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Holy Family News

Hello everyone,

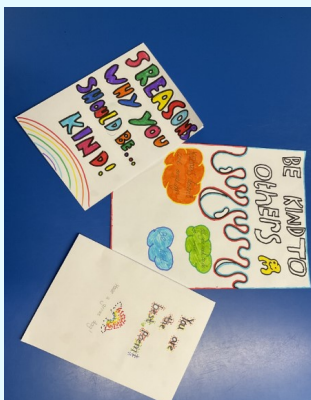
Today the children were part of an assembly and workshop led by an organisation called '52 Lives'. The aim of the assembly was to inspire the children and staff to be kind. They told the children that kindness has the power to change lives and change the world, whilst also improving your own wellbeing.

The children learnt that being kind helps:

- Us to have a healthier heart
- Slows down ageing
- Us to live longer

The children were told about kindness being contagious. They said just as a pebble creates waves when it is dropped in a pond, acts of kindness ripples outwards, touching others lives and inspiring kindness everywhere the wave goes. The children learnt that when you are kind to one person, that act of kindness will positively affect up to 125 people! WOW!!

Following the assembly, the children went back to class to make cards and posters for each other, teachers and family. There has been a lot of love for each other in school today!



Bible Buddies

As part of our Pupil Leadership development, we launched our Bible buddies today. A group of children in Year 5 visited Year 1 and read the Creation story to the children. They spent time asking the Year 1 children what they felt about the story and to see if the children understood how amazing this story is for our lives today. This initiative will build confidence in children, interaction and also develop the children's oracy skills. The Year 5 children will take it in turn to be a Bible Buddy for the Year 1 children.



Goodbye ...

On Friday 21st March we will say goodbye to Miss Williamson, our Nursery Teaching Assistant. Miss Williamson has been part of Holy Family School for over 10 years and she will be missed by us all. She has worked with the Early Years team to welcome and support the development of our young children. She is taking on a new exciting role closer to where she lives. We wish her lots of luck for the future.



Parent Governor

Parent Governors play a crucial role in school governance, ensuring high standards in all aspects of school life including attainment, health and safety and finance, whilst also offering a parental perspective. The term of office for a governor is a minimum of 4 years. When we have a vacancy for a parent governor we look at the skills set of our committee and ask for a candidate who can offer particular skills. We would want a parent governor who would be able to sit on the Finance and Premises Committee.

On our Governing Body we have two parent governors; Dom Crawford and Phil Manson.

Dom Crawford has served four years as a governor and his term of office is up. Dom is happy to stand again as a Parent Governor. Dom plays an active role both at the Full Governing Body meetings and on the Finance and Premises Committee.

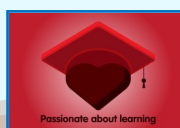
If you would also like to be considered to be a parent governor, please let Mrs Davison know by Monday 24th March . If we have more than one candidate then we will ask parents to vote.

ATTENDANCE

	This week's attendance W/E 14/03/2025	Last week's attendance W/E07/02/2025
Reception	94%	86.0%
Year 1	97.4%	96.5%
Year 2	90%	90.8%
Year 3	98.7%	98.7%
Year 4	97%	97.7%
Year 5	93.9%	94.5%
Year 6	92.7%	99.0%
Whole School	94.9%	95.8%

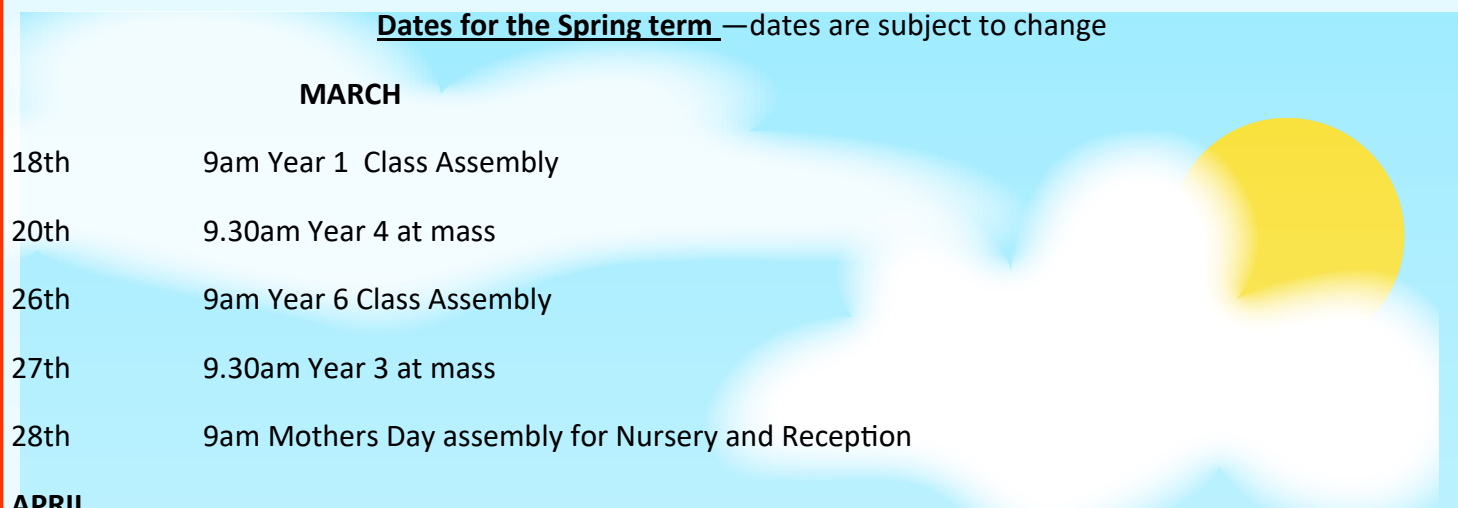
Over the last two weeks we have had some disappointing attendance. If a child can be in school, then they should be. We can offer to give the children Calpol if they are slightly unwell.

Please try to have children in EVERY DAY.



Dates for the Spring term —dates are subject to change

MARCH



18th	9am Year 1 Class Assembly
20th	9.30am Year 4 at mass
26th	9am Year 6 Class Assembly
27th	9.30am Year 3 at mass
28th	9am Mothers Day assembly for Nursery and Reception

APRIL

2nd	3.30pm—6.30pm Key Stage 2 Parents Evening
3rd	9.30am Year 6 at mass
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10th	9.30am Whole School Lenten Mass in church
11th	2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
14th	6.30pm Easter Story production
15th	School closes for Easter at 3.15pm
28th	School reopens

MAY

1st	9.30am Year 5 at mass
5th	BANK HOLIDAY—School closed
8th	9.30am Year 4 at mass
12th	Year 6 SATs all week
17th	10am First Holy Communion Mass at St Joseph's Church
21st	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood
22nd	9.30am Going Forth Mass at church—celebrating children who made their Holy Communion

MAY

- 23rd Break the Rules day—details to follow
2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
BREAK UP for Half Term

JUNE

- 9th School reopens
Phonics Screening for Year 1
Multiplication Check for Year 4
12th 9.30am Year 6 at mass

JUNE

- 13th 9am EYFS Father's Day assembly
18th 6pm New Nursery Parents meeting for September 2025
6.45pm New Reception parents meeting for September 2025
19th 9.30am Year 5 at mass
24th 9am Year 3 class assembly
25th Sports Day:
9.15am Foundation Stage 10.30 am Key Stage 1 1.30pm Key Stage 2
26th 9.30am Year 4 at mass
6.30pm Summer Music Concert

JULY

- 1st Moving up afternoon
3rd 9.30am Year 3 at mass
9th Moving up afternoon
7pm Year 6 play
10th 9.30am Year 6 at mass

Dates continued—dates are subject to change

- 16th 3.20pm—4pm Meet the Teacher—*chance to meet your child's new teacher*
- 17th 9.30am Mass for the whole school in church
- 18th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
- 21st 6.30pm Leavers Mass in church. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre
- 22nd 1.30pm Break up for the Summer holidays



Prayer for Lent

God our Father,
through our prayers, fasting, and acts of kindness this Lent,
help us to reveal your love to the people around us.
Open our eyes to see the wonder of your creation,
and open our ears to listen to the words of your Son.
Amen.

