Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Friday 13th November 2026

A very poignant week, incorporating Remembrance Day and ending with a visit from Pudsey Bear!

Attendance & Punctuality:

Year 1 has the best attendance this week with 98.9% and they also have 100% punctuality



Leave in term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis.

A reminder that we have a new dedicated email address for reporting absences. Please contact
attendance.hfp@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Leave of Absence Requests:

If you need to request leave during term time please use the form which can be found here:
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/2024-2025-3/



Our Values of the Week:



Each week in school we focus on Different values. These are supported with Picture News, Class Worships & discussion. Please click on the links to read what the children have been doing in class.

Individual Liberty/ Rule of Law
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/catholic-social-teaching/

Life & Dignity/Religion & Belief
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/y1-y6/

The Religious Life of School:

Our final Stay & Prays this term in school will take place at 9am:
Y1 – 24.11.26
Y2 – 26.11.26
EYFS (Reception & Pre-School) – 01.12.26

You can read 'The Wednesday Word' at:
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/page/?title=2026%2D2027&pid=338

On Friday 4th December, KS2 will walk over to Church for the Advent Mass at 9.30am. In the afternoon, Fr Kevin will be in school, to celebrate Advent with our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children at 2pm. All of our Reception & KS1 parents are very welcome.

All of the dates are on our calendar:
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/page/?title=2026%2D2027&pid=337

A Family in Christ update…….

The end of October marked six months since the launch of Archbishop John Sherrington's vision for the future of Catholic education under the strategy: A Family in Christ: Our Future Together.



To mark this milestone, Archbishop John reflects on the progress made, lessons learned and the journey still to come. You can read the full article here:
https://us.list-manage.com/dHWgzSC414c?e=2d508d1d59&c2id=ffb10c06cd9d726a98e3fd0c513f140d

Job opportunity … we are recruiting lunchtime staff! We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated midday assistant to join our happy, successful school in the new year. You must be a friendly, polite, committed person who is well organised and dedicated to following our mission statement in your work. Application packs are available from the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Anti-Bullying Week: Break the Silence **please pay for workshops if you haven't done yet**

Monday 16th November:	Odd Socks Day for the launch of Anti-Bullying Week – ***all children to wear odd socks***
	Relax Kids
	Active Sefton: Y6 Mindfulness
	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 17th November:	Y3 Forest School. ***Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs***
Thursday 19th November:	SASWT: Anti-Bulling assembly
	Own clothes day – donations for FOHF fundraising
Friday 20th November:	Individual school photos – everyone in school uniform please
	Y4 group 1 Forest School. ***Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs***
Monday 23rd November:	Relax Kids
	Active Sefton: Y6 Mindfulness
	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 24th November:	9.00: Y1 Stay & Pray. ***All Y1 Parents welcome***
	Y2 Forest School. ***Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs***
Wednesday 25th November:	11.45am: Come Dine with Me – *confirmation emails being sent next week*
Thursday 26th November:	9.00: Y2 Stay & Pray. ***All Y2 Parents welcome***
Friday 27th November:	MUFTI Day for Holy Family Church Christmas Fair

More dates up can be viewed on our Google Calendar

Going for Green!

Good Attitude:

Brantley, Wadha, Toby, Deon, Isobel, Harper & Oliver

Good Achievement:

Hunter, Elena, Rosie, Noah, Hannah, Paddy & Nikola

Lunchtime:

Matilda & Sophie

TAS drop-in sessions

Sam from Team Around the School is restarting the drop-in sessions on Tuesdays from next week. She'll be available in school between 10am and 12noon. Just pop to the office if you'd like to speak to her.

Photographs….

You may notice something a little different about the photographs we share on our social media pages. To further strengthen our commitment to keeping our children safe, we are moving towards using more back or side-on photographs and pictures taken from a distance, rather than clear, full-face images.
We love sharing our children's learning, achievements and special moments, whilst always putting their safety and privacy first.

Parking: Just a reminder to park safely and considerately on the crescent and to take care not to damage the trees or their supports.

Primary School Admissions 2027:

Closing date for applications to start primary school in September 2027 is **15 January 2027.** Applications for places should be made online **https://www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions**
Scan the QR code to arrange a visit.



We also have some places still available in our preschool so if your child is 3 and would like to attend for a few sessions just get in touch.

FOHF

Next week on **Thursday 19th November** FOHF are holding an own clothes day. Children can wear their own clothes in return for a cash donation. The plan is to use this cash to fund the Christmas raffle. There will be 1 big raffle with tickets sold at all the small events (nativity, carol concert & craft night).

The raffle will be drawn at the end of term and the first prize will be a Christmas dinner hamper with everything from a meat joint and vegetables right down to the salt & pepper along with festive treats such as Christmas pudding and chocolates There will be 3 other prizes – a bottle prize for the grown ups, a chocolate prize for those with a sweet tooth and a toy/game prize for the children.

Christmas Craft, **Friday 11th December** – FOHF will be running crafts and activities like last year with the added bonus of a tuck shop, refreshment stand & lucky dip.

Parish News

The Parish Christmas Fayre is on Sunday 6th December after Mass. School are holding an own clothes day on Friday 27th November to support this. They would be very grateful for any donations of sweets, chocolates, biscuits and unopened toys or gifts.
They also run 2 groups and families from school are very welcome to pop along.



