

7th November 2025

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Holy Family News

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Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a restful half-term break and enjoyed some family time together. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week – full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. We’ve had a fantastic week exploring new topics and diving into some new activities. Here are some of our favourite learning moments.



Holy Family Kindness Disciples

This week saw the launch of our 'Kindness Disciples'. A beautiful way for our nursery children to spread joy and thoughtfulness throughout our school and community. Our nursery children began by preparing and delivering a surprise snack to Year 4 which was received with big smiles! On Thursday, they then went over to Church to see some of our parishioners sharing a pocket hug of kindness beyond the classroom and learning how small acts of love can make a big difference. What a wonderful start to our journey of kindness.



A friendly reminder

Please could we kindly ask that all children dismount from their bikes and scooters before entering the school. We have had a couple of incidents before school and this helps us to keep everyone safe and ensures our playground remains happy and accident-free for all. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Sacramental Programme

On Thursday, we welcomed parents and children to a meeting along with the families from St Joseph's to discuss this year's Sacramental Programme. We talked through the programme and the preparation for the two Sacraments; First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.

The children's sessions will begin on **Tuesday 18th November**. The sessions end at **4.30pm** and the children will be dismissed from the front door.



Chatty Café Coffee Morning

A huge Thank you to the parents who joined us for the coffee morning on Tuesday. It is always so lovely to welcome our parents into school to share experiences, ideas and support. These mornings are a valuable opportunity for us to connect as a community– to listen , learn and celebrate our children. Your participation helps us to continue to build upon our inclusive and supportive environment.



Parking outside School.

We have received communication from Trafford council that they are going to be carrying out some extra checks around our yellow markings at school and I wanted to make all parents aware of this. As part of Trafford's ongoing commitment to improve safety and encourage active travel around schools, they are enhancing enforcement of the 'School Keep Clear' road markings outside our school. They will be using a camera car to record vehicle registration plates across several schools in the run-up to the Christmas holidays. The yellow zig zag markings and associated signs are intended to ensure safe and clear access for pedestrians and cyclists, reducing congestion, and help create a safer environment for all travelling to school. As you may be aware, they do enforce these via usual foot and bike patrols and while these will continue, the camera car offers wider flexibility and operational efficiency to help them cover more schools. Please do not park or stop in these areas — it is about protecting our children on their way to school. **#SchoolSafety**



Christmas Fair—Friday 5th December

The Friends of Holy Family would be grateful for the following donations for the Fair over the next few Fridays:

Friday 14th November- **Coloured food for the hampers (please see poster for your year group colour)**

Friday 21st November - **Unwanted gifts**

Friday 28th November - **Sweets and Chocolates**

Friday 5th December - **Bottles**

The children will wear their **own clothes** on each of the Fridays. Thank you



Have you paid your building fund?

For the Building Fund, we ask for a donation of **£15 per child at school**.

Funding for repairs to our school building comes via 90% from public funds and 10% from the Diocese. We have benefited from this fund in recent years including a whole replacement roof project over 4 phases and a toilet refurbishment in lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. We are currently waiting to hear if we will receive funding for our refurbishment project.

We rely on your voluntary contribution towards this fund. Any arrears must be paid for from our school budget. Our budget, like everything is tighter than ever, but we use this money to ensure children have resources to support their learning. If you can donate, please do. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dates to Remember for the Autumn term

NOVEMBER

- 10th Flu Vaccinations
- Wear odd socks for the theme 'Power For Good' for Anti Bullying week
- 11th 9.30—10.30 am Open Morning
- 13th 9.30am Y5 at Mass
- 16th 10am Enrolment Mass for Sacramental Programme at Holy Family Church
- 18th 3.15pm Sacramental Programme begins
- 19th 1.30—2.30 pm Open Afternoon.
- 20th 9.30am Year 4 at mass
- 26th Pantomime visiting the school
- 27th 9.30am Y3 Mass



DECEMBER

2nd	Early Years dress rehearsal
3rd	9.15am Early Years Nativity—parents and families are welcome to join us
4th	9.30am Year 6 at mass
5th	Christmas Fair (further information to follow, please see poster at the end of newsletter)
8th	9am Advent assembly
10th	9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert
11th	Christmas Dinner Day—Children to wear own clothes with Christmas jumpers
12th	9.10am Parents in Values Assembly
18th	9.30am Whole School Mass
19th	Break The Rules Day
	1.30pm - Children finish for Christmas Break

ATTENDANCE

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
RECEPTION	93.0%	95.8%
YEAR 1	98.9%	97.6%
YEAR 2	99.0%	97.6%
YEAR 3	96.3%	96.9%
YEAR 4	99.2%	98.5%
YEAR 5	91.9%	96.2%
YEAR 6	94.9%	96.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.8%	96.9%

We're still sitting in the Amber Zone this week, that means we are doing well but we could be doing even better!

Well done to all classes for not being in the red zone at all this week. A special mention yet again for Year 4 for their very good attendance. Can any class beat Year 4 as they have been the best attending class for a couple of weeks?

Every day in school counts and being in class every day helps our children to learn, grow and feel connected.

Upcoming Events

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

EYFS OPEN DAY



Come and explore our vibrant EYFS classrooms at Holy Family – a warm, welcoming space where little learners thrive. Meet our dedicated team and discover what makes our early years setting so special

Tuesday 11th November
9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 19th November
1.30pm-2.30pm





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Friends of Holy Family present...

Quiz Night

Friday 7th November

7:00 PM
Adult only event

£5 per person entry
Max 8 players per team

Friends of Holy Family Christmas Fair

Donations

Children can wear own clothes in exchange for the following items...

- 14th Nov - Coloured Items*
 - N & R green
 - Y1 red
 - Y2 yellow
 - Y3 purple
 - Y4 blue
 - Y5 black
 - Y6 pink
- 21st Nov - Unwanted Gifts
- 28th Nov - Sweets & Chocolates
- 5th Dec - Unopened Bottles



*Coloured items are used to make hampers for the raffle. *Items could be edible treats, homeware, cosmetic, small toys etc

Friends of Walkden Gardens invite you to

Carols around the Dovecote



29th November 2025
12.30 – 3.45pm
Walkden Gardens, Sale, M33 3EL
Free entry All welcome
Local choirs, raffle, mulled wine& more