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Holy Family News

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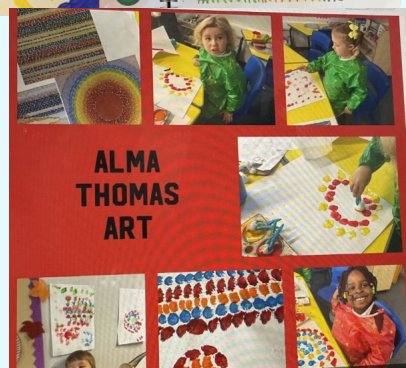
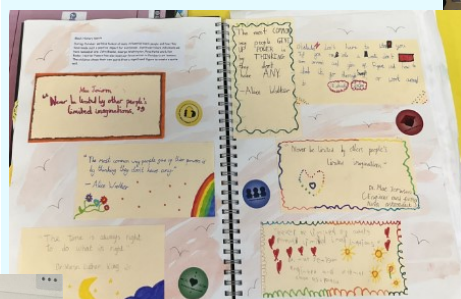
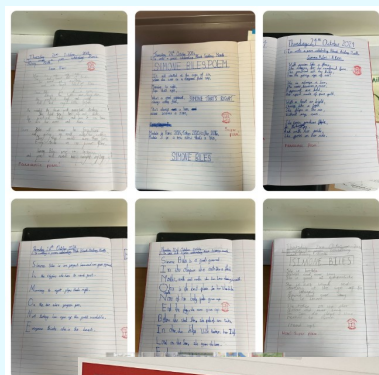
Hello everyone!

Well, we have made it to the end of an eight week half term! Thank you to all parents for your support this half term and I hope you enjoy some time with the children next week.

We return to school on Monday 4th November.

During October we celebrate Black History Month by looking at some significant figures focusing on how they have made a positive impact in society. In Art lessons the children have also looked at some artists such as Harriet Powers and Simone Leigh.

The theme for this year's Black History Month was '**Reclaiming Narrative**'. This has been an important focus for us to review some points in our curriculum which needed more clarity. Thank you to our parents who have helped to advise us on important aspects of history.



How is your child doing in school?

We have got the book looks when we return after the half term. The book looks are for you to have some time to look through your children's work and see their learning since they joined their new classes. The book looks will be in your child's classroom. Please wait for the children to be dismissed before going into the classrooms.

The book looks will be:

Monday 4th November between 3.30pm and 4.30pm

Wednesday 6th November between 3.30pm and 4.30pm

Monday 18th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm

Parents' meetings for Nursery and Reception will take place in the hall on:

Monday 18th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm

Parents' meetings for Year 1 and Year 2 will take place in the hall on:

Monday 18th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm

Parents' meetings for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take place in the hall on:

Wednesday 27th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm

Thursday 28th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm

Details on booking the parents' meetings have been sent out on Parentmail. If you have any issues booking an appointment, please contact Mrs Scerri and she will help you. **All appointments will be 10 minutes long.**

If your child has a Personal Provision Plan, your child's class teacher will contact you to make an appointment to review these and discuss your child's progress so you do not have to make an appointment on Parentmail.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

It is important that children who have been sick and/or had diarrhoea stay at home until they have been **48 hours clear of symptoms**. We understand this is hard for parents, but we need to think of the staff and pupils. We follow Public Health guidance. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources>



Harvest Mass—Thursday 7th November at 9.30am

All family members are welcome to join us for mass.

Thank you for the donations that have already come in. For our **Harvest mass** we would be grateful if we could have **donations for the foodbank**. Suggested donations are:

Nursery and Reception—Teabags and coffee

Year 1— Breakfast cereals

Year 2—Toilet rolls

Year 3—Shampoo and bottles of cordial

Year 4—Tinned fruit and vegetables

Year 5—Packs of custard and jars of jam

Year 6—Rice pudding and cartons of long life juice

Thank you in advance for your support with this charity.

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT IN AFTER HALF TERM



Shrewsbury Diocese Schools 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. We are currently waiting to hear if we will receive funding for our next toilet 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. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Applications to Secondary School

Applications for Year 7 for September 2025, **must be made to the authority you live in.**

If you live in Manchester and you would like to apply for a place in a Trafford School, you still apply to Manchester.

You need to include all your preferred schools on the application, including schools in other local authority areas. Authorities work with each other to make sure each child is only offered one place.

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2024.

Some schools may ask you to complete a supplementary form and return it to the school. These must be completed in addition to your application.

Blessed Thomas Holford, Loreto and St Ambrose will ask for a copy of your child's baptism certificate. If you are unable to find your copy, please contact the church where your child was baptised in advance of your application. We do not keep copies of baptismal certificates.

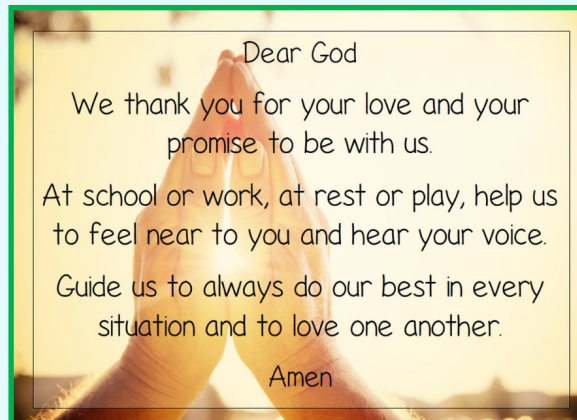
Please check the school website of the school you are applying to, to see if one is required.

The link for Trafford Admissions is: [Secondary school admissions \(trafford.gov.uk\)](https://trafford.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions)

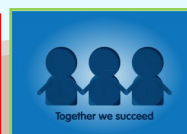
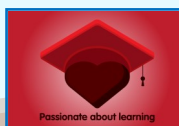
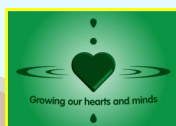
The link for Manchester Admissions is: [How to apply | Apply for a secondary school place | Manchester City Council](#)

ATTENDANCE

	Last week's attendance	This week's attendance
Reception	96.4%	95.5%
Year 1	99.6%	92.9%
Year 2	93.8%	95.8%
Year 3	99%	97.5%
Year 4	100%	93.8%
Year 5	91.3%	95.4%
Year 6	94.7%	95%
Whole School	96.3%	95.2%



Disappointing attendance last week. Let's hope we will see some greens on the attendance board after half term.



Dates for the Autumn term —dates are subject to change

OCTOBER

24th 3.15pm School closes for Half Term

NOVEMBER

4th School reopens

3.30pm—4.30pm Book Looks for Parents

6th 3.30pm —4.30pm Book Look for Parents

7th 9.30am Year 5 at mass

11th 6pm meeting for Sacramental Programme in hall

12th Height and Weight for Year 6

15th Wear something yellow to support the theme 'Respect' for Anti Bullying week

Flu Vaccinations - details to follow

17th 10am Enrolment Mass for Sacramental Programme at Holy Family Church

18th Parliament Week

3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Meetings for Early Years and Key Stage 1

19th 3.15pm Sacramental Programme begins

20th 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Meetings for Key Stage 1

21st 9.30am Year 3 at mass

26th Pantomime visiting the school

27th No pens day

3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Meetings for Key Stage 2

28th 9.30am Year 6 at mass

3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Meetings for Key Stage 2

Dates for the Autumn term continued—dates are subject to change

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- 2nd 9am Advent assembly—parents are welcome to join us
- 3rd Early Years dress rehearsal
- 4th 9.15am Early Years Nativity—parents and families are welcome to join us
- 5th 9.30am Year 5 at mass
- 6th **Christmas Fair 5pm—7pm**
- 7th Choir singing at Walkden Gardens—time to be confirmed
- 9th 9am Advent assembly—parents are welcome to join us
- 10th Key Stage 1 dress rehearsal
- 11th 9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert
- 12th Christmas Dinner—children can wear own clothes with Christmas jumpers
- 13th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
- 16th 9am Advent worship—Parents are welcome to join us
- 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