



# Holy Family Newsletter



As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure watching your children grow, learn, and thrive in our school community.

This time of year also brings change, and while we look ahead with excitement to the new academic year, we also say farewell to some valued members of staff who are moving on to the next chapter in their careers. Miss Duffy, Ms Mathias and Miss Fussell, we are incredibly grateful for your dedication and care during your time with us, and we wish you every success with your new journeys.

We hope you all have a happy summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September!

## Our Pilgrims of Hope Pledge



We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world where every person, and the earth, can flourish.



## Important dates

2/9/25 → Year 1 – Year 6 return to school

4/9/25 → Reception return to school

15/9/25 → Nursery return to school

24/10/25 → End of 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

**18**  
(13 with parents' permission)



## Attendance

### **Who will be the winners of the attendance pizza party this half term?**

We will reveal all when we return after the summer.



Remember to be in school and on time every day.

Gates open at **8.45am**  
Gates close at **8.50am**

## Reception

This half term we have really enjoyed our topic 'At sea.'

In our English lessons, we have been learning the story 'The Treasure of Pirate Frank' through our Talk for Writing. We have been finding out about pirates and making and labelling our own treasure maps.

Last week, we ended the year by all getting dressed up as pirates and having a pirate picnic at the park.

In maths, we have been using rekenreks to consolidate everything we have done over the year.



## Year 1

In our final half term of Year 1, we went on a trip to the beach to find human and physical features of the coast and also to the park to identify signs of summer and flower names we know.

We have been exploring and learning about money with our role play ice cream shop in maths and have read the story 'What the Sea-Saw' in English, innovating our own versions. We have also designed, made and evaluated windmills in DT.

We also took part in a Chester Zoo project, where we learnt about sustainable palm oil and got to hold real bones of animals and a huge snake skin.



## Year 2

This half term, we have been learning the story of Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine, a wishing tale based on how the first bathing machine was invented.

In DT, we have designed and created our own vehicles using wheels, axles and a chassis.

We have also been learning about the history of New Brighton beach and the Victorian seaside holiday. We topped it off with a visit to New Brighton in the sun!



### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic time this term, filled with fun and exciting learning opportunities!

In Geography, we enjoyed a brilliant field trip to LIPA, where we explored our local environment.

In RE, we learned about Islam and Judaism, and we were very lucky to take part in a virtual tour of a synagogue, which brought our learning to life.

We also had the amazing opportunity to be part of a Palm Oil workshop run by Chester Zoo, where we learned all about sustainability and how we can help protect our planet.



### Year 4

This term, we've had a fantastic time exploring a range of exciting topics in class. In Art, we learned how to sew and used different textiles to create landscape collages. During PE, we enjoyed playing team games and developing our cooperation skills in outdoor activities.

In Science, we explored the water cycle as part of our States of Matter topic and learned how water changes state and moves through the environment.

In RE, we found out what it means to be one of God's people and learned about inspiring saints.

We also showcased our musical talents by playing the clarinet in a special concert for our parents – a proud moment for everyone!

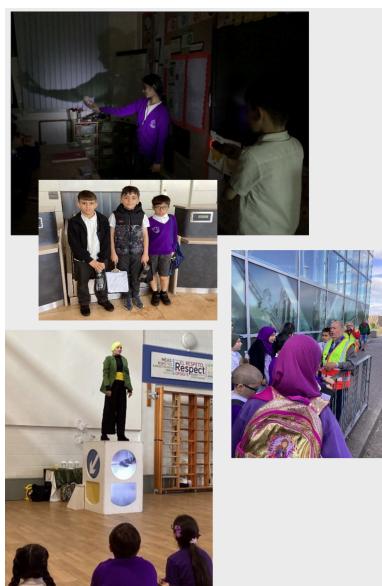


### Year 5

This half term in Science, we have studied the Moon's phases.

As part of our Geography fieldwork, we visited the airport and were lucky enough to watch firefighters in action as they were practising drills.

We have also had the opportunity to watch an incredible performance during refugee week. This involved a dancer from Ukraine who spoke about her experiences.



### Year 6

We have had an incredible last half term together at Holy Family as the perfect way to say goodbye!

We enjoyed workshops with Chester Zoo learning about Palm Oil, sustainability and saving the orangutans, ending with an amazing visit to the zoo.

We have spent many weeks developing our singing, drama and technology skills to create our leavers assembly and had our final disco at primary school with an amazing evening of dancing and laughter.

We also enjoyed a fun trip to the Bounce House and an afternoon of water teamworking activities to celebrate the end of primary school.

