



Holy Family Newsletter



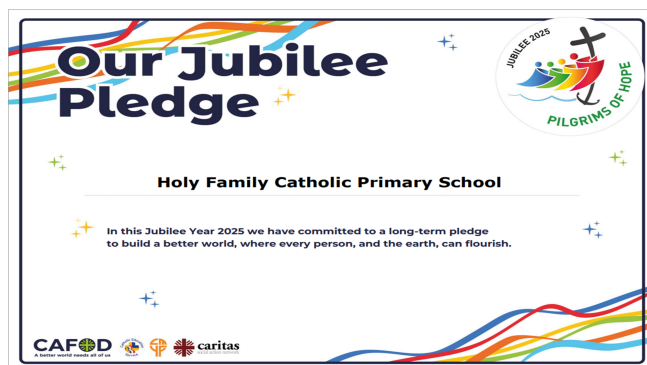
It's been a wonderful first half term back at school!

The children have settled in brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm and kindness in everything they do. We've enjoyed diving into our new topics, exploring creative projects, and celebrating the fantastic effort shown across all classes.

A big thank you to parents and carers for your continued support — it really makes a difference.

This half term, we also sadly say goodbye to Miss McClelland. We wish her luck with her next adventures!

Pilgrims of Hope



Our staff began this half term with a Collective Worship on the theme of being and spreading Seeds of Peace and Hope. Pope Leo XIV says, "Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings." We are proud to make our Jubilee Pledge to support refugees here in Liverpool and around the world, through the work of Asylum Link Merseyside and CAFOD.

Important dates

3/11/25 → Return to school

5/11/25 → Book fair arrives

6/11/25 → Y6 STEM workshop with NAVY

10/11/25 → Anti-Bullying week

10/11/25 → Flu immunisations

10/11/25 → Y5 Viking workshop

12/11/25 → Parent's night

21/11/25 → Pilgrims of Hope celebration day

24/11/25 → Y6 nurses visit - height & weight

28/11/25 → Y6 Western Approaches trip

12/12/25 → Bible tales

19/12/25 → Half term (1.30pm)

Attendance

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

We will reveal all when we return after the half term.



Remember to be in school and on time every day.

Gates open at **8.45am**

Gates close at **8.50am**

Nursery

Nursery have settled well this half term. Our learning has been linked to the book, 'Happy To Be Me' by Emma Dodd. We have been naming different parts of our body and discovering what we can do with our hands and feet. We have also enjoyed using our mouth to taste different foods and our nose to discover which smells we like and which we don't like.



Reception

This half term we have been really busy with our topic 'Me and my family'.

We have started our daily phonic lessons and are really trying our best to read and write the sounds we learn every day. In our English lessons, we have been learning the story 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. We have role-played the story and have started writing key words from the story before writing them in a simple sentence.

In maths, we have been subitising amounts to 5. We have also used maths equipment to learn about more than, fewer than and equal to.

We have also been finding out about our 5 senses and have started observing the changes outside that are happening at the moment as it is Autumn.

Year 1

In English, we have read the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and then have retold the story and created our own. In maths, we have been learning to count to 100 in different ways including forwards, backwards and in 10s.

In RED, we have been learning about the wonderful world that God created and how it can be looked after. In Science, we have been exploring materials and conducted an investigation to find out the best material for the three little pigs to build a house with.

We have been learning about healthy food choices and how to make a healthy sandwich in DT. In History, we have been learning about chronology and then about Mary Seacole during Black History Month.



Year 2

This half term, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London across the curriculum. We even got to experience a Samuel Pepys workshop with our very own guest Samuel Pepys! We had so much fun learning about life in 1666 and the changes that the Great Fire of London has made to the UK. We got to practice quill writing, acting like King Charles the 2nd and finding out about old tools used to help in fires.

In DT, we have also been learning about making bread. We have practised different skills needed to make bread and created our own bread with different shapes, toppings and fillings.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic first half term full of exciting learning!

In Geography, we used atlases to locate rivers around the world, while in Science we explored how water travels through plants by carrying out colourful flower experiments.



In DT, we designed and stitched our own sunglasses cases, showing great creativity and patience. A special highlight was a visit from the Liverpool Museum, who ran a brilliant Titanic workshop that brought history to life!

Year 4

In English, we've enjoyed reading *Gladiator Boy*, which inspired us to write our own diary entries and letters of complaint.



Our History lessons have been all about the Romans — we've discovered how they invaded Britain and the amazing changes they brought with them.

In PE, we've been developing our basketball skills with help from the Mersey Mavericks.

In Science, we've been learning all about electricity. We even made our own circuits, tested materials to find out which were electrical conductors and designed our own switches.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an exciting half term! We were lucky enough to watch the Amateur Boxing Championship at the M&S Arena — an unforgettable experience for everyone.

In Art, we have been inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, creating our own beautiful sculptures using natural materials.

In History, we have been learning all about the Vikings and the impact they had on Britain. We've written fantastic diary entries based on the book *Viking Boy* and produced our own detailed non-chronological reports about Viking life.



Year 6

This half term, Y6 have been enjoying learning all about WW2 throughout their English, Guided Reading and History lessons. They have especially loved reading *Goodnight Mr Tom* and parts of Anne Frank's diary following the lives of children during the war.

However, the highlight of this half term has to be our trip to PGL where Y6 enjoyed trying out new, exciting tasks such as raft building, high ropes, zip line and rock climbing.

