



Holy Family Newsletter



This half term has been full of exciting activities in the classroom, special events and trips and achievements worth celebrating.

It has been a pleasure to see our school community working and growing together.

Thank you to our pupils, staff and families for making this half term such a positive and memorable one.

We would like to wish all our families a wonderful holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

5/1/26 → Return to school

14/1/26 → Y6 Maya archaeologist visit

20/1/26 → Nursery / Reception open evening

22/1/26 → Nursery / Reception open evening

13/1/26 → Half term (3.20pm – normal time)

Christmas Bingo!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Christmas bingo this week.

It was a wonderful night, full of laughter and togetherness but more importantly, raising money for our incredible children.

With your help, we have raised £745.10!

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 enjoyed their learning linked the story 'Wow! said the Owl!'

We have carried out lots of activities linked to recognising numerals to 3 and counting to 3.

We have also been trying to build up our strength in our hands to develop our fine motor skills.

We have also had fun preparing for Christmas and learning about the Christmas story.



Reception

This half term, we have been very busy in Reception. In our English lessons, we have been learning the story 'It was a cold, dark night!' through our Talk for Writing. We have role-played the story and have written simple sentences describing what the hedgehog in the story saw using capital letters and full stops. We have also been finding out about hedgehogs and other nocturnal animals.

In maths, we have been focusing on part whole numbers to 5. We have also been using scales to weigh parcels and other items in our post office. We have used the vocabulary heavy and light to sort these items.



Year 1

This half term in Year 1, we have been reading the story of 'Little Red' through talk for writing and have been learning about wholes, parts and part-whole models in maths.

In RED, we have been learning about the nativity story and have also performed it as our school Christmas play. We have also had some fantastic PE lessons learning to play basketball.

In Art, we learned about Claude Monet and did our own paintings and in computing we have been learning to programme remote controlled devices.

We were also very lucky to go on a trip to the Hilton Hotel for a Christmas themed celebration!



Year 2

During this half term in Geography, we focused on our local area, even going on a local walk around school to understand what is near to us and how to navigate using maps!

In Science, we have been learning about materials and used our scientific skills to take part in many experiments testing materials' strength, flexibility and water resistance in many different ways; we even made a waterproof home for Sunny the meerkat!

We have especially loved getting ready for Christmas with our Christmas performance and fun crafts!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy and exciting half term!

We went on a fantastic trip to the World Museum where we learned all about mummification. We even got to see real fish in an aquarium, which was very exciting.

In computing, we had lots of fun learning how to control Sphero balls and make them move in different ways.

In science, we explored light and shadows by creating our own shadow puppets and experimenting with how shadows change.



Year 4

This term in Geography, we learnt about mountains, volcanoes, and earthquakes and how they are formed. In Science, we explored the human digestive system and learned how our bodies use food for energy.

In English, we wrote our own journey tales, using exciting descriptions and adventurous settings. In Design and Technology, we designed and made our own boxes, learning how to measure and join materials carefully.



We also really enjoyed our Romans trip to Chester, where we learned more about Roman history and saw real Roman remains.

Year 5

This half term, we finished our Viking topic in style with an exciting Viking Day, where we stepped back in time to experience what life was like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking times.

We have also loved taking part in basketball sessions with Mersey Mavericks, it has been fantastic to see how much the children's skills and confidence have improved.



In science, we have explored living things and their habitats, with a particular focus on life cycles and reproduction in plants and animals.

In art, the children have been busy developing their textile skills through weaving, showing great creativity and perseverance.

Year 6

This half term, Y6 have continued learning about WW2 through our English and Reading topics. We especially loved deepening our knowledge through a trip to a real WW2 bunker at Western Approaches.

In Geography, we have been learning about trade and how this has developed through time and have loved Basketball lessons in PE with Mersey Mavericks.

We have also enjoyed building our own lighthouses in DT and coding circuits to light up our lighthouses in Computing and Science.

However, the highlight of our half term has to be starting Forest School lessons, which enables us to learn and grow alongside nature. We cannot wait for more lessons in the New Year!

