



# Holy Family Newsletter



As we come to end of this half term, it is exciting to reflect on the incredible progress our children have made and the interesting learning that has taken place. From exploring new concepts in mathematics to diving into creative projects in art, each class has been busy engaging with fresh ideas and expanding their knowledge.

Below is a glimpse of the fantastic learning happening in each classroom, showcasing the hard work, enthusiasm, and curiosity that our children bring to school every day. We look forward to continuing this journey of growth and discovery together in the weeks to come and we hope you all have a lovely and restful half term!

This half term, we also sadly say goodbye to our school business manager Mrs D'Arcy and two of our teachers: Mrs Guirado and Miss Fallon. We wish them luck with their next adventures!

## **Keeping Our Children Safe Online**

At school, we follow the 'Be Internet Legends' rules for staying safe online. The steps for this are below in order to keep children safe both at home and in school.



### **Think Before You Share**

I will thoughtfully consider what I share and with whom, and keep extra-sensitive information to myself (such as my home address, current location, or other people's business).



### **Check it's For Real**

I will watch out for phishing and scams, and report questionable activity every time.



### **Protect Your Stuff**

I will take responsibility for protecting important information by crafting strong and unique passwords with characters, numbers, and symbols.



### **Respect Each Other**

I will spread positivity and use the skills I have learned to block and report negative behaviours.



### **When in Doubt, Discuss**

I will use my voice when I notice inappropriate behavior and seek out a trusted adult to discuss situations that make me uncomfortable. Because that's what it takes to be a safe and fearless explorer of the online world.

## **Important dates**

24/2/25 → Return to school

26/2/25 → Y5 Singtastic workshop

6/3/25 → World Book Day 2025

27/3/25 → Y4 Tudor workshop

1/4/25 → Y1 Kitty Wilkinson workshop

2/4/25 → Archdiocese School Singing concert

4/4/25 → Finish for Easter holiday

## **Pilgrims of Hope**



Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church – an event that takes place just once every 25 years. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”, an invitation to reignite the flame of hope in our own hearts and to share the light of our Christian faith with all we meet.

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, we came together in a whole school Collective Worship to celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee Year. We looked at the logo and prayed the Jubilee prayer together. We created artwork in our classes for a whole school display.

## Attendance

Last half term, Year 6 won the attendance pizza party for the best attendance.

### **Who will be the winners this half term?**

We will reveal all when we return after the break.

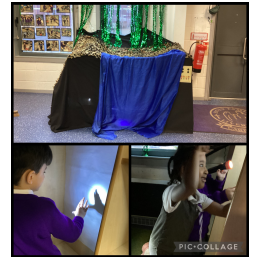


Remember to be in school and on time every day. Gates open at **8.50am!**

## Reception

This half term we have been very busy with our topic 'Bears.' In our English lessons we have been learning the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' through our Talk for Writing. We made and labelled our own maps and went on our own bear hunt. We also enjoyed changing parts of the story to go on our own animal hunt. We have also learnt about different bears and have enjoyed writing facts about them using simple punctuation.

In maths, we have been looking at different representations of numbers 1–7. We have also been exploring the properties of 2D shapes.



In understanding the world, we found out about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and explored shadow puppets in our cave.



## Year 1

In Year 1, we have been reading 'The Tin Forest' and have written dairies about what we could see from the small house. We have also been learning about number bonds to 10 in maths.

In Art, we have been learning about the artist named Henry Rousseau and have been drawing with charcoal and using different type of pencils.

We have had a gymnastics coach for PE and have enjoyed acting like butterflies, balancing and warm up games.



In Science, we have been learning about plants, flowers and trees and really enjoyed planting sunflowers and peas.

## Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been exploring Life on Earth. We found out about the life cycle of a bee and wrote our own explanation texts on the life cycle of an Emperor penguin and a butterfly.

In Art, we designed and created our own prints of Life on Earth.

In Science, we have been exploring what is living, dead and has never been alive as well as exploring microhabitats of minibeasts. All of this knowledge came in very useful at Chester Zoo this week!

In RE, we have been learning about the ministry of Jesus through his miracles and parables.





### Year 3

This half term in PE, we've taken on lots of activities and challenges to develop our teamwork skills.

In DT, we had the exciting opportunity to taste, design and create our own soups!

In English, we've been exploring The Iron Man, having lots of fun acting out scenes and analysing character descriptions.

We were also very lucky to go on a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo!



### Year 4

In English, we have been writing non-chronological reports, have learnt how to use direct and reported speech and how to use description in our writing.

We have been learning how to divide 2 digit numbers by one digit and our 7, 8, and 4 times tables in maths and have created torches in DT.



In our PE lessons, we have been learning how to run, jump and hop in athletics. In Science, we have been learning and experimenting with states of matter: solid, gas, and liquid.

### Year 5

Year 5 have been busy this half term! The children have developed their hockey skills and become talented at moving with the ball at pace.



In Spanish, we have continued to describe how we get from A to B and the children's pronunciation is 'muy bien' (very good).

There has been a lot of drama in History as we delved into The Ancient Greeks and we have learnt so much about Greek Gods and their powers.

### Year 6

In English, Y6 have been busy writing journey tales using our novel: 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo as inspiration.

We have further developed our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages in our maths lessons and have been incredibly excited learning about (and growing!) micro-organisms in Science.



We have loved learning about the Maya civilisation this half term and especially enjoyed a visit from Maya archaeologist Dr Diane, who taught us so much about this time period. We were also lucky enough to have a video call with a school based in this area in Guatemala to find out about everyday life over there and how it compares to ours!