



# NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 20th September, 2024

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

## Term Dates

School closes for October half term on  
**Thursday 24th October, 2024**  
and reopens on  
**Monday 4th November, 2024**

**Details of term dates for 2024, 2025 & 2026 are now available on our website.**

Click the calendar icon or see the documents section in My Child At School for details.



## PE Lessons for this term are as follows:-

**Reception Class** - Tuesday & Friday  
**Year 1** - Wednesday & Thursday  
**Year 2** - Wednesday & Friday  
**Year 3** - Monday & Wednesday  
**Year 4** - Tuesday & Wednesday  
**Year 5** - Tuesday & Wednesday (Swimming)  
**Year 6** - Monday & Thursday



## *Tea & Chat*



Parent and carers of children in Year 5 & Year 6 are invited to come and meet staff on  
Tuesday 8th October, 2024  
from 2.00 pm.

A lovely opportunity to have a cuppa and a chat and find out more information about each class.

## Whole School Mass

We would like to invite families to join us on Tuesday 15th October, 2024 at 10.00 am in Holy Family Church.

All welcome to attend.



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THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

## Premier League Primary Stars

### After School Club For Year 5 & Year 6

We are delighted to be able to offer children in Year 5 & Year 6 the opportunity to attend the Premier League Primary Stars after school sports club, details below.

#### Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Club

with Primary Stars  
Wednesday 25/9/24 to Wednesday 23/10/24  
3.30 pm to 4.30 pm  
£18.00 per child  
£15.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Please book places for all children via the Clubs section in My Child At School.

## Absence Due To Illness

If children are absent from school due to sickness and/or an upset stomach, we strongly recommend they remain off school until they've had 48 hours clear of any illness to allow them to recover, even if they seem to be well. Please inform the school office by email or telephone of any illness before 9.10 am. Thank you





# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday this week and next week.

Kaden S

Jackson K

Kenny T

Klaudia F



## Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust

We would like to introduce families to the new Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust CEO, Mr Stuart McGhee, who started his new role at the start of this academic year.

Stuart already has a link to Holy Family School, as his own children attended here a few years ago. We are really looking forward to him visiting us again regularly and wish him every success.



### Class Outings

On Monday 30th September, 2024, Year 6 are going on their residential visit. The kit list is available on Class Dojo.

### Please Be Aware of Chat Rooms

We have been asked by the Trust Safeguarding Team to highlight the dangers of online chat rooms to families. Many of these, such as Omegal are completely unregulated. Please be vigilant and check that children are not accessing these type of Apps and online areas.

### Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars

are

**Year 1  
Congratulations!**

**Special School Meal Menu Day**  
Thursday 3rd October, 2024  
See page 3 for details

### NEW Attendance Guidance

As you may be aware by recent news coverage, from August 2024, the Government have introduced new stricter guidance for schools and local authorities to follow, with more fines and sanctions imposed for unauthorised and unexplained absences.

More information is available via this link <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

### Absence During Term Time

We would like to highlight the impact that absence during term time can have on a child's learning. Under the guidance, absences for holidays and events during term time will not be authorised and we would really like to discourage children missing school for such occasions.



### Arriving Late

Please can we also remind families that arriving late for school can also have a detrimental effect on learning. Arriving late on a regular basis means they are consistently missing the start of their lessons, which can affect a child's confidence in class. As well as being quite disruptive for the class and Teacher, children can also miss vital information about the day ahead.

At Holy Family, we are committed to supporting families and encouraging good school attendance. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.



# APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

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## Holy Family Open Day

We will be holding an open morning on Saturday 9th November, 2024 for families of children starting school in September 2025.

Details to follow!

### Buddies!




Children in Reception Class had a great afternoon spending time with their buddies in Year 6 and reading stories together.



Please see below details of our special menu day, available for all children. If your child usually brings a packed lunch and they would like to have this menu, children can order on the day in class or please email the school office. The cost is £2.20 per child which can be paid via My Child At School. **Please can we remind families that all children in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal every day, no payment is required.**

### Special Menu Day Thursday 3rd October, 2024

#### MAINS

-  Cheese Burger or Plain Burger in a bun
-  Margherita Pizza
-  Jacket Potato with assorted Fillings

#### SIDES

-  Homemade Potato Wedges
-  Sweetcorn
-  Baked Beans

#### DESSERTS

-  Icecream Roll
-  Shortbread Biscuit
-  Fresh Fruit Salad



Year 4 have been taking advantage of the recent sunny weather, they had a great time outside, playing golf in PE and looking for living things in Science.

