



NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 25th September, 2026

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.

Term Dates

School will be closed for a BHCET PD Day on

Friday 9th October, 2026

School closes for October Half Term on

Friday 23rd October, 2026

and reopens on

Monday 2nd November, 2026

Details of term dates are available on our website, click the calendar icon



Autumn Term PE Lessons

Reception Class - Thursday & Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3 - Monday & Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday*

Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

*Year 5 will attend swimming lessons this term, please see Class Dojo for more detailed information.



Information Sessions



Tuesday 29th September, 2026.

Please see page 4 for more information



Harvest Festival Appeal

Welcome to the new Holy Family Mini Vinnies. During this academic year the children will be involved in a number of different projects in aid of our local community. For their first appeal they would be very grateful for donations of any non-perishable food items in aid of the foodbank, for families in our area.

Please send any items to school by Monday 19th October, 2026.

Please support their appeal!

Open Morning

Saturday 7th November 2026
10:00am to 12:00pm

Come and explore our school and nursery, meet our team and discover what makes our community so special.

All prospective families welcome

Happy Birthday

To pupils who are celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Kenny
George

Klaudia
Joshua

Elijah
Matilda

Sporting Success!



We are very proud to share the success of our Cross Country team who competed at the Primary Schools event this week. Every pupil represented the school brilliantly, showing fantastic determination and enthusiasm throughout every race. Congratulations and well done to everyone who qualified for the team and took part.

A special congratulations to pupils who placed in their race and will now represent Team Darlington at the Tees Valley Finals in the coming weeks.

Eve - 1st place

Mia – 8th place

Oscar - 4th place

Liam – 5th place

Ollie – 6th place

We wish them the very best of luck and we are looking forward to supporting them at the event.



VACANCIES



We currently have a vacancy for a Cook.

Full details on our website

<https://holyfamily.bhct.org.uk/vacancies>

Pupil Success!



This week, we are very proud to share more sibling success!

Our Year 4 pupil, alongside his teammates from Darlington 21st Allstars U9s, were recently given the incredible opportunity to play against Newcastle United Academy at their training ground, *The Knox*. The team played some fantastic football, scored some great goals and came away with very tired legs after an unforgettable experience!



Our Reception Class pupil has recently started football training sessions too and has recently been awarded the Trainer of the Week medal for her hard work and enthusiasm. She was very proud of her achievement!



Congratulations from everyone at Holy Family. We are so proud of you both!



SCHOOL CENSUS DAY CHALLENGE

Thursday 1st October



Help Our School Earn Vital Funding!

Did you know that every child who has a school meal on **School Census Day (Thursday 1st October)** helps **secure important funding** for our school?

The number of pupils recorded as taking a school meal on Census Day is used by the Government when calculating **funding allocations**. This funding helps schools provide resources, support learning, and invest in opportunities that benefit all pupils.

What can you do?

- ✓ Encourage your child to enjoy a school lunch on **Thursday 1st October**.
- ✓ If your child usually has a packed lunch, why not try one of our delicious school meals for the day?
- ✓ Every meal really does make a difference!

Trust School Meal Challenge

The three schools across the Trust with the highest percentage of pupils taking a school meal on **Census Day** will each receive a special treat the following week!

Will our school be one of the winners? Let's work together to give it our best shot!

Why choose a school meal?

- ✓ Nutritious and balanced options
- ✓ Freshly prepared meals
- ✓ A chance to enjoy lunch with friends
- ✓ Helps support valuable funding for our school

Let's make Thursday 1st October our best Census Day yet! Every meal counts. Every pupil counts. Every school benefits.

JOIN THE LUNCH PARTY!

Thursday 1st October



Bring your friends, enjoy a fantastic lunch and help your school take part in the **Trust School Meal Challenge!**

We're serving a delicious special menu with:

- ✓ Tasty Pizza
- ✓ Fruity Jelly
- ✓ Fresh Fruit

The three schools with the highest number of children enjoying a school meal on Census Day will win a **special treat** the following week... could we be one of the winners?

Eat, enjoy and help our school!

Progress Meetings

During the Autumn term we will be holding progress meetings with parents and carers. Further details to follow.

The first meetings will be for children who currently have a support plan. Appointments will be available to book via Arbor. Full details will be sent to families by email!



Don't forget to book your Sunrise Breakfast Club and Sunset After School Club sessions as places can be limited.

Bookings for breakfast club should be made 24 hours in advance. Bookings for after school club can be made up to 12.30 pm on the day of the club.



Wraparound Care Clubs



Accounts & Bookings

Please keep accounts up to date as charges are only applied to accounts once sessions or meals have been taken.

If you need to cancel a booking please email the school office, we will happily do that for you.

Don't forget our Fundraising Labels!

Self-adhesive Stikins Name Labels are great! They can be used in all clothing, footwear, lunch boxes, bags and drinks bottles. Best of all, no ironing or sewing!

Order Online - <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Quote Holy Family Fundraising Number **9981**
Holy Family will receive commission from every order

Give them a try!

Come Along to Our Information Sessions

Tuesday 29 September 2026

Working Together
for Brighter
Futures



Reception Class Early Reading & Phonics Parent Information Session

3.35pm and 4.00pm

Staff will deliver two presentations, one at 3.35pm and one at 4.00pm, to allow parents with children in other classes to attend additional information sessions.



Year 1 Phonics Assessment Information Session

3.35pm and 4.00pm

Staff will deliver two presentations, one at 3.35pm and one at 4.00pm, to allow parents with children in other classes to attend additional information sessions.



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Information Session

3.35pm and 4.00pm

Staff will deliver two presentations, one at 3.35pm and one at 4.00pm, to allow parents with children in other classes to attend additional information sessions.



Year 6 SATs Information Session

3.35pm and 4.00pm

Staff will deliver two presentations, one at 3.35pm and one at 4.00pm, to allow parents with children in other classes to attend additional information sessions.

Unable to Attend?

All presentations will also be uploaded to each class's ClassDojo page for parents and carers who are unable to attend.



ClassDojo



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