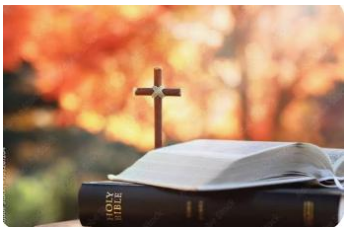
**Holy Family Catholic Primary School Catholic Life Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Holy Family,

As we journey through this school year together, we are reminded of the many blessings God has bestowed upon our Holy Family community. Each new day brings opportunities to learn, grow in faith, and strengthen the relationships that make our school such a special place. At Holy Family, we strive to live out the Gospel values in all we do, nurturing hearts and minds while encouraging one another to use our gifts in service of others. As a community rooted in faith, hope and love, we look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead, trusting in God's guidance and presence every step of the way.

**Scripture Focus: Living as God's Family**



This term, we reflect on the words of Jesus:

"Love one another as I have loved you."

John 13:34

At Holy Family, we strive to live as a community rooted in love, kindness and respect. We encourage our pupils to show compassion, serve others and recognise Christ in those around them. Through prayer, worship and daily acts of generosity, we put our faith into action and help to build a school where everyone feels valued, welcomed and loved.

**Faith in Action: Living the Gospel**

Our Catholic Life this term focuses on our responsibility to care for God's world and to be good stewards of the gifts he has entrusted to us. Inspired by the words of Scripture:

**"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."**

**Genesis 2:15**

We are encouraging our pupils to recognise that caring for creation is an important part of living out our faith. Through our learning, prayer and daily actions, we are exploring how we can protect our environment, show respect for God's creation, and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Our Mini Vinnies have embraced their roles with great enthusiasm and have already begun making a wonderful contribution to our school community. Their commitment to serving others and caring for those in need has been inspiring, and we look forward to seeing the impact of the projects they will lead throughout the year. Together, we continue to put our faith into action by showing kindness, generosity and care for our common home.

**<u>Mini Vinnies</u>**

Some of our Mini Vinnies representatives began the year with a beautiful Commissioning Mass at St Hugh's, joining pupils and staff from other local schools. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, prayer and fellowship as they were commissioned for their important role of serving others in the spirit of St Vincent de Paul. The celebration inspired our children to embrace their



mission of helping those in need and being witnesses of Christ's love within our school and wider community. They have returned full of enthusiasm and are already making a positive difference through their ideas, commitment and dedication to helping others.

This month our Mini Vinnies had the opportunity to deliver the very generous donations from our families to Trafford Food Bank and learn how these donations help the people in our local community. They rolled up their sleeves and helped to sort and prepare food parcels, which are now ready to go to families who need them in our local community. Well done Mini Vinnies, you are truly putting care into action!



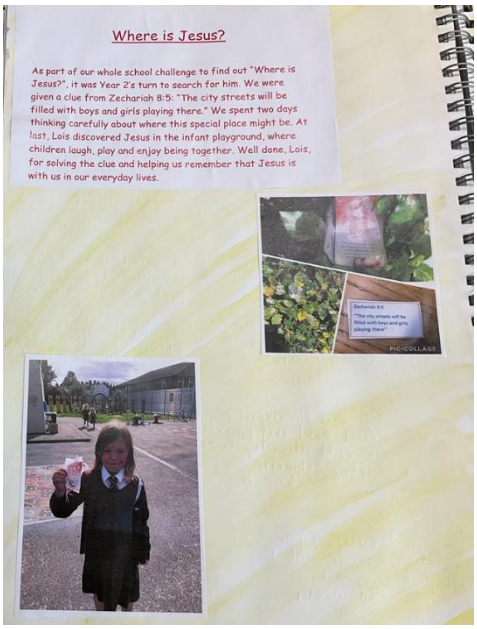

At Holy Family, every child is a Kindness Disciple, called to follow the example of Jesus by showing love, compassion and respect to everyone they meet. Through their words and actions, our children strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others, demonstrating kindness, forgiveness and generosity each day. By living out our Gospel values, they help to create a welcoming and caring community where everyone feels valued, supported and loved. Here are some examples of what our 'Kindness Disciples' have been doing this half-term.







Thank you so much for getting involved with #HelloYellow this year!
We couldn't be more grateful for the support. From YM ♡




Where is Jesus in Our School?

As part of our Together We Pray sessions, the children take part in a special activity called 'Where is Jesus in Our School?' Hidden around different areas of the school are small statues of Jesus, each accompanied by a piece of Scripture. The children search for these throughout the week and, when they find one, take time to read and reflect upon the Gospel message it contains.

These moments of reflection encourage the children to think about how Jesus is present in our daily lives, in our relationships with others and in the choices we make. During Together We Pray, pupils share their thoughts, discuss what the Scripture means to them and consider how they can put Jesus' teachings into action within our school community.

This simple yet powerful prayer experience helps our children to recognise Christ's presence all around them and reminds us that Jesus walks alongside us each day, guiding us to live with kindness, compassion and love.



**A Reflection for Autumn**

As the colours of autumn surround us and the days begin to shorten, we are reminded that every season brings its own gifts and opportunities. Autumn invites us to pause and take notice of the beauty of God's creation, giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy each day.

In the busyness of family life, it can be easy to rush from one task to the next. This season offers us a chance to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the moments that matter most: time with loved ones, acts of kindness, achievements both big and small, and the love that surrounds us within our families and community.

As we continue our journey through this school year, let us encourage our children to be grateful for God's gifts and to care for the world He has entrusted to us. Through small acts of compassion, generosity and service, we can all play our part in helping others and caring for our common home.

**Prayer**

Loving God, we thank You for the beauty of autumn and for the many blessings You give us each day. Help us to be thankful for our families, friends and school community. Guide us to care for Your creation and to show kindness to those around us. May we always recognise Your presence in our lives and share Your love with others. Amen.

We hope you all have a lovely, restful half-term.

With prayers and blessings.

The Holy Family Team.