Red Kangaroo, Spencer's Retreat, Twycross Zoo and many more. Book up quickly, as places and activities are limited.

Coventry Cultural Education Partnership Easter Workshops



Highly Sprung are running two holiday clubs this Easter for young people aged 6-11 years and 12-16 years.

Sprung and Games for 6–11-year-olds - Sprung & Games is a fun, energetic physical theatre holiday workshop for young people. The workshop combines games, drama, movement, and physical theatre with a wide range of creative activities, giving young people the chance to explore their imagination, build confidence, and work collaboratively. It's an active, playful environment where young people can express themselves, develop performance skills, and enjoy being creative together.

Book Here - <https://eequ.org/book/sprung-and-games-6-11-years-with-highly-sprung-performance-23789>

Make a Performance for 12–16-year-olds - young people will take part in creative activities to make performance pieces, working by themselves and in groups. They can share their work to each other and discuss how performances are made, and what makes a good performance. They will take part in tasks that will help develop their performance skills, confidence and self-esteem and allow them to express themselves. Lots of active warm-up games, creative movement, physical theatre tasks throughout the 4 days.

Book Here - <https://eequ.org/book/make-a-performance-12-16-year-olds-with-highly-sprung-performance-23803>

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 9am - 3pm at Daimler Powerhouse

Eligible HAF bookings are FREE and include a hot lunch.

Non-HAF Bookings - £10 per child per day

SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 17.03.26

This is a session for Parents/Carers of Children or Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The session offers a **great way to meet other parents/carers who may be in a similar situation**, and an opportunity to share with others in a **friendly, non-judgemental environment**, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS. During this session the hosts will share information about May ½ term **'short breaks'** activities. Please see the attached poster regarding booking information. **Details:**

When: Tuesday 17th March 2026, 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: The Wave, Coffee Tots Community Room, New Union Street, Coventry, CV1 2PS

***Please Note: Unfortunately, this session would not be suitable for children to accompany their parents.**

Heart of England – Music Festival

In just over a week's time the Heart of England Music will be hosting its first ever music festival to celebrate the work the hub does in the community.

Come and join us for a day of music and fun for the whole family, Throughout the day there will be lots of live music and performers, refreshments and lots of people to meet.

The event will feature three stages running from 1.30pm until 8pm with a mix of genres, featuring groups from local artists and partners from across Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull.

The event will be held at Butts Park Arena home of Coventry Rugby Club, Butts Park Arena, The Butts, Coventry CV1 3GE on **Sunday 22 March** from 1pm to 8pm and food and drink will be available. The full line up of acts has now been announced. You can read the full line up on the [Heart of England Music website](#). Please see the attached poster for more information regarding tickets.

Music Appreciation



ANTONIO VIVALDI (1678 - 1741)

This week to continue the theme of 'classical music' we have been listening to 'The Four Seasons' by Vivaldi. The Four Seasons is Vivaldi's most well-known work. It was a big step forward in how music could tell a story. Vivaldi used music to paint pictures of nature. You can hear flowing streams, birds singing, a shepherd with his barking dog, buzzing flies, and even storms.


Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs G Griffiths
Headteacher*




Y3N	Michael Boateng	YRMcG	Leo McCabe-Montoro
Y3N	Ivy Ann Wella	Y1B	Tinashe Ngoma
Y4W	Oliwier Bednarz	Y2N	Karol Dlugosz
Y4W	Jacob Makowski		

We hope you all have a lovely birthday!



Attendance for this week

Whole School attendance 94.6%



	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	93.8%	94.5%	95.8%	95.3%	96.2%	95%	93.6%

Congratulations to Y4W for the highest attendance of 96.5 % this week!



HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Saoirse Walsh
Cara Corr-Wilson



Y6 Miss Thompson

Ronan Doherty
Raphael Sebastian

Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Leia Ward
Miller-Gra McKeown

Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Coen Ball
Cody Ross

Y4 Mr Richardson

Órla Grove
Dotty McCloskey

Y4 Mrs Ward

Gracie Herbert
Alice Thompson

Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Theo Sedgewick
Janina Chwalek

Y3 Miss Clyde

Ethan Goddard
Sofia Mandzij

Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Nathaniel Lydon
Xavier Nwezeh-Evans

Y2 Mr Newell

Emily Fernando
Karol Dlugosz

Y1 Mrs Parkes &

Mrs Twycross

Darragh Quinn
Albie Demarinis-
Ashfield

Y1 Miss Brown

Caoimhe Bracken-
Webb
Ethan Carvalho

YRH Miss Heaphy

Archie Hamilton
Benjamin Bennett

YRMcG Miss McGrath

Olivier Gardner
Dixie Ward

Nursery Superstars

Kaden Grove
Féile Mills

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Lent, our charity focus in Holy Family KS2 will be CAFOD's **Big Lent Walk**, a nationwide challenge inviting families, schools and communities to walk in solidarity with others and help bring **life-saving water** to communities around the world. CAFOD encourages participants to walk during the 40 days of Lent to raise funds supporting people in places such as Ethiopia and Peru, where access to clean water can transform daily life.

As part of our school effort, we will be **promoting walking to school**—especially as the weather begins to improve—and pupils will also take part in **guided walks around the local area during school time**.

Pupils and their families can support in two simple ways:

- Get your friends and family to sponsor your child's walking, or
- **Make a direct donation** via our special Holy Family fundraising webpage. ([Click here](#))

We have set a very achievable target of **£600 for Key Stage 2**, which works out at **£2.50 per pupil** or just **£75 per class** across Years 3 to 6. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity during this season of Lent. If you'd like to know more about 'Cafod's The Big Lent Walk' including a little video [click here](#).



Scan the QR code to donate





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Self-Care

Self-care is all about the little things we do to help ourselves feel better or to keep ourselves feeling good. This is a great way to look after our mental health and wellbeing. Self-care involves 'checking in' with yourself and thinking "how do I feel today?" and understanding "what do I need today?" Self-care looks different for everybody. What works for one person may not work for someone else!

Our tips for self-care:

- **Taking** time-out when we are feeling overwhelmed.
- **Making** time for an activity which makes us feel good e.g., taking a bath, listening to music, going for a walk, or playing a game you enjoy.
- **Doing** the basic things to look after ourselves e.g., eating and sleeping well.
- Practise self-care by asking yourself the questions in the box below:

How do I feel today? What do I need today? Do I need physical or mental self-care? When can I add self-care into my day? Make time to do it! Repeating these Self-Care check-ins at least once each day can help improve our mental health.

Make time for a relaxation activity. Scan the QR codes below for more information around self-care. Why not try the mindfulness activities in the QR codes below too!

Primary resources:

Secondary resources:



Self-Care



Mindfulness



Self-Care



Mindfulness

Watch the Mindfulness animation! The Mindfulness in Schools Project has lots of other great resources too.

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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THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 9-15 MARCH

6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Family is taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

This March, thousands of people from across the country are joining the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste – Holy Family included! We'd love for your household to take part.

By counting every piece of plastic packaging you throw away in a week, you'll help pressure the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people.

Plastic is essential for many people to live safely and independently. But walk into any supermarket and you'll see the scale of the problem right there on the shelves: almost all of our food and household products are wrapped in plastic. How can we recycle our way out of the problem when too much plastic is being produced in the first place?

In previous years, The Big Plastic Count has revealed that most of our plastic isn't even recycled. Most of it is burned in the UK and the rest is sent overseas or to landfill – all of which harms people and planet. Since the last count, the UK has elected a new government – one that says it's serious about tackling plastic waste. This is our chance to put their promise to the test.

How to take part

- 1** Stick your Count Sheet somewhere noticeable – like the fridge
- 2** Tell everyone at home that you're counting plastic packaging and make sure they do, too.
- 3** Between **9-15 March**, count every piece of plastic packaging before you throw it away – whether you're at home, at school or on-the-go.

Your Count Sheet includes categories for different types of plastic. This means The Big Plastic Count team can figure out what happens to your plastic after you bin it. For help with categorising, and to see the things you don't need to count, head to: thebigplasticcount.com/plastic-id

Once your household has completed the investigation, your child should bring the Count Sheet to school on Monday 16th March to submit their results in class.

With your help, we'll create a fairer future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

Best wishes,
Mrs Griffiths



Find out more: thebigplasticcount.com



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How to book:

Please visit the [SENDIASS Eventbrite 'Coffee Morning' Booking page](#), or scan the QR code below to book your place:

A promotional graphic for a coffee morning event. It features a dark wooden background with several coffee cups. One cup has the text 'FREE TEA AND COFFEE' written on it. Another cup has 'A LISTENING EAR', another 'MAKE FRIENDS', another 'LAUGH TOGETHER', and another 'LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'. A white coffee cup with the SENDIASS logo is also present. The logo consists of three stylized figures holding hands, with the text 'Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service' around it. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic area.

DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

Get in touch with us if you would like to join our next SENDIASS Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026
(9.30AM-11.30AM)

The Wave,
Coffee Tots Community Room
New Union St, Coventry CV1 2PS

TO BOOK: please scan QR code

(Or visit the SENDIASS website: <https://www.covsendiass.co.uk/events>)

*Please note this session is not suitable for children



**Cardinal Newman School Students
Invite Members of Coventry Irish Society to**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY *celebration*

Enjoy lively dancing from Celtica, beautiful singing
from a Welsh Choir,
and delicious light refreshments.

We'd also love you to bring along a special item
connected to Ireland—perhaps a keepsake, photograph, or
object with a story behind it. You'll have the opportunity to
share your memories and chat with our students about its
history and what it means to you.

March 16th

12:45–2:30

Holy Family Church Hall

**Please let us know if you would like to attend this event
call 02476 256629 or email siobhan.sexton@covirishsoc.org.uk**

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Music Festival

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22.3.2026

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THE RUSTY BUCKETS. PHOENIX RISING
TRANS SABBATH. THE BEETLES
PERMANENT DAYLIGHT

Bear Stage

FEMALE DJ PROJECT WITH DJ KIZZI
DJ UNDECIDED. DEEJAY JO. HAYZ. LOUIS
PYF – JUSTIN/AHMED/KYLE/LOIS
SOLIHULL SOUND COLLECTIVE

Griffin Stage

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Coventry HAF

Holiday Activities and
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28 March - 12 April 2026

**Be inspired and try some free
activities this school holiday**

Activities including: archery, coding/gaming, cooking, crafts,
dance, media, sports, theatre, trips and more - **all with free food**

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