

**Newsletter Autumn Term Week 2**  
**Friday 11th September 2026**

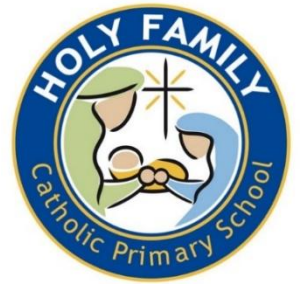
**Holy Family Catholic Primary School**



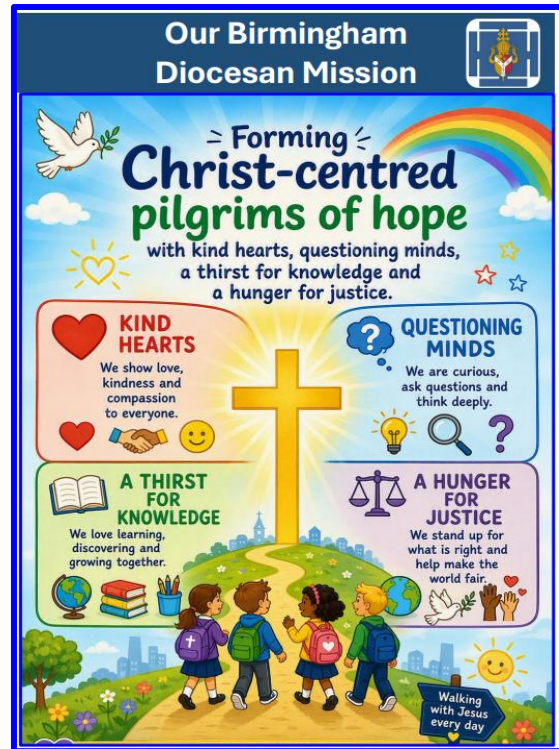
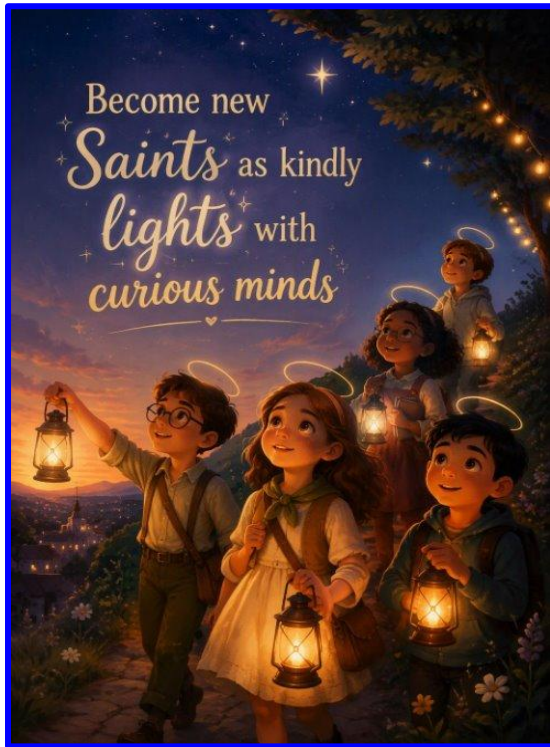
*Jesus said "Let the children come to me"  
We live and learn and love in his way.*

**Spotlight on Whole School**





## *Catholic Life and Mission*



**The Holy Family theme for the year is to:**

*Become new saints as kindly lights, with curious minds.*

Pope Leo XIV went to Assisi in August to celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. In his homily he said: "Dear young people, today Europe and the whole world are looking to you to be new saints. Dare to believe in the word of the Gospel"

*"Unite the best energies of your magnificent humanity: your studies, skills, work, friendships, love and prayer, so that you can bring St. Francis' vision to life in many different ways,"*

Therefore, our theme for the year is built on this request by Pope Leo joined with our Birmingham Diocesan mission above.



### Education Sunday & Staff Commitment Mass

Sunday 13th September is Education Sunday and our Staff Commitment Mass. The theme for Education Sunday 2026 is 'Living well Together'. It would be lovely to see all of our pupils in attendance!



### Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

A message has gone out on Dojo to all Year 3 and Year 6 parents regarding how **to register for the sacraments** in 2027. Please make sure you read the message carefully as there is a new process this year. Details can also be found on the parish newsletter.



### Wednesday Word

This week's Gospel is from Matthew 18:21-35. Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Click here for the Parish website for newsletters: <https://hf-cov.org.uk/wp/>

### School Term Dates

Please see the term dates attached and make a note of the holidays and **teacher training days** when the children are not in school.

I would like to remind you that school holidays are **not** permitted during term time and will not be authorised. Any absence for exceptional circumstances should be requested using our exceptional leave form **before** any bookings are made.

### Keeping children safe

#### Staying safe online

Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership have created some informative guides to help keep children safe online - please see the attached poster for more details.

#### Car Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We had a situation this week where several families were blocked in the Parish Hall car park by this car. Please park respectfully and safely.



#### Outside Gym Equipment

Please could we remind all parents and carers that the outdoor gym equipment and trim trails **are not** to be used by children before or after school. We are not insured for use of this equipment outside of the school day and will not take any responsibility for any injuries caused in this time. Children should only be on these during school hours while they are being supervised by trained members of staff.

#### Food Allergies



Please can we remind you that **we have NO EGGS or NUTS or SEEDS to come into school in your child's packed lunch.**

It is highly important that items such as chocolate spread are not given to the children in their lunch as some chocolate spreads advise traces of nuts, we also like to promote healthy eating and that is



not a healthy option, also eggs in sandwiches and Cereal bars with nuts in, as these can be fatal to some of our children.

### School Gates

We would like to thank everyone for their support and co-operation with the ongoing work being done to the school gates. Please keep an eye on Dojo for any updates going forward.

Please could we ask all parents to be cautious when entering and leaving the school through the gates on Beake Avenue - the ground leading through to the school is uneven so please walk carefully!

## Admissions

### Admissions Reception - September 2027

The online facility for applying for a place in our reception classes is now open until 15th January 2027. The web address is: [Primary school admissions – Starting primary school in September 2027](#) Please remember that parents are responsible for providing a copy of their child's Catholic Baptism Certificate to the school by the closing date on 15 January 2027. Our preferred method is to email this via [admin@holyfamly.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamly.coventry.sch.uk). Failure to do this will result in your child being ranked as non-Catholic and this could affect their place.

### Nursery Admissions Applications

Nursery applications for children to start nursery in September 2027 will be available via the website on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026. You need to apply for you child born between 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The closing date for applications will be 15 January 2027 and Governors will review all applications in accordance with our admissions policy during February 2027.

### Secondary Admission Applications

To all **Year 6** parents - applications are now open for you to apply for your child's **secondary school** the closing date will be 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026. [Please click here](#) if you haven't already applied. **If you are still unsure of where to apply, Secondary schools are holding Open evenings over the next couple of weeks.**

### School Food United

Please remember to order you child's meals on **Sunday evening for the week.**

We appreciate that there has been a problem with free school meals pulling through to the app, however, we have had a significantly high number of children with no meals ordered this week. Large numbers of add on meals puts the kitchen staff under a large amount of pressure - because of this, from next week, if a child has not had a meal ordered on two occasions, we will be asking you to bring in a packed lunch on the third occasion.



Please could we also ask that your child stays on **either** school dinners **or** packed lunches for a full half term and doesn't switch between both as this is very difficult for the kitchen to manage their numbers and food orders are made the week before.

Eligibility for free school meals has now been extended to anyone receiving Universal Credit. If you are now eligible and would like to apply for free school meals please click on the following link: [Free School Meals – Apply for Free School Meals](#)

### School Sports Teams

Would your company be able to support one of our school sports teams through sponsorship? We are currently looking for sponsors for our Girls' Football, Boys' Football and Netball teams. Your donation would help us purchase new team kits, giving our children the opportunity to represent the school with pride.

As a thank you for your support, your company name/logo can be displayed on the team kit, helping to promote your business while supporting young people in our school community. If you or your company would be interested in sponsoring a team, please contact the office.

Together, we can help our children play with pride, confidence and team spirit!

### Afterschool Sports

Our afterschool sports timetable is still being reviewed. We are currently looking at different suppliers for a more varied timetable. We will put a post on dojo once it has been finalized so please keep an eye out.

### Old and Foreign coins

We are collecting old UK coins and notes, as well as current or old foreign currency, to help support our school. If you have any leftover coins or notes tucked away at home from previous holidays, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to us - Any currency, old or new, is welcome!

Accepted items include:

- All global coins and notes
- Old, obsolete or worn currency
- Pre-decimal and pre-euro denominations
- British and Irish historic notes and coins

Please send any donations into school with your child or hand them into the school office. Thank you!

### Vacancy - Maternity cover

We have an upcoming vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. This will be maternity cover for 9 months starting in October. The post is for 6.25 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

### Rock Steady

Please [click the link](#) for any parents interested in signing your child up for 'Rock Steady', who come in and deliver personalised band sessions to help children grow with their interest in music and singing.

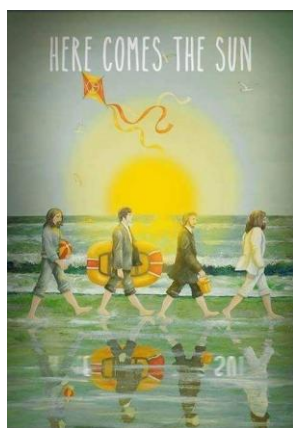
### MHST

Please see the attached poster from the Mental Health in Schools Team. The theme for this week is: **Gratitude.**



### Holy Family Parish Tea Party

Please see the attached poster for a tea party being held at Holy Family Parish Hall on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. You will be entertained by a professional singer and treated to a selection of goodies, including savoury, sweet, tea, coffee and soft drinks.



### Music Appreciation of the Week

During September we are celebrating top bands of the world! To start off this month our music appreciation of the week is 'Here comes the Sun' by The Beatles. While George Harrison had been contributing songs to Beatles albums since 1963, he had long been in the shadow of Lennon and McCartney. By 1969, however, his compositions had reached such a standard that his two songs on Abbey Road ("Something" and "Here Comes The Sun") were among the standout songs on that album. As George said in 1969, "I wasn't Lennon, or I wasn't McCartney. I was me. And the only reason I started to write songs was because I thought, 'Well, if they can write them, I can write them.'"

Have a lovely Weekend  
Mrs G Griffiths  
Headteacher

*We look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday at 10am for Education Sunday.*



## Attendance for this week Whole School attendance 97.6%



|            | YR    | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance | 98.1% | 98%    | 96.7%  | 98.1%  | 97.6%  | 97.5%  | 96.3%  |

Congratulations to Y3C for the highest attendance of 100% this week!



|       |                  |      |                     |
|-------|------------------|------|---------------------|
| YRH   | Isla Kirkland    | Y2M  | Tommy Bracken       |
| YRH   | Ava Irvine       | Y4R  | Sofia Madzij        |
| YRH   | Zoe Rzymaska     | Y5C  | Molly Craig         |
| YRMcG | Millie Nally     | Y5C  | Kallisi Bochno      |
| YRMcG | Travis Aneke     | Y5M  | Johann Jotham       |
| Y1B   | Connie Gallagher | Y6ST | Ria Nirosan         |
| Y2M   | Idara Luther     | Y6TN | Victoria Malinowska |

We hope you all have a lovely birthday!

# School term dates 2026-2027

**September 2026**

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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**October 2026**

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**November 2026**

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**December 2026**

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**January 2027**

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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 |
| Boxing Day (substitute) | 28 December 2026 |
| New Year bank holiday   | 1 January 2027   |
| Good Friday             | 26 March 2027    |

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Easter Monday       | 29 March 2027  |
| May Day holiday     | 3 May 2027     |
| Spring Bank holiday | 31 May 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)

# ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCES

The Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership have created guides for parents and carers to help them keep their children safe online. Scan the QR codes to find out more.



## Getting Started Online

Helpful tips on how to introduce your child to their first digital device and being online.

## Talking to Children & Young People about Being Online

Tips on how to talk to your child about their online life and how to support them to stay safe online.



## Online Safety Webpage

Information on how to help your child be safe and have positive experiences online, including where to seek support and expert advice.



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Dimensions tool



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

## Gratitude

Gratitude is the act of looking for things that make us feel happy and being thankful for them. For example, saying "thank you" to someone who did an act of kindness such as holding a door open for you, or telling your friend that you're happy they make you laugh and tell you funny jokes.

We can also be thankful to ourselves. We all have different skills and talents which bring us joy. What is yours? It might be skateboarding, cooking, sport or dancing. Whatever your skill or talent is, be thankful for it!

*"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." – Karl Barth*

### Notice the good in your life - practise gratitude

**Look around**, can you see something that makes you feel happy? For example, your best friend's smiling face. **Listen**, can you hear something that makes you feel happy? For example, music that makes you want to dance.

Being thankful for the good things in your life can improve your wellbeing and reduce feelings of frustration. It gives you the chance to reflect on the good things you have accomplished and have a more positive mindset.

Each day this week, try and notice three people/places/things that you are thankful for. Write these down on your phone or a notepad to be able to look back on and appreciate the positive aspects of your week.

### Express gratitude

Show your appreciation to someone who did something nice. Say: "It was really kind of you to...", "It really helped me out when you..."

Tell the people in your life how you feel and what they mean to you. This can be as simple as "Mum, good dinner. Thanks!"

**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@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk) Website: [www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk)



# Holy Family Parish

## Tea Party

COME AND SPOIL YOURSELF

*All welcome*

£15 PER PERSON IN AN ENVELOPE WITH  
NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER. ENVELOPES  
MUST BE POSTED INTO THE PRESBYTERY  
POST BOX. (LIMITED PLACES)

**SUNDAY** : September 20th

**Holy Family Hall 4pm - 6pm**

Professional Singer

*Marie Brennan*

Entertaining you with a  
selection of songs  
from the  
50s and 60s.

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