



Holy Family Newsletter



As we reach the end of another exciting half term, we would like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful learning that has taken place across the school.

This term has been filled with curiosity, creativity, and hard work, and we are so proud of the progress our children have made in their academic and personal development.

We look forward to your continued support in the next steps of their learning and hope you all have a lovely Easter half term!

Keeping Our Children Safe Online

It is important that our children are kept safe inside school as well as at home. Therefore, it is important to manage children's online behaviour and be mindful of social media age restrictions, which we have shared below. We have also included a QR code with a link to the NSPCC webpage with more information about social media and keeping children safe online.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

LinkedIn

WhatsApp

Vine
Tinder

Path

YouTube
Keek
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr



Important dates

22/4/25 → Return to school

2/5/25 → Rock Kidz day

12/5/25 → Y6 SATs GPS test

13/5/25 → Y6 SATs Reading test

14/5/25 → Y6 SATs Arithmetic test

14/5/25 → Y6 SATs Reasoning 1 test

15/5/25 → Y6 SATs Reasoning 2 test

17/5/25 → First Holy Communion

23/5/25 → End of half term

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. This half term, we have created a whole school display linked to this theme.



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 **8.45am**

Gates close at **8.50am**

Reception

This half term in English, we've been exploring *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and even wrote our own butterfly diaries. In Maths, we've been practicing counting up to 20, learning how to double numbers, and having lots of fun with the Numberblocks!

Throughout our Science lessons, we've discovered the fascinating life cycle of a butterfly and explored how it grows and changes.

In *Come and See*, we've focused on Palm Sunday and created palm leaves to symbolise this special occasion.

Finally, we've absolutely loved our gymnastics lessons this half term, where we've been learning how to balance and move creatively around the room.



Year 1

In English, we've enjoyed reading *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth* and have used it as inspiration to write our own sets of instructions.

In DT, we've developed our weaving skills, creating some wonderful pieces of art.

In History, we've been learning about the inspiring Kitty Wilkinson, and we even had the privilege of a special visit from her, where she shared all about her remarkable life!

Finally, we had the wonderful opportunity to share our singing talents with our families this week, creating a special moment for everyone.



Year 2

In English this half term, we've been reading *Rumpelstiltskin* and have used this book as inspiration to write our own defeating a monster tale. In Maths, we've been mastering how to multiply by 2s, 5s, and 10s, building our confidence with times tables.



In Science, we've been exploring different habitats in the UK and around the world, learning how animals and plants thrive in various environments.

In History, we've explored Quarry Bank Mill and discovered what life was like for children who worked there during the Industrial Revolution.

We've also been getting creative in DT, learning the running stitch and using this to create our own bags.

Year 3

This half term in Science, we've been exploring all different types of rocks, discovering their unique properties and how they form.

In Art, we've been studying the work of artist Georgia O'Keeffe, exploring her unique style and creating our own pieces.

We've been learning how to use GarageBand in Computing, experimenting with different sounds and creating our own music.

In Geography, we've been studying volcanoes, learning about their structure, eruptions, and the impact they have on the environment. We've also had a great time in our gymnastics PE lessons, developing our flexibility, strength, and balance.



Year 4

We've thoroughly enjoyed reading our class novel *Hodgehog* in English, following the adventures of Max the hedgehog.

This half term in Science, we've been exploring the fascinating topic of sound, discovering how it travels and how we hear it.

In Art, we've studied the work of Wassily Kandinsky, experimenting with abstract shapes and vibrant colours inspired by his style.



In History, we've delved into the fascinating world of the Tudors and had an amazing workshop, where we learned so many interesting facts about this remarkable time in history.

Year 5

In Science this half term, we've been investigating the properties of different materials and learning about their uses.

Linking with our English work and our class novel *Percy Jackson*, we've explored countries near the equator, with a special focus on Greece in our Geography lessons.

We've also been creating movable posters in DT and we've loved our dance lessons, creating dances that represent countries from around the world.



Finally, Y5 have been working with Singtastic! this half term and were lucky enough to perform in one of their concerts.

Year 6

This half term, we have enjoyed learning about the impact of deforestation in English and Geography through our class novel: 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo and 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. We have used this as inspiration to write our own descriptive poems and persuasive letters.

We have also loved our Science lessons and experiments involving the heart and how to stay healthy, as well as our weekly dance lessons, with Olympic sport related dances.

However, the highlight has to be our trip to The Playhouse Theatre to see *Pig Heart Boy* due to our fantastic behaviour and staying green all half term!

