



Holy Family News

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Hello Everyone,

It's been another busy and enjoyable week at school! The week began with a Mini Vinnie Mass where our Mini Vinnie's came together from other local Catholic Schools to celebrate Mass. The rest of the week was full of wonderful learning and I got the opportunity to visit every classroom and see the fabulous learning taking place. Our Harvest collection has been fantastic and we came together with our fabulous parish community, to give thanks during our Whole School Harvest Mass on Thursday. We also celebrated World Mental Health Day and the school was full of cheerful pops of yellow to mark this important occasion and then finally, today we launched our Black History Month activities with an African Dancing workshop! It's been a jam-packed week but a fun one! We hope all of our families enjoy a well deserved, restful weekend!

Harvest Mass

Yesterday we celebrated our Harvest Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all the food and things we enjoy and to remember those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. It was a lovely gathering together with the parish.

Our children were fantastic carrying out their particular ministries from, reading to serving in Mass to being part of our school choir, well done to you all!

Thank you all for your very generous donations, these will make such a difference to families in our local community.

Our Mini Vinnies will be delivering these to the local food bank on Wednesday 14th October.



Mini Vinnie Mass

On Monday, our Mini Vinnies were delighted to come together with Mini Vinnies from other local Catholic schools for our start of the year Mass. It was a lovely opportunity to gather as a community and reflect on our role in turning all the care we have for others into meaningful action in the months ahead.

The children represented and we look forward to that the coming year will put our faith and care into

Our planning has already

Well done Mini Vinnie's



our school beautifully sharing all of our work bring as we continue to action together.

started!!

Mental Health Day

Yesterday, we celebrated World Mental Health Day and the corridors and classrooms were bright with yellow as we reflected on the importance of wellbeing and looking after our mental health. Each classroom did an activity to enable the children to talk about this and think of ways that they can make sure their mental health remains positive.

Thank you to everyone who donated £1.00 in support of this wonderful charity.



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Growing our hearts and minds

Passionate about learning

We care about respect

Together we succeed



Where is Jesus?

This week, it was Year 2's turn to search for Jesus around school and they were excited to discover that He had been in our Key Stage 1 playground, a place where our children play each day. Finding Jesus in a familiar place linked beautifully with our piece of Scripture and gave the children a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how Jesus is always with us, in the places we learn and play. Well done Year 2!



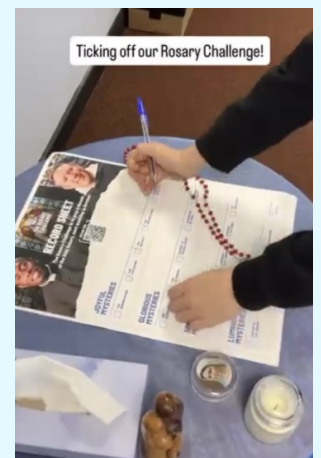
Kindness Disciples

Our wonderful Kindness Disciples were busy spreading a little joy and kindness in our community. They handmade beautiful yellow crosses, linked to our Young Minds awareness day, to share with our parishioners at Mass as a small reminder that a little act of kindness can brighten someone's day.



Rosary Challenge

We are continuing our Rosary Challenge at Holy Family and the children are enjoying learning more about the Rosary and praying together. Today, our lunchtime Rosary Club took place and it was wonderful to see so many children coming together to spend some time in quiet prayer. Why not find a little time to pray the Rosary together as a family during October.



Friends of Holy Family

The Friends of Holy Family need your help!! This group do so much to support our school, but we can't continue without more volunteers. Thanks to our amazing fundraising last year, we were able to fund the school pantomime, create our Prayer Garden, provide Leavers' Hoodies, pay for new flooring and furniture in EYFS and fund our Forest School area!

We would love to welcome more parents and family members to get involved. You don't need lots of time— every little bit of help makes a huge difference!

If you can help in any way, please speak to the school office or contact the Friends of Holy Family— Together we can continue to make a difference for our children!!!



Cancer Research Shine Walk.

This day last week some staff members came together to take part in the Manchester 10K Shine Walk, raising money for cancer research and remembering all those whose lives have been affected by this awful disease.

Sadly, cancer has affected so many of us, including Mrs Sharvin's Father, Aidan, and Mrs Burke's Mother, Jane, and so we were walking in their memory but also for all of our school families who have lost loved ones or have been impacted by it in some way.

If you would like to support us and make a donation, we would be incredibly grateful and all proceeds will help to support vital cancer research.

Please follow the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/holy-family-1>

Or speak to Mrs Curvis in the office should you wish to contribute.

We will let you know our total before half term.



Boys Football

Over the past few weeks, our boys have been representing our school on the football pitch and we couldn't be prouder of every single one of them!

They have shown fantastic teamwork, resilience and determination while demonstrating our school values in abundance. A huge well done to all of you for representing Holy Family and a big Thank you to Mrs Talbot, Mrs Scerri and to you, the parents for your support.



Applications to Secondary School

Applications for Year 7 for September 2027, **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 2026.

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 web address for Trafford Admissions is:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Secondary/secondary-school-admissions.asp>

The web address for Manchester Admissions is:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions.

Celebrating Black History Month Through African Dance.

Today we launched Black History Month through the vibrant rhythms and rich traditions of African dance. This was a great opportunity to learn about this culture through music and movement and celebrate the beauty of cultural diversity.



Maths Workshop



Mrs Eddie will be holding a Maths workshop for KS2 parents just before pick up on Thursday 15th October. All are welcome to come along and see teaching strategies for Maths that will help parents to support their children at home.

Or just come along for a coffee and a chat about Maths!

You will be able to collect your child following the workshop.

Thank you.

Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair– We need your Help!

The friends of Holy Family are looking for donations of raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair.

If you are able to donate a prize, or if your workplace offers 'Match Funding', we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

Every donation will help us to raise more funds and go towards supporting our wonderful school and children

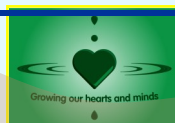
Thank you for your continued support.

The Friends of Holy Family.

Thank You

We have been so grateful for all of the cards, treats and kind words you've shared with us following our amazing Ofsted report. Your support means so much and we really couldn't wait to share our fantastic news with you all!

Keep your eyes peeled for updates to our website and don't forget to spread the word about our upcoming open days on 11th November and 19th November. We would love to welcome even more families into our family.



AUTUMN DATES



12th	3.30-KS1 Parent/Teacher Meeting
15th	World Values Day (Children to come in dressed in Values Colours) 2.45pm Maths workshop for parents Year 3-6.
16th	9.05am Parents in for Values Assembly
16th	9.30 am Year 2 'Stay and Pray' Parents Welcome to join.
16th	Show Racism the Red Card Day—children to wear a red accessory.
19th	3.30-KS2 Parent/Teacher Meeting
21st	3.30-KS2 Parent/Teacher Meeting
22nd	8.30-9.00 'Stay and Share' Parents welcome into classrooms to look at books. 3.15pm Finish for Half Term / Break the Rules Day

NOVEMBER

2nd	School reopens
5th	Year 6 Mass
9th	Flu Vaccinations
11th	9.30-10.30 am Open Morning for prospective parents
12th	6pm meeting for Sacramental Programme in hall
13th	Year 3 'Stay and Pray' Parents Welcome to join.
16th	Anti—Bullying Week at HF.
19th	Year 4 1.30-2.30pm Open afternoon for prospective parents
20th	Year 1 'Stay and Pray' Parents welcome to join.
23rd	Parliament Week
26th	Year 3 Mass
27th	Pantomime visiting school
30th	9.05am Advent Liturgy Year 6 Children to lead (Parents welcome to join us)

DECEMBER

1st	Early Years dress rehearsal
2nd	9.15am Early Years Nativity—parents and families are welcome to join us
3rd	Year 6 Mass
4th	2-3PM EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon.
7th	9.05am Advent Liturgy Year 5 Children to lead (Parents welcome to join us)
9th	9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert
10th	Christmas Dinner, children to wear Christmas jumpers.
11th	9.05am Parents in Values Assembly
11th	Christmas Fair
14th	9.05am Advent Liturgy Year 4 to lead (Parents welcome to join us)
15th	Rocksteady Concert for parents
16th	3.30pm Carols in the Prayer Garden (Parents and parishioners to join)
17th	9.30am Christmas Mass
18th	8.30-9.00am 'Stay and Share' Parents in to look at books
	Break The Rules Day and End of Term. Children finish at 1.30pm

ATTENDANCE

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
RECEPTION	97.4	97.9
YEAR 1	82.5	88.8
YEAR 2	83.6	86.4
YEAR 3	96.4	96.4
YEAR 4	97.1	94.6
YEAR 5	96.1	89.1
YEAR 6	98.5	96.8
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.9	93.6

I have not shared our attendance figures recently, as I was hoping to see an improvement. However attendance has remained below the national average for a number of weeks since the start of term. This has always been a strong point of our school and it certainly needs to improve moving forward, so please ensure that your child attends school every day that they are fit to!

I will be contacting parents of children whose attendance is below 90% before the end of this half term to see if we can offer any support.

Thank you.

