Holy Family Catholic Primary School

September Newsletter 2026

Headteacher Message

Welcome to the start of our new academic year!

It has been a pleasure to welcome our children back to school and to see how positively they have settled into their new classes. All pupils have returned looking exceptionally smart and demonstrating the outstanding learning behaviours that we are so proud of at our school.

We have been delighted by the enthusiasm, confidence, and readiness to learn that the children have shown during the first weeks of term. Their positive attitude has helped to create a calm and purposeful start to the year.

We look forward to another busy, successful, and exciting year ahead, filled with opportunities for learning, growth, and achievement. As always, we greatly value the strong partnership between home and school and thank you for your continued support. Together, we will ensure that every child has the very best opportunities to thrive and succeed.

Ms C. McFadden

(Headteacher)

Celebrating the Start of a New School Year

Our school community came together in a wonderful celebration of Mass to mark the beginning of our new academic year. It was heartening to see staff, governors, parents, parishioners, and children united in prayer and thanksgiving as we looked ahead to the year before us.

At the start of the Mass, members of our Chaplaincy Team presented a variety of symbols representing their hopes and aspirations for the year ahead. They also led us in asking God's guidance and support in helping us achieve these goals as a school community.

It was a truly beautiful and reflective celebration, led so confidently by our Chaplaincy Team alongside Father Joseph. We are incredibly proud of the reverence and leadership shown by our pupils and thank everyone who joined us for this special occasion.

October Key Dates

Thursday 1st October

'Dress as a Word' Day

Wednesday 7th October

10am Harvest Mass in school hall. All parent/carers and parishioners welcome to attend.

Thursday 8th October

Dental Talk for EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 4

National Litercy Guiness World Records Reading Challenge for all classes

Tuesday 13th October

Year 6 visit Eden Camp

Year 5 visit Doncaster Rovers Stadium

Wednesday 14th October

Year 4 Road Safety Sessions

Friday 16th October

Stainforth Councillor to attend Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 21st October

Year 5 Basketball tournament for selected pupils

Thursday 22nd October

Year 5 Fundraising Colour Run event

Friday 23rd October

School closes for half-term break

Monday 2nd November

School closed to pupils for training day

Tuesday 3rd November

School re-opens for all pupils.

Year 6 High School Applications

It is that time of year again where our year six children can apply for their places at high school. Please follow the link below for details of how to apply. If you need any support with applications, please contact the school office.

High school Applications

The closing date for all applications is 31st October 2026

Coffee Mornings at Holy Family

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

A Fantastic Start to the Year with Outstanding Attendance

What an incredible start to the new school year! I am delighted to share that our whole-school attendance is currently **97%**, reflecting the excellent commitment our children and families have shown to ensuring that every day of learning counts.

A special congratulations must go to **Reception**, who are leading the way with an outstanding attendance figure of **99.3%**. This is a remarkable achievement and a wonderful start to school life for our youngest pupils. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into school and embraced their learning journey.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance. Working together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive, make the most of their learning, and achieve their full potential. Well done, Reception! 🌟

Vacancies at Holy Family Primary School

Please see below for a job vacancy at our wonderful school.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR REQUIRED

Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Kirton Lane, Stainforth
DN7 5BL

Part Time

Permanent

Required: November 2026

Application forms can be requested, and should be returned to the school by emailing

Sarah.cashmore@francisxavier.co.uk

Our schools is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This post involves working with children and therefore if successful you will be required to apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service records check at an enhanced level. Further information about the Disclosure Scheme can be found at www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check

We are committed to the equality of opportunity in the services provided to customers and all aspects of employment. Our recruitment policies, procedures and practices enable all applicants to be considered on merit and ability to do the job. We will make reasonable adjustments, in line with the Equality Act, for disabled applicants if these are needed.

Closing Date: 12 noon, Monday 12th October 2026

Interview Date: Monday 19th October 2026

Salary Range: Grade 3.02 (£3,357)

No experience necessary

Permanent Term Time Only

Monday-Friday, 11:55am – 1:05pm

The children, staff and governors of our schools would like to appoint a Midday Supervisor

Requirements:-

- Supports the vision and values of the school.
- Is caring and helpful, with a drive to put children first
- Has high expectations behaviour for all children.
- Is able to support purposeful play activities
- Recognises the individuality of every child.
- Is well organised, motivated and enjoys working as part of a whole school team
- Willing to undertake First Aid training and any other certificates required with working with children

We warmly welcome applications from all sectors of the community.

Postcards home this month go to.....

FS1: Darcy

FS2: Lyla

Year 1: Ava

Year 2: Bryan

Year 3: Jasmine

Year 4: Naydeen

Year 5: Bonnie

Year 6: Annabelle