



Holy Family News

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Hello everyone!

I just want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you for your kind wishes and thoughts this week. We genuinely are a family team of staff and this week we have been heartbroken and have struggled following the news of the death of Mrs Hancock's daughter, Niamh. Having the kind words and hugs have helped us to help your children. Mrs Hancock and her family are so appreciative of your thoughts and prayers too.

Thank you also to Angela and the Friends of Holy Family team who have supported us this week.

This week we celebrated our Key Stage 1 children who were absolutely AMAZING with their Christmas concert. The children's singing voices were the best I have heard for a long time. The children reminded us once again of the miracle of the birth of Jesus and how the Holy Family began. A big thank you to all the staff for working with the children on this production.



A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER.

Christmas Dinner day is always a busy time in school. The children really enjoyed their dinner with the Christmas songs being played. A big thank you to Wayne and Rose in the kitchen and also Miss Mullen who made sure the hall was full of sparkles and baubles for the children.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for the fair. It was so lovely to hear the buzz around the school. We are delighted to say we raised an amazing **£3,000!** Thank you to everyone, especially the Friends of Holy Family Committee for your time to ensure the fair was a success.



ADVENT

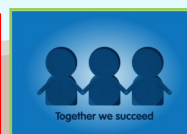
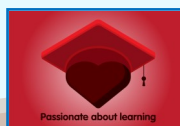
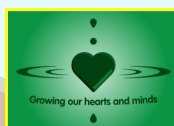
Advent continues for week 3 next week with the theme of **JOY**. Once again, we will be holding a special **assembly** on **Monday** where **parents and friends** are more than welcome to **join us at 9am**. The assembly will last for **20 minutes**.



ATTENDANCE

	Attendance for week ending 6/12/24	This week's attendance 13/12/24
Reception	96.4%	100%
Year 1	99.1%	98.1%
Year 2	98.3%	90%
Year 3	95.7%	96%
Year 4	96.7%	97.3%
Year 5	97.7%	97%
Year 6	95%	96%
Whole School	96.9%	96.1%

It is really important that we try to have at least 96% for attendance. We do know it is hard at this time of year.



STARTING IN RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Applications for Reception class must be made to the council where you pay your Council Tax by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

Both Trafford and Manchester councils have all the information you need on their website. Please make sure you have also completed our **supplementary form** which is available from the office. This gives us information on your child's religion which helps when we rank the children in accordance with our Admissions Policy. If you have any questions, please speak to the office and they will help you.

Trafford—[Primary school admissions](#)

Manchester—[How to apply | Apply for a reception class place for September 2025 | Manchester City Council](#)



I am sure you are all in the middle of your **Christmas shopping** or thinking about **holidays for next year**. If you shop online, there is such an easy way to make money for **Holy Family School** whilst you shop, by registering with **Easy fundraising**. Once you register with Easy fundraising, you choose Holy Family School and then you can shop at lots of places which will give a percentage of what you spend to us.

For example, I recently bought a light from John Lewis and made £1 for school.

Over the years that we have promoted Easy fundraising an amazing £4, 029.08 has been raised. Any support is appreciated. Thank you.



Dates for the Autumn term —dates are subject to change

DECEMBER

- 16th 9am Advent worship—Parents are welcome to join us
- 18th Catch up session nasal flu vaccinations
- 19th 9.30am Christmas mass in church—parents welcome
- 20th **1.30pm School Closes for Christmas break**

JANUARY 2025

- 6th School reopens for Spring term
- 9th 9.30am School Mass in church—everyone welcome
- 16th 9.30am Year 3 at mass
- 20th First Forgiveness Service in school
- 23rd 9.30am Year 6 at mass
- 30th 9.30am Year 5 at mass

FEBRUARY

- 6th 9.30am Year 4 at mass
- 7th NSPCC Number day
- 11th Safer Internet day
- 13th 9.30am Year 3 at mass
- 14th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
- School breaks for half term
- 24th School reopens
- 27th 9.30am Year 6 at mass
- 6pm Phonics evening for Year 1 parents

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MARCH

- 3rd 3.30pm—4.30pm Book looks for all parents
- 4th 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
- 5th Ash Wednesday
3.30pm—4.30pm Book looks for all parents
- 6th World Book Day
- 10th 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening for Early Years and Key Stage 1
- 12th 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening for Key Stage 1
- 13th 9.30am Year 5 at mass
- 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