



Sports Day—14th July 2025



www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk

Follow us



facebook.com/HFCHSThornton

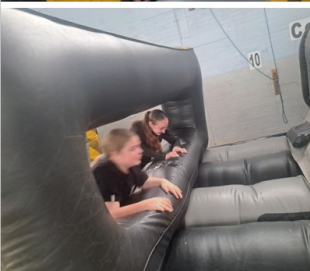
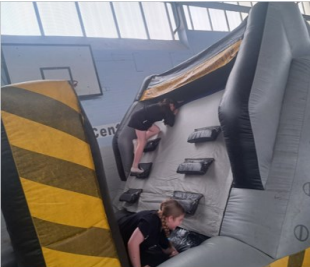


[@HFCHSThornton](https://twitter.com/HFCHSThornton)

Alton Towers Rewards Trip—15th July 2025



Alternative Rewards Trip—15th July 2025



www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk

Follow us



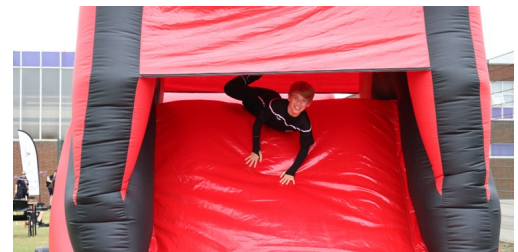
facebook.com/HFCHSThornton



[@HFCHSThornton](https://twitter.com/HFCHSThornton)

School Festival—17th July 2025

We raised
£2621.83 (and
more to come from tuck
shop sales) for
Elsie's Story.
Thank you



www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk

Follow us



facebook.com/HFCHSThornton



[@HFCHSThornton](https://twitter.com/HFCHSThornton)

We Are Pilgrims of Hope



This year, our school community has joyfully embraced the Jubilee Year under the inspiring theme: Pilgrims of Hope. It has been a journey of faith, reflection, and action, as we've explored what it means to walk together in hope, guided by Jesus, our anchor.

We began our Jubilee journey with a special Collective Worship and dedicated RE lessons to launch the year. These moments helped us understand the significance of the Jubilee and set the tone for the months ahead.

At Christmas, we took part in a Walk of Faith to St. Mary's in Little Crosby, a peaceful pilgrimage that reminded us of the journey Mary and Joseph made and the hope brought into the world through Jesus' birth. Later, during Lent, we retraced Jesus' steps to the Cross through the Big Lent Walk, once again journeying to St. Mary's. These walks were powerful opportunities to reflect, pray, and grow closer to God.

Our Year 7 and 8 students deepened their understanding of the Jubilee theme by attending Pilgrims of Hope Away Days with the Animate Youth Ministry Team in St. Helens. These days were filled with prayer, discussion, and activities that helped us explore how we can live as hopeful pilgrims in our daily lives.



As the year drew to a close, our final Collective Worship focused on writing our Jubilee Pledge. As a school, we pledged to care for God's creation. We will put this into action by launching a whole-school eco-initiative, encouraging every year group to take responsibility for protecting our planet. This is our way of living out hope—not just in words, but in meaningful action.



Throughout the year, we've also reflected on the Jubilee Logo, which reminds us that we are united on this journey, and that Jesus is our anchor, especially when life is difficult. The large HOPE letters outside our school serve as a daily reminder of this message, encouraging us to live with faith, courage, and compassion.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we continue to walk forward—together, inspired, and ready to make a difference.



Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

During their Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Dalesbridge campsite in Settle, the group of students demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and a spirit of adventure. Over the course of the trip, they developed essential outdoor skills such as setting up tents, navigating using maps, and cooking meals on a Trangia stove, including some of the best meals I have seen cooked in eight years of D of E including chicken tikka



masala with a selections of breads. Unfortunately, the cooking did not extend to the morning and the full English option did not look as appetising. Beyond the practical challenges, the students embraced the social side of the experience, taking part in a lively karaoke competition involving classics from Katy Perry and Robbie Williams and engaging in friendly rivalry during girls vs boys netball and football matches, as well as a one bounce tournament. This was won by Mr Morley and Mr Nutman and included limited biased decisions. The expedition not only strengthened their independence and problem-solving abilities but also created lasting memories and friendships. All the team looked forward to the assessment so students could implement their new skills, which included a walk up and over Pendle Hill on the final day!

Year 9 and 10 Spanish trip

After a 4.30am start and a slightly delayed flight, we left Manchester on 22nd June and jetted off for five days to Santa Susanna and the glorious Spanish sunshine. Once we had checked in at our hotel and sampled the hotel food, we participated in the Spanish custom of going for a "paseo" and then turned in for an early night.

Day two was a trip to the beautiful towns of Figueres, Banyoles and Girona. We were given the opportunity to practise our Spanish and order food and drinks in the local shops and cafés for our picnic by the lake.

Day three in Barcelona was uncharacteristically quiet to begin with as it was a "día festivo". We took a stroll up the Rambla and stopped off for refreshments before making our way to MareMagnum shopping centre. The day was topped off with a very hot visit to Parc Guell where we saw some incredible views over the city. After the heat of the city, a dip in the hotel pool was just what we needed before dinner and another "paseo".

Day four was a trip to Waterworld and was by far everybody's favourite day – in 39 degrees of heat, it was definitely the best place to be!

After packing and checking out of the hotel on day five, we made our way to the beachfront for some last-minute souvenir shopping and then for our last meal together before we boarded the plane back home - ¡Qué bien!



My Trampolining Journey

By Bonnie Tipton

I started trampolining at Springers Trampoline Club when I was 10 years old, and I've loved it ever since. What began as something fun to try quickly became one of my biggest passions. Now, three years later, I've just competed in the English Championships and won a bronze medal, coming 3rd!

I've been really lucky to have amazing coaches like Cal and Meg who have supported me from the very beginning. They've helped me believe in myself, push past my fears, and keep improving every step of the way. Trampolining didn't come naturally to me but I have loved working hard at my skills to get where I am today.

This year has been especially exciting. I took part in the British Qualifiers 2025 and came 2nd, which means I got a silver medal—and even better, I've now qualified to compete at the British Championships!

Right now, I'm working hard on learning new skills and making my routines even better. I know there's still a lot to learn, but I'm proud of how far I've come and I'm excited for what's next. Trampolining has taught me that hard work really does pay off—and that bouncing around can take you pretty far!

Well done Bonnie and good luck for the British Championships!



8EL "Ice Bucket Challenge" for Mental Health Awareness

As part of our assembly program this term, every form group was given the opportunity to plan their own assembly. Year 8 form, 8EL decided to base their assembly on young people's mental health following the rise in popularity of the "ice bucket challenge" for mental health awareness. The students got involved by completing the challenge themselves and some even collecting sponsor money to do the challenge! As part of the assembly, the rest of the year group voted for a teacher to take part too (Mrs O'Connor was the lucky winner of that vote!). 8EL raised a total of £180 which they chose to donate to The Samaritans as a charity who supports mental health and provides an emergency chat service that provides a vital lifeline to people in their times of struggle. As a form tutor I am so unbelievably proud of the kindness and compassion that 8EL have shown, what a lovely way to finish up my final term at Holy Family! Well done 8EL! Miss Lavens



Good Shepherd Mass

On Wednesday 11th June, the Holy Family choir had the honour of attending the Good Shepherd Mass at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. We joined over 1,000 schoolchildren from across Liverpool, Merseyside, and the wider Archdiocese for this special event.

After a quick rehearsal, the Mass began. The sound of so many voices filling the cathedral was truly beautiful. There was a real sense of joy and unity as we came together to celebrate both the Mass and the *Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope*.

Following the service, we met with a representative from *Nugent*, a charity that supports social care and education across the region. The Metropolitan Cathedral is a key supporter of Nugent through its annual *Good Shepherd Appeal*. We were proud to present a donation of £500 on behalf of Holy Family.

We finished the day with lunch—and a cheeky trip to *Starbucks*! A truly memorable and uplifting experience for all involved.



Experimenting with Cubase Software

In music lessons this term, Year 8 have been introduced to Cubase software. We firstly created our own piece of Ambient music using loops and samples. We explored the sounds and chose ones that we thought sounded like they fit the style. We improved our music technology skills and were taught how to use automation in Cubase. This made our pieces sound much more effective. Also, we experimented with volume, making sounds louder and quieter to fit the style. Having learned the basic skills to import and edit sounds, we are now experimenting with new sounds and creating our own EDM pieces.

At first, I struggled using this technology, but I have grown more confident and I have been able to incorporate a variety of techniques in my work. I have really enjoyed this topic and I have grown in confidence and skill.

By Joseph Year 8



Indian Classical Music Workshop – Milap

On Monday 30th June, 40 students from Year 7 – 10 were invited to attend a workshop by Milap. It was focused on Indian Classical music, and was overall very educational.

The two men who lead the session were unbelievably talented, and gave us a brief performance using tabla drums and sitar. They were both extremely friendly, and they answered any and all questions helpfully and thoroughly.

We also had the unique opportunity to hold and have a go at a variety of instruments, and we learned how to use Indian music cycles of beats called *tal* (rhythm). Improvisation was central to the session, and we were all shocked and amazed to discover that Indian musicians do not practice or play set pieces, but instead make it up as they play using hundreds of different *rag*s (scales). It was truly inspirational, and quite a spiritual experience.

It was especially significant, as even though we learn about different genres of music in school, hearing it played live is completely different and eye-opening. Considering that the majority of young people today are only exposed to Western music, it is more important than ever to share in a diverse range of music, and experience different cultures. I truly enjoyed the workshop, as did everyone else, and we are all thankful for this incredible opportunity.

By Maisie Farrell Year 10



On Friday 4th July, staff from Holy Family attended St Benedict's for a WOW day.

Pupils from reception to Year 6 enjoyed making Samba music

Central Cluster Student Public Speaking Competition 2nd July 2025

Students from Holy Family Catholic High School, Christ the King Catholic High School, St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy, Sacred Heart Catholic Academy, Hope Academy and The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco came together for the annual Archdiocese of Liverpool Student Public Speaking Competition held at Carmel College on 2nd July 2025.

It was a difficult decision for the judges, Deacon Paul Mannings (Archdiocese of Liverpool), Mike Preston (Pearson Examination Board) and Michelle Williams (Vice Principal, Carmel College) who were overwhelmed by the confidence, knowledge and talent of the students delivering their speeches.

Chenitha Dissanayake was crowned the winner with his speech on 'There comes a time when silence is betrayal (Martin Luther King Jr.) making Sacred Heart Catholic Academy the Central Cluster Champions of 2025. Second place went to Sophie Kelly from St Augustine's of Canterbury Catholic Academy, with her speech on 'The rich get rich, and the poor get poorer', with third place taken by Kitty Hamlett from Christ the King Catholic High School with her speech on 'Countries should prioritise national sovereignty over global cooperation in addressing international crises'.

Chief Judge, Deacon Paul Mannings, praised the students adding "What we saw here today was a group of people honing the skill of speaking out loud. The Archdiocese can be assured that public speaking across our schools is in good shape. Every single one of you gave us food for thought. Well done to all participants!"

Ged Preston, Lead Officer 11-19 Secondary School Improvement, added that he hoped students enjoyed their experience and the friendships made today, reflecting on how each school present

was amongst the family of schools in the Archdiocese.



Well done to Theo Marks in Year 8 who represented Holy Family.

Visit to CHET woodland

Groups of Year 9 Geography students have been visiting CHET, to record carbon storage data in the CHET woodland.

The pupils were excellent at measuring and recording high level data to use back in class.

Well done Year 9, you clever lot! And thank you for helping to build a class seating area.



DOT ART Competition

In June we celebrated our talented young artists at the dot-art Schools Prize Giving Ceremony at St George's Hall! What an incredible honour to see our very own Ella Cumiskey-Sharp being recognized alongside Year 9 artists from across the Liverpool City Region. The ceremony in the magnificent Concert Room was truly special, and seeing all the winning artworks at the Walker Art Gallery exhibition afterwards was absolutely inspiring! Congratulations to all the participants - you should be so proud!



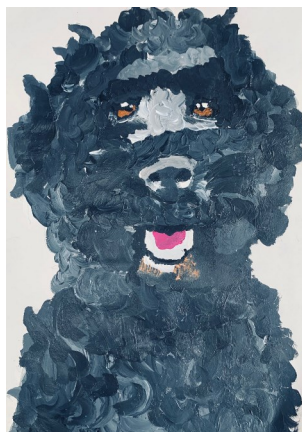
2025 Artist Achievement Awards ... Maisie Farrell & Barbara Malinowska

The standard of work produced by these two students has been nothing short of outstanding. From detailed sketches to vibrant and thought-provoking pieces, they have demonstrated tremendous dedication and skill in their art. The growth and development shown is evident in the progress they've made. Their ability to experiment with different techniques and express their individual styles is truly inspiring. It's been an absolute pleasure to witness such artistic flair from the both these students. Well done Maisie & Barbara.



Young Artist of the Year

We have just had confirmation that two of our students have been commended by the Atkinson Gallery for the Young Artist of the Year. Their work will be exhibited in the Southport Art exhibition over the summer. Congratulations to Joseph Lewis & Evie Lawes in Year 10.





Lunch
Included

Free if on
benefits related
Free school
meals

JULY: 22/23/28/29/30

AUG: 4/5/6/11/12/13

18/19/20/26/27

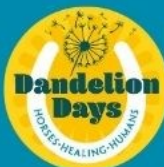
Sep: 1

9am - 1pm or 1.30 - 5.30

SEFTON SUMMER HAF DATES

- Fun
- Animal Care
- Games
- Crafts
- Friends

**BOOK
NOW**



Department
for Education



dandeliondaysrc@yahoo.com
or DM on FB

Black Moss Ln, Scarisbrick L40 9RN



www.holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk

Follow us



facebook.com/HFCHSThornton



[@HFCHSThornton](https://twitter.com/HFCHSThornton)

Has your child missed a vaccination?

It's not too late, contact the team on
0151 247 6130 to book an appointment.

Clinic dates:

- **23 July 2025** Prince Street Family health centre, Waterloo L22 5PB
- **31 July 2025** Southport Health and Wellbeing PR9 0PQ
- **5 August 2025** Litherland Town Hall Health Centre L21 9JN
- **12 August 2025** Maghull Health Centre L31 0DJ



Year 12 Barcelona Trip

A group of students from Year 12 visited Barcelona this week and were a credit to their families and the school. They visited Pablo Espanol, Camp Nou, Picasso Museum, Parc Guell, Montjuic Cable Car and Sagrada Familia.

They experienced Spanish culture, Catalan food and some really impressed us with their language skills!

It was an absolute pleasure taking them and a big thank you to the staff who came with us, Louise Critchley, Ronan Miller and Alfie Miller. Also thank you to Becky Bell for her wonderful organisation skills, which meant the trip went smoothly.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 3 rd September	The new term for Years 7 & 11 (Year 11 to wear their PE kits) Enrolment for Year 12
Thursday 4 th September	All Years 7 - 11
Friday 5 th September	Lessons start for Years 12 and 13 School photographer in school
Monday 8 th September	Year 7 trip to CHET (Group 1) Year 11 work experience week
Tuesday 9 th September	Year 7 trip to CHET (Group 2)
Monday 15 th September	INSET day—school closed to pupils Open Evening
Tuesday 16 th September	9.45am start for pupils
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th September	Year 11 Geography trip to Lake Coniston
Tuesday 21 st —Thursday 23 rd October	School Play evening performance
Monday 27 th —Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th November	Drama trip to London
Wednesday 17 th December	Sixth Form Christmas markets trip to York Year 11 Christmas party and finish at 12.45pm Rewards Trip
Thursday 18 th December	Sixth Form Christmas party Christmas Market/Walk of Faith
Friday 19 th December	End of term— finish at 12.15pm
Monday 5 th January 2026	Start of spring term

