



Newsletter - Spring 2 : 23.3.26

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed a chocolate egg or two and are ready to return to a busy half term.

## **Catholic Life**

Class Mass resumes on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, led by Year 5. All are welcome to join us for Mass and we do encourage those who are Catholic to take communion also.

## **Year 6 residential**

Next week our Year 6 children make their way to WaterPark in Coniston to enjoy a week-long residential. The week is an exciting mix of outdoor pursuits, team building and fun – not to mention being away from home for 5 days! Accompanying the children are Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Whitmore and Mrs Knight so your child's class teacher might be someone else for the week! Thank you to the staff who give up their own time to stay with our children and offer them such a wonderful opportunity.

## **Grundy gallery**

We will be taking our children to visit the gallery again this term as the Grundy will be hosting an original masterpiece by Monet. Thank you to Mrs Brayshaw for organising this extra session for our children. We will be taking your children by minibus and assume consent under the local visits policy.

## **SATS and Assessments**

This term sees the start of statutory testing. These tests are set nationally and monitored by Blackpool Council. It is imperative that all children are in school on time for their tests. SAT testing begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Year 1 and Year 4 will also need to be in school every day on time for the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 as they will sit their phonics screen (Y1) or Multiplication check (Y4).

## **Sports Day**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May is our school sports day. We will aim to let you know early in the morning if we need to cancel due to the ground being too wet or if the weather is looking poor. Our reserve date is the 19<sup>th</sup> May. As in previous years, parents are welcome to attend. Juniors will compete in the morning and infants will compete in the afternoon. Parents are requested to stay on the playground in the seated area so that we can ensure safeguarding of children. There will be tea and coffee available on sale.

## **Free School meals**

If your circumstances have changed, please let the school office know and we can check whether you are eligible for free school meals. This premium can help also with further costs such as school trips. We are always keen to help.

If you and your family are struggling with uniform, such as new shoes or a new jumper, please contact Miss Deegan and we may be able to help you. Please don't forget that school holds pre-loved uniform and families are always welcome to come and choose items that are needed.

**Planning ahead:**

Dates for your diary:

13.4.26	Return to school
20.4.26	Y6 residential week at Waterpark
22.4.26	Y5 taster day at St. Mary's
30.4.26	Y5 Class Mass
4.5.26	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
6.5.26	Y4 mini Olympics at St. Mary's
6.5.26	Y6 – Grand theatre trip
7.5.26	Y4 Class Mass
10.5.26	<b>SCHOOL MASS @ HOLY FAMILY 11:30</b>
11.5.26	SAT WEEK – GPS papers
12.5.26	Reading paper
13.5.26	Maths paper 1 and 2
14.5.26	Maths paper 3
14.5.26	Year 3 class mass
15.5.26	Year 6 SAT treat
18.5.26	Sports day
19.5.26	Grundy Art Gallery trips
21.5.26	Year 2 class Mass
22.5.26	Break up for half term 3:15pm.

