Holy Family Catholic Primary School October Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of a busy but very successful first half term of the new school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support. The children have settled brilliantly, embraced new routines, and shown great enthusiasm in their learning. Your partnership with us makes a tremendous difference, and we are truly grateful.

As we look ahead to the run-up to Christmas, please remember to check the school website regularly for all key dates, events and updates. This will ensure you have the most up-to-date information as we move into an exciting and busy term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break with your families.

Ms C. McFadden

Celebrating Harvest - Thank You for Your Kindness!

Thank you so much for the incredible generosity shown during our Harvest Festival. We were truly overwhelmed by the number of tins, cereal boxes and other donations received. Your kindness has been felt across our school community.

The children had a wonderful time taking part in our Harvest challenges, especially the cereal box domino run and the tin-can stacking activity – both of which brought lots of laughter and excitement.

Our donations were blessed by Father Joseph during a reverent Harvest Mass. Following this, members of our Chaplaincy Team visited the local foodbank to pass on your contributions. Because of your support, families in our local area will benefit from much-needed help.

Thank you for helping us make a real difference.

November Key Dates

Monday 2nd November

School closed to all pupils. Staff Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November

School reopens for all children. Breakfast club opens at 7:45am and main gates at 8:35am.

School nursing team in school for flu jabs FS2 - Year 6

New Enrichment Cricket lessons begin for all KS2 children. Please ensure all PE kits are in school.

Friday 6th November

9am Year 6 SAT Information meeting for all parents/carers. Please confirm attendance at the school office.

Miss Wainwright's final day in school before commencing maternity leave.

Monday 9th November

Year 4 and Year 6 to visit Danum Gallery, Doncaster.

Tuesday 10th November

9:15am-10am EYFS Discovery Day Event - Messy Play Magic - All parents/carers invited to attend with their child. Please sign up at the school office.

Wednesday 11th November

Special Remembrance service in school and at the local cenotaph

Friday 13th November

Individual and family school photographs

Monday 16th November

'Speak Out' - Anti-Bullying Week.

Thursday 19th November

Special visitor in school for all classes - an Olympic Athlete!

Friday 20th November

'Break the Rules' non-uniform day in school. In exchanging for breaking our uniform rules all children are kindly asked to donate an item for our Winter Fair.

Monday 23rd November

Enterprise fortnight begins in all classes

Tuesday 24th November

Family Advent Wreath Workshop in school hall from 2pm. Places are limited so please sign up at school office from Monday 9th November

Wednesday 25th November

10am Blessing of the Advent Wreath Service in school with Father Joseph. All parents, carers and parishioners welcome.

T**hursday 26th November**

School nurses visits FS2 and Year 6 for height and weight.

Coffee Mornings at Holy Family

We are delighted to invite all families with pre-school children to our free weekly drop-in sessions. These mornings offer a lovely opportunity to meet other families, build connections and enjoy time together while your children play. The session is led by Ms Courtney, who looks forward to welcoming you.

During this time, Miss Tomlinson, our school SENDCo, will also be available to speak with any parents or carers who may have SEND questions, concerns or would simply appreciate a friendly conversation over a cuppa regarding all primary aged children.

If you would like further information about either of these drop-ins or wish to sign up, please speak to the school office.

Our first session after the half-term break will take place on **Friday 6th November, 9:30–10:30am** . We look forward to seeing you there.

FREE
Stay & Play
Pre School
Coffee Morning
All welcome!
A relaxed and friendly morning for pre school children and their parents/carers.
Meet other parents and carers
Support, chat and connect
Every Friday Morning
In the School Hall
9 – 10am
With the Parent Support Advisor and SENCO
Play
Learn
Grow
Coffee ♥ Play ♥ Support ♥ Together

Holy Family
Catholic Primary School

Together in faith, we learn, grow and succeed.

Inclusion builds a stronger school community

SEND Coffee Morning

Everyone Belongs. Everyone Matters

Join us for our SEND Coffee Morning, a welcoming opportunity for parents and carers to meet, share experiences, and learn more about the support available for children with additional needs.

At Holy Family, we believe that every child deserves to feel **valued**, **included** and able to **thrive**.

Our coffee mornings provide a safe and supportive space where families can:

- Meet our SEND team
- Learn about inclusive practice within school
- Share ideas, experiences and concerns
- Discover local services and support networks
- Gain practical strategies to support learning and wellbeing at home
- Connect with other families within our school community

Together, we can build a culture of belonging where every child is supported to achieve their full potential.

Every Friday morning
9am till 10am

In the School Hall

We look forward to welcoming you.

"Inclusion is not about bringing people into what already exists; it is about making a new space – a better space – for everyone."

INCLUSION ♥ SUPPORT ♥ BELONGING ♥ OPPORTUNITY ♥ ACHIEVEMENT

Winter Fair 2026 and Non-Uniform day

Our annual Winter Fair will take place on Friday 4th December 2026, and we warmly welcome all families to join us in the school hall and playground from 1:30pm.

To support this event, we will be holding a 'Break the Rules' non-uniform day on Friday 20th November. In exchange, we kindly ask that each child donates a small gift towards the Winter Fair.

Further details will be shared with families shortly.

Staffing Updates

This half-term, we were delighted to welcome Miss Rogerson to the Holy Family team as our new Teaching Assistant. In the coming weeks, we will also be welcoming Mrs Coleman, who will be joining our Midday Supervisor team.

Shortly, after the half-term break, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Wainwright as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her every happiness as she starts this exciting new chapter and look forward to welcoming her back later in the school year. During her absence, Miss Brown and Miss Sowden will form our Year 1 teaching team.

Postcard Home go to.....

Our superstars this month for their outstanding attitudes and learning behaviours are:

FS1: Nellie

FS2: Jordan

Year 1: Arthur

Year 2: Bryan

Year 3: Eddingirl

Year 4: Indi

Year 5: Piper

Year 6: Michael