

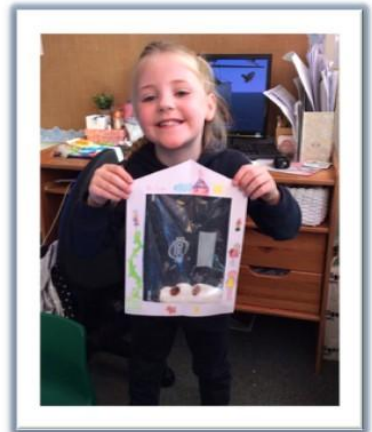
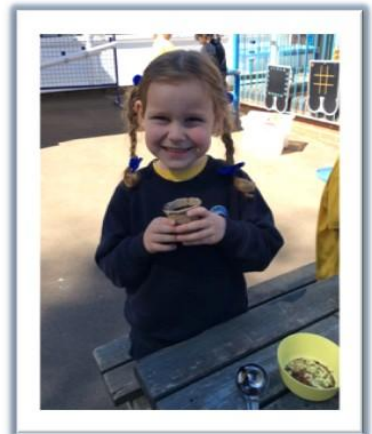
Newsletter Summer Term Week 2  
Friday 24th April 2026

Holy Family Catholic Primary School



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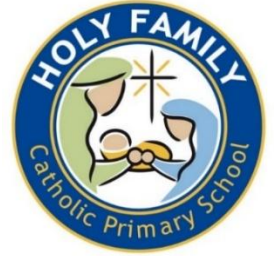
**Spotlight on Reception**



Newsletter – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Week 2

## Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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### Catholic Life and Mission

#### Whole School Easter Mass

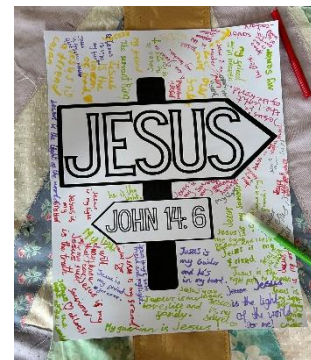
On Monday we celebrated Easter and the Resurrection as a school community. Y2, Mrs Marlowe's class led us in the liturgy and shared a lovely Alleluia reflection at the end. Well done to all the children for a beautiful Mass to start our new summer term.



#### Alton Castle Catholic Retreat

Our Y5 have spent a wonderful few days in our Diocesan Catholic retreat centre, Alton Castle. The theme for the course was 'Follow' and they have been learning about following Jesus more closely. They have also spent time appreciating God's creation being outdoors and enjoyed all the activities that have helped them to work together as a team. We will hear more about it and seeing more photos next week.

I'd like to thank the staff who, along with myself, have given up their time to allow this trip to happen; Mrs Corr-Wilson, Mrs Mariadoss, Miss Hill, Miss Burchell, Miss Clyde.



#### Sad news

You have heard, via my letter, the sad news that Mrs Lorraine Dunne, one of our teaching assistants, has died.

I ask you to keep her, her family and all who had the privilege of knowing and working with her in your prayers at this very sad time.



*Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine  
upon them. May the  
souls of the faithful  
departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.*



### Prepare for this Sunday's Gospel:

This Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and the Gospel is from John 10:1-1. Jesus explains to his disciples that just as a shepherd protects his sheep, as long as we follow Jesus, he will protect us and fill our lives with goodness. Have a read with your child and see what message it gives to you: [Click this link for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Lenten Charity

KS2 have been taking part in the big lent walk to raise money for CAFOD. We are continuing collecting money and walking over the next week so would really appreciate your support in donating for this worthy cause.

Please see the attached poster for more information and the QR code to donate.



### **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.



### Coventry City Celebration!

Following the great news that Coventry City Football Club are now going up to the Premiere League and the announcement that the City are planning a day of celebration on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday), we will celebrate on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** by having a sky blue day where the children can wear their Coventry kits or Sky Blue and white. PUSB!! Well done City!

### Science Week

This years 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 and we already have exciting plans for this year, including animals, workshops and shows! Further details to follow – please keep an eye out!

### 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 in May.

### Children's Mile

The Coventry Children's mile will be returning to the War Memorial Park on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. This open to all children with all abilities, please sign up via the school gateway.



### 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.*



**Mental Health in Schools Team**

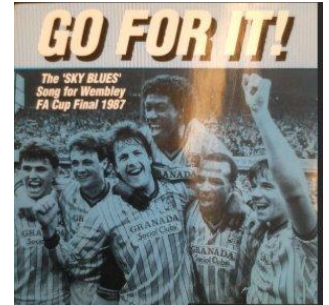
Please see the attached flyer regarding helpful tips for wellbeing. The theme next week is: Get outdoors.

**Casting call!**

Please see the attached poster for an exciting opportunity for children aged between 4½ and 6 to take part in a brand new CBeebies series – *I Can Taste It*



**Music Appreciation**



This week’s music appreciation is Coventry City’s iconic FA Cup final song, "Go for It!". The song was released in 1987 to commemorate the team's historic victory over Tottenham Hotspur, when they went on to win the FA cup. The single reached number 61 on the UK Singles Chart!



*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs G Griffiths  
Headteacher*

		
Y1B	Shae O’Sullivan	Y3N
Y2N	Oliwia Rogozinska	Y5M
Y3C	Richie Kelly	Y5M
		Amea Yeboah
		Teddy Currie
		Lyla Cruise
We hope you all have a lovely birthday!		

	<b>Attendance for this week</b> <b>Whole School attendance</b> <b>94.7%</b>						
	YR	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.2%	94.2%	94.2%	97.2%	96.6%	94.7%	90.3%
<b>Congratulations to Y2N and Y3N for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!</b>							

# HEAD TEACHERS MERIT & WRITER OF THE WEEK

## Y6 Mrs Tompkins

Poppy Webster  
Ava Sutcliffe



## Y6 Miss Thompson

Karessa Opoku  
Trae Thompson

## Y5 Mrs Corr-Wilson

Whole Class

## Y5 Mrs Mariadoss

Whole Class

## Y4 Mr Richardson

Pola Leczycka  
Olivia Azike

## Y4 Mrs Ward

Orla De Smet  
Ruairi Giddings

## Y3 Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Newman

Theo Sheldon  
Kade Cosnett

## Y3 Miss Clyde

Evie Kendrick  
Chrizya Gonsalves

## Y2 Mrs Marlowe

Arlo Ward  
Dexter Goddard

## Y2 Mr Newell

Miller Ward  
Raythan Sanawar

## Y1 Mrs Parkes &

## Mrs Twycross

Jashny Jadson  
Grace Cuffe

## Y1 Miss Brown

Ayden Sidile  
Arthur Madeira

## YRH Miss Heaphy

Eliana Olagoke  
Orianna Gill

## YRMcG Miss McGrath

Nora Gower  
Sonny-Bhoy Lilley

## Nursery Superstars

Travis Aneke  
Maple Healy

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

# 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	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)

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





# CASTING CALL

## CHILDREN AGED 4½ TO 6

TV production company Common Story are looking for children to take part in *I Can Taste It* - a brand new CBeebies series that takes children on a fun, sensory journey of different food and ingredients.

We welcome applications from children of all backgrounds. Whether your child already loves exploring new flavours, is just beginning to discover different tastes or needs encouragement to try new things - we'd love to hear from you!

Midlands-based Common Story are the team behind previous CBeebies series including 'I Can Do It, You Can Too' and 'I Can Grow It'.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26TH APRIL 2026**  
**APPLY HERE: [www.commonstory.tv/taste](http://www.commonstory.tv/taste)**

OR APPLY  
HERE



**NEED SOME HELP?: [casting@commonstory.tv](mailto:casting@commonstory.tv)**



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Dimensions tool



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

## Get Outdoors

Spending time outdoors is great for your body and mind! It can improve your mood, reduce feelings of stress, improve your confidence, helps you to be more active and can reduce loneliness.

### How to get outside more:

- 1. Take a Nature Walk**  
Find a park, trail, or even your garden and take a walk. Look around for birds, trees, and flowers that you can spot. You could try taking photographs and share them with a friend.
- 2. Play a Sport or Game**  
Whether it's football, netball or running, outdoor sports are a great way to get moving. They also help us develop our communication skills when we play as part of a team!
- 3. Do a Scavenger Hunt**  
Make a list of things to find outside—like a particular leaf or a butterfly—and go on a hunt to find them!
- 4. Bring Your Hobby Outside**  
Do you like drawing, reading, or listening to music? Try doing it outside! Find a comfy spot on the grass and enjoy your favourite activities in the fresh air.
- 5. Have a snack outside**  
Try taking a snack outside and eating it while focusing on the food and what is going on around you.
- 6. Watch the Stars**  
On a clear night, lie on a blanket and look up at the stars. You might even see a shooting star or spot constellations.
- 7. Meet up with a friend outside**

It can be helpful to get outdoors every day, even if only for a short time. You could try walking to a friend's house or to the shop instead of travelling by car or getting public transport. You could try to make getting outside part of your daily routine, whether it is riding a bike or sitting in a garden or park while you listen to music.

**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.**



Coventry Youth Operetta Group  
presents



# SHREK The MUSICAL


Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by **David Lindsay-Abaire**  
Music by **Jeanine Tesori**

Originally produced on Broadway by  
DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

**Wed 6th-Sat 9th May 2026**  
The Albany Theatre, Coventry



# SHREK The MUSICAL

Join YOG and **Shrek**, a grumpy ogre but an unlikely hero together with his noble steed, **Donkey**, as they embark on an **exciting adventure** with a gang of fairy-tale misfits to rescue the beautiful, but cursed **Princess Fiona**.

Shrek is a **fun-filled hilarious** musical comedy with **uplifting dance numbers** which is sure to **delight audiences** of all ages.

TICKET PRICES				
DATE		TIME	FULL PRICE	CONCESSION RATE
Wednesday	6th May	7.30pm	£20.00	£18.00
Thursday	7th May	7.30pm	£20.00	£18.00
Friday	8th May	7.30pm	ALL TICKETS - £20.00	
Saturday	9th May	2.30pm	£20.00	£18.00
Saturday	9th May	7.30pm	ALL TICKETS - £20.00	

The Albany Theatre, Coventry CV5 6JQ  
Box Office: 024 7699 8964



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