

10th May 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate
with Jesus.'**

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Yesterday we held our first whole school Mass for what seems like some time to celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Thank you to Y5 and Miss Clifford who led the Mass with their readings and reflections, the singing was beautiful as always.

Thank you to those parents who attended the academy consultation meeting yesterday. I hope you found the information shared useful and thank you for the questions raised. The consultation remains open until 24th May. You can find information [here](#) and there is consultation questionnaire [here](#) that I would encourage you to complete.

Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to get involved with our International Day on **7th June**, with families invited to join us from **1.30pm**. We hope to have a wonderful celebration with our school community, Reception class are busy learning a Polish dance for the occasion! If you are able to get involved please complete the short form [here](#).

May is the month of Mary and, led by the Chaplaincy Team, our pupils have been taking the opportunity to gather in our beautiful prayer garden to pray the rosary together.

Pupils have been enjoying wider access to books with our new reading shed on the playground. Please also make use of our little library and help yourself to books to read at home. If you have any books that you have read and would like to add to the library you can put them in the library shed at the beginning or end of the day.

Finally, please keep the Y3 pupils who are making their Holy Communion and our Y6 pupils who will be sitting their SATs next week in your prayers.

'If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon Our Lady. Just say this simple prayer: Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now. This prayer has never failed me.' **Mother Teresa**

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events

May

13th-17th – SATS week

17th Class photos

17th – HFFA Disco KS1 3.45pm – 4.45pm, KS2
5pm-6pm

20th – Year 1 & 3 Topic celebration 2.45pm

21st – Year 2 Pizza Express trip

21st – Year 4 topic celebration 2.45pm

22nd – Year 2 & 5 Topic celebration 2.45pm

23rd – Reception topic celebration 2.45pm

**For regular news, updates and photos
about life at our school!**

Please see our website:

www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

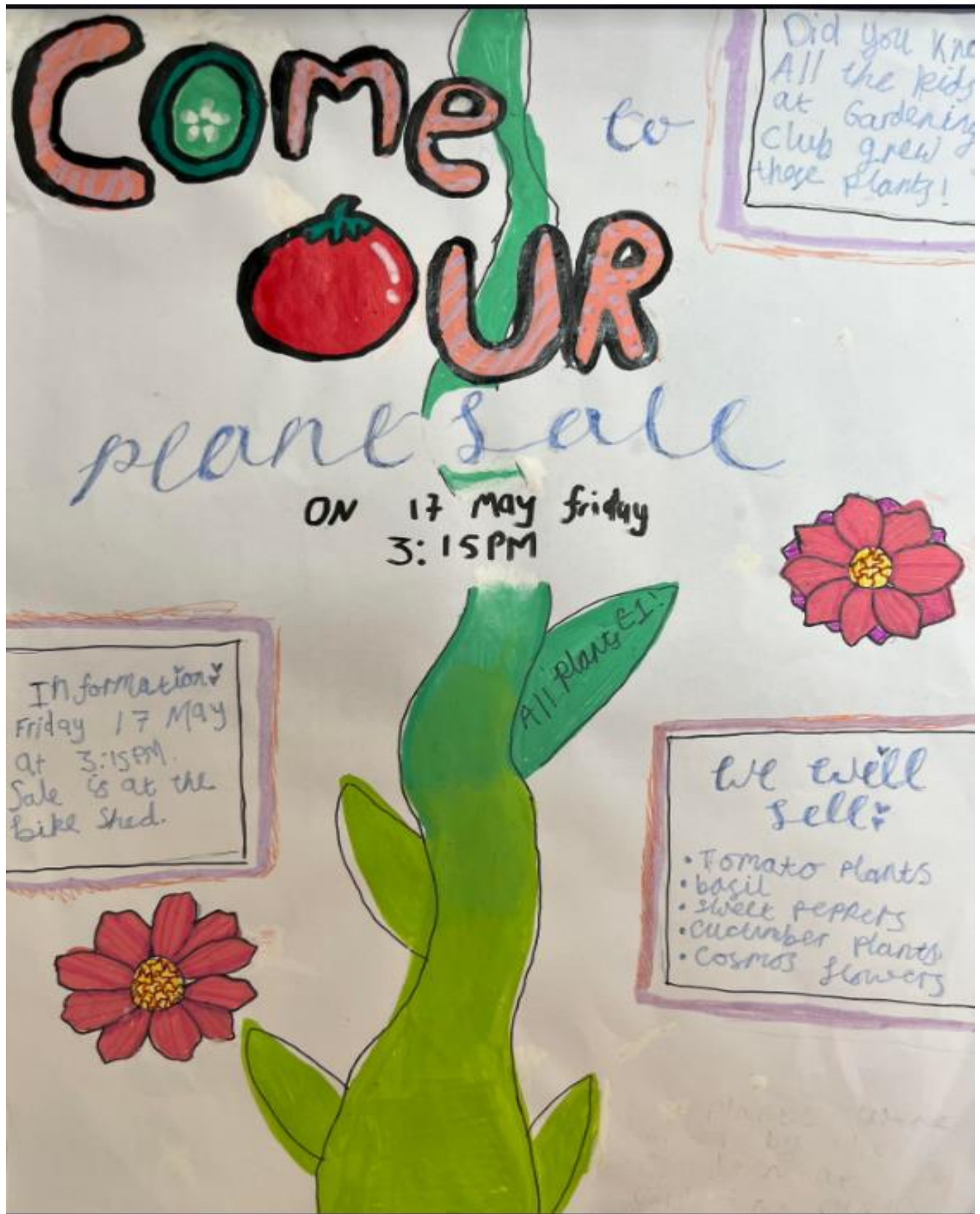
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Stars of the week

Rec	Marlee
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Joshua E
Year 3	Chimamanda
Year 4	Cillian
Year 5	Brandon
Year 6	Emily



Poster by Marnie Year 4

Warm weather

As the weather begins to get warmer, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before the school day, a sun hat and a water bottle.



Plant sale

Mrs Jewell and our children from gardening club have been very busy in the summer term planting lots of seeds. They will be holding a plant sale on straight after school Friday 17th May in the school playground. All proceeds will be going back into the gardening club to buy lots more fantastic plants. Please bring cash.

All plants £1



Now Open! Outdoor library

Our outdoor library is now in full operation and it has been so lovely to see lots of families using it. Thank you for all the wonderful donations. Even more books have been added this week!



Nursery Places September 2024

We currently have a few places in our Nursery for September 2024. Part time or full time places available. Please share the information with the wider community. For more information contact the school office on 01707 375518

Nursery

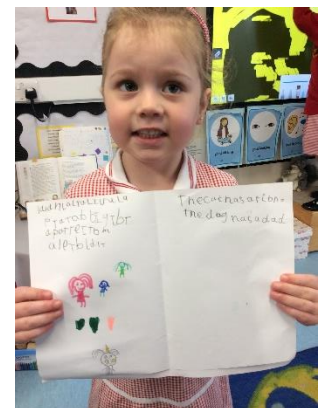
In Nursery we have been learning about the Holy Spirit. We made Holy Spirit sticks, thinking about the colours of the flame, then we gathered outside to move our sticks in time to the wind. We remembered that Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, and thought about how it makes us feel.

Our topic this half term is minibeasts. We worked together to make a bug hotel for the outside area, gathering leaves, sticks and grass to fill our tubes. We have placed it in the garden to wait for the bugs come!



Reception Class

In Reception, we have been growing vegetables, flowers and even caterpillars. This has generated a lot of excellent teamwork, interesting discussions, beautiful artwork and some very good, independent writing.



Year 1

In Year 1 we have started to practise for sports day. We loved our first sprint practice on the track in the sunshine.



We have also enjoyed planting seeds as part of our plants topic and sorting plants into whether they are wild or garden plants.



Year 2

Where does our food come from?

Today we were learning about types of farms producing our food we then get from our local shops. We looked at different types of farms like dairy and livestock farms and also checked what fruit and vegetables growers do.

We created beautiful posters about what type of animals are reared and what type of products different farms produce.



Mid Herts Music service

We are pleased to invite children and families to our free taster sessions for our brand-new music ensembles starting at Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts centre after half term.

We also have an **Open Evening on Tuesday 21st May 3.30-6pm** where you will be able to talk to our experienced teachers for advice and try out a variety of brass, percussion, woodwind and string instruments. Please register your interest

here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/887694487107?aff=oddtcreator>

No previous experience necessary and instruments will be provided for the following new music sessions:

Hoot and Honk!

Calling all students interested in brass, woodwind or percussion from school years 3 onwards. These sessions are also suitable for students just starting on the Get Playing project, First Access (school class lesson) or have only just started playing.

Thursdays 4.45-5.45 pm - Free session on 6th June.

Junior Choir

For pupils in school years 2–6. There will be regular opportunities for the group to perform to an audience which will build our students' confidence and allow them to showcase their progress throughout the year!

Saturday 8.50-9.30am - Free session on 8th June.

Community Steelband and Ukulele Club

These sessions are fun, feel good and a great way for all ages to enjoy playing music together (children aged 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult):

- **Steel pans:** Mondays 4.45-5.25pm or 5.30-6.10pm - **Free session on Monday 3rd June.**
- **Ukulele Club:** Wednesdays 4.00-4.40pm - **Free session on Wednesday 5th June.**

If you would like to attend any of these free sessions, please sign up on our website: [Ensembles for all \(hertsmusicservice.org.uk\)](http://hertsmusicservice.org.uk).

If you haven't already heard, we have our Wind Band Day upcoming on Wednesday 22nd May.

The workshop will be from 9.30am-2.45pm on Wednesday 22nd May. Sign up here:

<https://UKHERTFORDSHIRE.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=985#/Course/178/0/3362/985>

The following instruments are welcome: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophones, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Electric Bass, Percussion, Drum Kit, Double Bass.

Please find further information on the flyers attached and feel free to contact us if you require any further information.



PARTY IN THE PARK

The Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Welwyn Garden City AL7 1PG

**Saturday 6th July
12pm to 3pm**

**Adult £1
Kids free entry**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- drinks, snacks, BBQ food
- 5 inflatables
- games
- music and dancing
- entertainment
- face painting
- market stalls
- and much more!



**Please contact us on holyfamilyfa@gmail.com to:
hold an external stall or volunteer to help on the day**

Disco Night

FRIDAY 17 MAY

KS1 DISCO 3.45-4.45PM

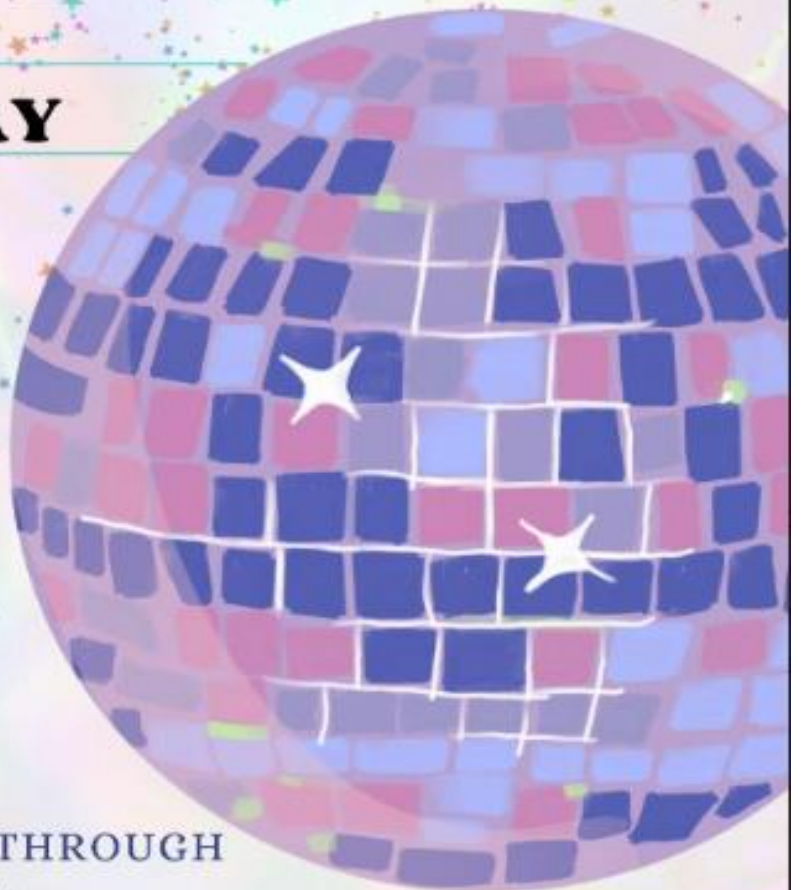
KS2 DISCO 5.00-6.30PM

*** £5 ENTRY - INCLUDES UNLIMITED WATER, SQUASH AND SNACKS! EXPECT LOTS OF GROOVY TUNES, DISCO MOVES AND GAMES.**

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Dates for the Diary

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24th – Sports Day EY – 9.15, KS1 10am-11.45am, KS2 1.30pm – 3pm

24th – Finish for half term 3.15pm

June

3rd – Back to school

7th – International Day – Families welcome in the afternoon

13th – Year 5 taster day JHN

20th – Subject showcase 2.30pm

28th – Enrichment morning

28th – Thanksgiving Mass 2pm All welcome

July

1st – 3rd Year 6 residential trip

12th – Year 1 & 2 Seaside trip

17th – Summer Choir Concert

17th - 1.30-2.30pm Y6 Production

18th – 1.30pm Y6 Leavers Mass/Assembly

19th – School closes at 1.15pm for the Summer holidays

