

Holy Family Newsletter

20th July 2023

Dear Parents

What a busy Term 6!

Sports week was a great success! Thank you to EPIC for providing our workshops.

Our football team had great sporting success reaching the Finals day of the Year 3/4 football league and came third overall against schools from across Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

We had an incredible Year Five choir performance at St Bede's where they joined up with other Catholic schools from the Diocese and performed a number of hymns and some Disney classics! They sang beautifully and did the school proud!

Year Two have had a visit from 'Florence Nightingale' who taught them all about the Lady with the Lamp and how she was greatly appreciated for everything she did for nursing, and for saving the lives of thousands of people. They had a fantastic time and behaved impeccably!

Reception and KS1 battled the weather and had a morning at Little Stoke Park where they enjoyed the (wet) outdoors and did lots of activities such as orienteering. They were incredibly well behaved and did themselves proud. Thanks to all volunteers who came with us and to the staff for organising.

We had two wonderful performances of Pirates of the Curry Bean by Year Six. The acting, singing and enthusiasm of the children absolutely blew us away and it was one of the most memorable shows for years - we are so proud of all of them. Thanks to Mr Marshall and the staff for their hard work in putting it together. Year Six also had their retreat at Christ the King which was another lovely day where they reflected on their time at Holy Family and looked back at all of the memories they have made together over the years. Year 6 also hosted parents at an afternoon tea which was very well received by all who attended.

Years 1 & 2 took part in a Caribbean steel pan workshop and were a credit to the school. Continuing our music theme—we are very excited to have the opportunity to host keyboard lessons during school time for children in Year 2 and above. The cost will be £66 for 11 lessons. There are a limited number of places. Please look at Dojo post for details of how to book and pay. Guitar lessons will also continue next year—please see Dojo letter and ensure you have contacted Mrs Collins if your child wishes to take part.

We sadly say goodbye this week to Mr Walke who has been at Holy Family for six years. We thank him for his hard work and wish him a very happy retirement. We also say farewell to Miss Gunning who has been helping out in school and wish her success in her new role. We welcome two new Teaching Assistants in September—Miss Miskella and Mrs Keary, we hope they will enjoy working for us.

Our Leavers' Mass will take place tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

Thank you as always for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a very restful summer break. See you in September!

Mr Harding

Good Luck

We wish our Year 6 children every success as they progress to secondary school! Please come back to visit us in the future



Message from our Chair of Governors:

Dear Parents

I'm sure like me you can't believe we are at the end of another school year.

I would like to thank the Holy Family school community, staff and parents for making this a wonderful and successful year for the school. We started the year with a visit from Ofsted and ended the year with a fantastic school fair. Throughout the year the children have had many opportunities to show the wider community that they are the leaders of the future.

I would like to wish you all a restful break.

Best wishes

Tracey Turri

Kitchen

Progress on the kitchen is continuing well and they are on target to finish before we return! Our new catering supplier has sent out their menus from September, please see Class Dojo or our school website for full details. School meals will cost £2.40 for children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 unless they are entitled to free school meals (again, see Class Dojo post).

Fox Cubs & Breakfast Club

Our After School Care Club is getting busier. The club runs every day after school. Sessions can be booked until 4.30pm or until 6pm (5pm on Fridays). See website for full details of how to book.

Breakfast Club is also available each day from 7.45am—please contact the office for a booking form.

Dear God,

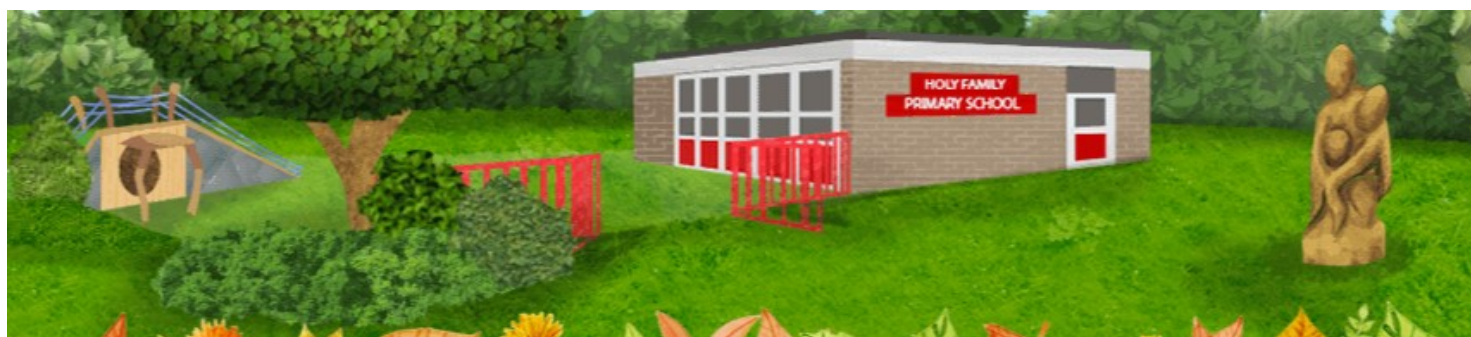
As we come to the end of this school year, we thank you for your faithfulness and provision. We thank you for guiding us through the challenges and obstacles we faced, and for helping us to grow in knowledge and character. We thank you for the teachers and classmates who have supported and encouraged us along the way.



As we look back on the past year, we recognise our achievements and our failures. We pray that you would help us to learn from our mistakes and to continue to grow in wisdom and understanding. We pray that the lessons we have learned would stay with us and guide us in the future.

We ask for your blessings upon our staff and children. We pray that you will guide and direct them in the next steps of their lives and that they will continue to grow in knowledge and faith.

Finally, we offer our thanks and praise to you for all that you have done and all that you will do. May your love and grace be with us always.



Summer Holidays

There is still availability for a wide range of clubs running in the summer holidays through the South Glos Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF).

Places are fully funded for all children aged 5-16 on who receive free school meals.

Watch these short videos where parents, children and young people share their feedback on what the HAF clubs mean to them.

Parents' feedback: <https://youtu.be/6tz8NNyokJc>

Children's feedback: https://youtu.be/Jg_fSlrSqx8

For full details and to book your places, visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

Important Dates:

Friday 21st July	9.30am End of Term Mass
Friday 21st July	End of Term 1.30pm
Friday 1st September	School closed for In Service Day
Monday 4th September	School closed for In Service Day
Tuesday 5th September	Term 1 begins at 8.45am
Thursday 7th September	Beginning of Term Mass in Church at 9.30am
Wednesday 13th September	Year 4 Class Mass
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 2 Class Mass
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	In Service Day—school closed to children
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 1st November	All Saints Day Mass in Church 9.30am
Thursday 14th December	9.30am End of Term Mass in school
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2
Monday 18th December—Monday 1st January	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 2nd January	In Service Day—school closed to children
Friday 5th January	Feast of Epiphany Mass in Church 9.30am

All dates are available on our website.

