



Year 1 Summer Term 2026

In all things love

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term in Year 1 at Holy Family. We hope that you have had a peaceful and restful Easter. Our final term in Year 1 is upon us and how the year has flown by! As always, the next few months are going to be very busy as we try to squeeze as many learning experiences as possible into the remainder of the school year before the children transition to Year 2.

Please remember that our door is always open if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Mrs Brayshaw (Y1 Class Teacher), Mrs Parker and Miss Baldwin (Support Staff).

Religious Education

The children will learn to retell key events after the Resurrection, including the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension, and Pentecost, and begin to place them in order with earlier stories of Jesus. They will make simple links between Jesus' mission and the work of the Church today and learn that Catholics celebrate the Ascension and Pentecost as special holydays. Pupils will also learn that Christians follow Jesus and are part of a worldwide family, recognising how Jesus' teachings shape how Christians live. They will know that the cross is an important Christian symbol and that the sign of the cross is a prayer. The children will also begin to use simple religious words when learning about Jewish beliefs and practices.

Prayer and Liturgy

Children will continue to take part in daily worship, either during whole school assembly or within smaller class based settings. Pupils will also have the opportunity to pray to God for what we are thankful for and how God can help us in our daily life.



English

The children will continue to develop their English skills through daily phonics, reading, and writing activities. They will focus on becoming more fluent readers by practising blending and recognising common exception words, as well as improving their understanding of what they read. In writing, the children will work on forming clear sentences, using capital letters, full stops, and simple conjunctions, while beginning to write with greater independence. We encourage you to continue reading with your child at least three to four times a week and to record this in their reading diary. Supporting your child by practising phonics, discussing stories, and encouraging simple writing tasks at home will help build their confidence and prepare them for the transition into Year 2

Days and dates to remember:

Please can we have reading books in school each day.

Wednesdays: Reading books are collected in, changed and sent out again on a Friday.

Homework is set on a Friday on Tapestry.

Class Mass: Thursday ???

Phonics Screening Check WB: Monday 8th June

Maths

The children will continue to build their confidence and understanding in maths through practical and engaging activities. They will develop their knowledge of place value by recognising and comparing numbers, and strengthen their skills in addition and subtraction. Pupils will also be introduced to simple multiplication and division through grouping and sharing. In addition, the children will continue learning about measurement, including time, length, and money. You can support your child at home by practising counting, number bonds, and using maths in everyday situations, such as telling the time or handling money.

Science

The children will learn to identify everyday materials and describe their simple properties, including hard, soft, shiny, and flexible, while also comparing and grouping materials by their properties. They will learn to identify and name common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, and compare their basic structures, as well as name, draw, and label parts of the human body and link them to the five senses. The children will also observe seasonal changes throughout the year, noticing how plants and animals change.



Computing

The children will learn to use digital devices to write by adding and removing text, and developing basic typing skills, including typing their name and simple sentences. They will also explore programming by learning how to find and use commands to move a sprite.



History & Geography

The children will learn about holidays then and now, including understanding what a town is and locating Blackpool on a map. They will recognise how holidays in the past were different from today by comparing transport, accommodation, and activities, and begin to understand how Blackpool has changed over time. In Geography, The children will learn to identify natural and man-made features, compare them, and use maps to spot them in different places.



Art & Design and Design & Technology

In Art, the children will explore twisting, shaping, bending, folding, and joining paper to create a sculpture inspired by Michael Bolus. In Design and Technology, they will design and make fruit kebabs, developing their understanding of simple food preparation and healthy choices.



PE

The children will develop their PE skills through a range of activities, including Net and Wall, Striking and Fielding, and Athletics. They will improve their throwing and catching using underarm and overarm techniques, apply these in simple games, and learn to follow rules while working cooperatively with others.

Music

The children will learn traditional songs & nursery rhymes, using their voices expressively through singing, chants, and rhymes. They will also sing simple, repetitive songs from memory and use tuned and untuned percussion instruments to explore different sounds, including seaside songs.

