



Newsletter - Spring 2 : 23.2.26

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another jam-packed half term!

## **Catholic Life - Lent**

We return to school in the season of Lent and as always, we look to pray, fast and to give more.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Father David will be coming into school and giving the ashes to our children to mark the start of this season and children will be making their Lenten promises.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Father David will be inviting Year 5 and 6 children to take part in reconciliation.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, selected choir members will be representing our school at the Blackpool Catholic Schools Lenten service. This is being held at St. Teresa's church in Thornton-Cleveleys. Your child will be notified of further details if they are taking part.

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Year 5 will be hosting Stations of the cross, reminding us of the immense love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ through his Passion and death.

We will be leading Mass at Holy Family church on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, from 11:30am, and will be looking for readers to volunteer for the service and would love it if lots of our families joined us for the event.

Year 4 will be giving us the story of Jesus' time as we journey towards Holy week through the Passion Play.

Each year, we aim to raise money for CAFOD and have done so in a number of ways. This year, we are going to hold an exciting one-day event called, 'HOLY MUDDER!'. This event will see your child take part in an age-appropriate obstacle course experience similar to the popular Tough Mudder - but designed especially for children. This event on March 20th will turn our school field into a safe, high-energy, muddy adventure!

See the website: <https://www.tough-runner.com/>

We are looking for families and friends to sponsor each child to participate in the event and the money raised will go to charity as part of our Lenten mission for 2026. Your child will be bringing home a sponsor form tonight we would like this returned to school, with the money raised by 20th March. the time!

## Phonics Workshop

Our parents' phonics workshop will now be held on 25.2.26. 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! You may have questions about the phonic screen, which is a statutory check that all children must undertake in Year 1, all of which can be answered at this workshop.

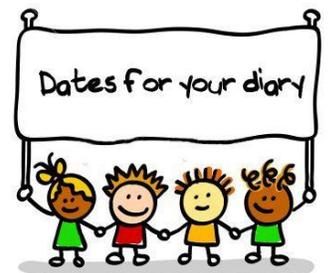
## World Book Day

World Book day will take place on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 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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| 23.2.26 | Year 1 Wildlife sessions begin (every Monday for 5 weeks) |
| 25.2.26 | Phonics workshop for parents                              |
| 25.2.26 | Children to receive the ashes                             |
| 3.3.26  | Lenten Liturgy  |
| 4.3.26  | Stations of the Cross                                     |
| 5.3.26  | World Book Day  |
| 9.3.26  | Parents' evening – please book on MCAS                    |
| 12.3.26 | YR special assembly, starting at 2:30pm all welcome       |
| 13.3.26 | Y1 Mothers' day celebration at 2pm                        |
| 18.3.26 | Y5/6 Athletics team compete in the Lancashire games       |
| 19.3.26 | Year 3 Class Mass, starting at 2:30pm all welcome         |
| 20.3.26 | HOLY MUDDER!  |
| 22.3.26 | School Mass at Holy Family Church 11:30am                 |
| 23.3.26 | Year 5 bikeability (2 days)                               |
| 26.3.26 | Year 4 lead the Passion Play from 2pm, all welcome        |
| 27.3.26 | Y3/4 cinema trip  |
| 30.3.26 | Easter Bingo event  |
| 1.4.26  | Easter bonnet parade                                      |
|         | Break up at 1:30pm  |



WORLD BOOK DAY  
5 MARCH 2026

# DRESS AS A WORD

World Book Day 2026

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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!



**PREDATOR**



**Blizzard**



**Reiko**

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!



## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HOLY MUDDER!

Get messy. Give generously. Make a difference.

**Join us this Lent for our**

**What is Holy Mudder?**

Children will take on a fun muddy obstacle course packed with crawling, climbing, balancing and teamwork challenges – all provided by the exciting:

- ✔ **Mud!**
- ✔ **Laughter!**
- ✔ **Team spirit!**
- ✔ **Big smiles!**

**Let's get muddy for a mission!**

- ✔ Old clothes
- ✔ Trainers or wellies
- ✔ Towel & change of clothes

**CAFOD**  
Working in Faith. Defending hope.

**Event Details**

**20th March 2026**

**Time: ALL DAY**

**Location: SCHOOL FIELD**

**Sponsorship**

Please support our children by sponsoring them – every donation makes a difference!

Together we can make a **BIG** impact this Lent.



Faith in action – mud with a mission! Run hard. Get muddy. Help others. Small feet. Big hearts. Holy Mudder! – Matthew 25:40