



Newsletter - Spring 1 19.1.26

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are making our way through the Spring term rather swiftly aren't we? I noticed the night was getting lighter as I left the other day, which means warmer days are coming.

Catholic Life

Last week we were visited by St. Mary's Catholic Academy, who wanted to see how our pupils led worship. During their visit they observed our Head Pupils lead whole school assembly, our Chaplaincy team support other pupils at Rosary club and also Pupils in Year 5 give their class worship. It was lovely to see how proudly our children conducted themselves in delivering their different aspects of worship.

Year 1 will be holding a special class assembly on 12.2.26 at the slightly earlier time of 2:15pm. Parents/carers/grandparents are welcome to join us.

Lent

This year we will be raising money through an exciting sponsored event – we will announce this in assembly nearer the time!

Welcome

You might have noticed that we have a new site supervisor! We say a warm Holy Family welcome to Mr Oberman who has joined our staff.

Phonics Workshop

On Wednesday 28th January, Miss Johnston is holding a phonics workshop for parents here in school. This workshop is aimed primarily at parents of reception and Year 1 children. If you would like to know more about how we teach phonics here at Holy Family and also to know how all those tricky letters sound, please come along at 9am! Miss Johnston is also available for questions about the phonic screen, which is a statutory check that all children must undertake in Year 1.

Packed lunches

We kindly request that parents making packed lunches for their children please avoid foods with nuts. We currently have pupils in school with a severe nut-allergy that can be life-threatening. Items such as Kinder and Nutella are the ones we are seeing the most frequently. We really appreciate your support in keeping all children at our school safe.

If you are fed-up of making packed lunches, why not encourage your child to try a school lunch? The school lunches are really very good and the children have access to the salad bar to add further healthy choices to their plates also. Meal bookings can be made through MCAS.

Student council

Student council have requested that we hold another disco! So, we are having a Valentines' disco on Monday 9.2.26. The disco will be straight after school and children may come to school in non-uniform for the day. The disco will cost £3 on MCAS, which includes non-uniform, the disco, a drink, crisps and some sweets. Parents should come to collect infants from the Reception class area and Juniors from the hall doors on the car park at 4:45pm. If your child does not want to attend the disco, please donate £1 for the non-uniform day only on MCAS. Those attending afterschool club are automatically granted entry to the disco.

World Book Day

World Book day will take place on Thursday March 5th this year and Miss Dempsey has asked that this year we dress up as a word! You could come as 'messy' or 'posh' for example – as long as we can identify the word!

Planning ahead:

Dates for your diary:

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| 22.1.26 | Year 4 class mass at 2:30pm in school – all welcome |
| 23.1.26 | Year 3/4 athletics final (children involved will be contacted) |
| 28.1.26 | Phonics workshop for parents |
| 29.1.26 | Year 3 class mass at 2:30pm in school – all welcome |
| 30.1.26 | Year 5/6 Athletics final (children involved will be contacted) |
| 5.2.26 | Year 2 class mass at 2:30pm in school – all welcome |
| 10.2.26 | Schools Alive performance at the Winter Gardens |
| 9.2.26 | NON-UNIFORM DAY - Valentine's Disco - £3 on MCAS |
| 12.2.26 | Year 1 class assembly at 2:15pm in school – all welcome |
| | Break up for half term at 3:15pm |
| 13.2.26 | BEBCMAT INSET (No children in) |



DRESS AS A WORD

World Book Day 2026





PREDATOR



Blizzard



Retro



RECYCLE

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we would love you to dress up as a word! Your costume can be as simple or adventurous as you like - the focus is on creativity and having fun with language. Some easy ideas include:

- Sleepy - wear pyjamas and slippers
- Athletic - put on a sports kit and trainers
- Scruffy - rip up some old clothes
- The possibilities are endless!

Please make sure your word is clearly shown somewhere on your outfit e.g. a label, badge or sign. We are very excited to see your creations and celebrate World Book Day together. Thank you for your support!