



Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Friday 20th December 2024



A very busy, festive week in school – it has gone so quick! Starting with a beautiful Carol Service from KS2, Wake Up and Shake Up and then Party Day! Have a lovely Christmas and New Year from us all at Holy Family

Going for Green!

GOOD ACHIEVEMENT:

George, Amelia, Gabriella, Elsie, Oscar, Elsa & Jose

GOOD ATTITUDE:

Malik, Amber, Rebeka, Eva, Joris, Charlotte & Sharaya

LUNCHTIME AWARD:

Max & Ru

The Religious Life of School

Christmas Mass times at Holy Family Catholic Church:

Dec 24th 6.00pm and 8.30pm

Dec 25th 10.00am

Dec 26th 12.00 noon

We had a fun-filled and busy day on Thursday with grotto visits and Christmas parties! Thank you to our parents for helping to prepare the grotto....and of course to Father Christmas himself!



Primary School Admissions:

The closing date for primary applications for September 2025 is 15th January 2025.

Applications to be via Sefton County Council :

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-secondary-school-in-september-2025/>

If you know anyone who would be interested in our school, then please let them know to contact school to arrange to come and look around!

Don't forget to follow us on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569084964120>

and Twitter @HolyFamilyCP

Attendance & Punctuality:

Year 4 has won Joy the lion this week with 99.5% attendance!

The classes with the best punctuality this week are YR, Y2, Y3 & Y5 – well done!

The class with the best Punctuality for the half term is Year 3 they had an extra playtime today.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 7th January:

Thursday 9th January:

Tuesday 14th January:

Wednesday 15th January:

Thursday 16th January:

Friday 17th January:

Y1 Stay & Pray – straight from the yard, *please wait in the entrance*

Y2 Stay & Pray – straight from the yard, *please wait in the entrance*

Y5/Y6 Futsal @ Stanley – *details to follow*

Y3 Stay & Pray – straight from the yard, *please wait in the entrance*

Y1 Stay & Pray – straight from the yard, *please wait in the entrance*

For more dates see our School App & Google Calendar
<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/diary/grid/2024/10/>

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Return to School

Swimming starts – Y5

Conway Residential – Y6

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Our Citizenship Awards for this half term.....

Reception: William & Phoebe

Y1: Geon & Ella

Y2: Otis & Alice

Y3: Harper & Natan

Y4: Jacob & Gabby

Y5: Florence & Lucas

Y6: Rachella & Kacper S

Our Shining Stars



Well done Dylan
who has a swimming
certificate.



Well done Theo who
has a swimming
certificate.



Well done Vinnie
who has a darts
trophy.



Well done Mimi who
has a musical
theatre medal.



Well done Cobie-Jay
who has a swimming
certificate.



Well done William
who has a swimming
certificate.



Well done Ezra who
has a football trophy
and medals.



Well done Lillie who
has a dance medal.

Happy Birthday to you.....



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: SPRING TERM 2025

Spring Term after school clubs will run from:

(Spring 1): Tuesday 7th January Friday 7th February

(Spring 2): Monday 24th February to Friday 28th March

NAME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY AND TIME
Spring 1			
Miss Hilton	Times Tables Rockstar's	KS2 – 20 max	Tuesday 12.35pm-1pm
Miss Veevers / Mrs Carey	School Ambassadors / Mini Vinnies	KS1 and 2	Monday 3:30 – 4:15pm
Miss Crouch	Hub Club	Y2 (invite Only)	Monday and Tuesday 12:30-1pm
Miss Loveless	Mindfulness	Reception	Monday 12:30- 1pm
Mr Atkinson	Table Tennis	Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 3:30- 4:30pm
WLSSP - West Lancs Sports Partnership	Playground Leaders	KS1 and 2	Wednesday 12.30pm – 1pm
WLSSP - West Lancs Sports Partnership	Gymnastics	KS2	Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Miss Ashe-Wright / Mr Hassall	Netball (Mixed boys and Girls)	4,5,6	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30pm
Mrs Appleton	Lego Club	Y1 and 2 (max 30)	Wednesday 12:30 – 1pm
Mr Aylmer	Girls Football	KS2	Thursday 3:30-4:30pm
Mr Davies / Mr Hassall	Mixed Football	Y4-Y6 (60 kids Max)	Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm
Spring 2			
Miss Hilton	Numbots	Y1/2 (20 max)	Tuesday 12.35pm-1pm
Miss Veevers	School Ambassadors / Mini Vinnies	KS1 and 2	Monday 3:30-4:15pm
Miss Crouch	Hub Club	Y2 (invite Only)	Monday and Tuesday 12:30-1pm
Miss Loveless	Mindfulness	Reception	Monday 12:30-1pm
Mr Atkinson	Gardening Club	KS2 (Max 15)	Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Mrs Appleton	Reading Club	KS1 and KS2 (max 30)	Wednesday 12:30-1pm
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Football & Netball matches are arranged at mutually convenient times and the teams take part in local competitions. Participation in Children's University clubs is directly linked to good behaviour and good attendance. Please ensure your children are collected promptly from the relevant after school club – if they are picked up late twice they will be asked to leave and their place given to another child.



SEFTON



Winter Challenge 2024

Activity 1

Take part in the winter Reading Challenge by reading at least 3 books and registering online. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits.
wintermini.org.uk

Activity 2

Have a go at some indoor games. Check out the link below that has lots of ideas...you could do animal yoga, balloon volleyball, or pillow jumping.
<https://curiosityuntamed.com/31-indoor-pe-activities-one-for-everyday-of-the-month/>

Activity 3

Have a go at doing a Christmas themed Science experiment at home. There's lots to choose from...but check out the link below for ideas.
<https://gosciencegirls.com/christmas-science-experiments/>

Activity 4

Visit one of our Learning Destinations and write a 50 word review with some pictures. You can search for Learning Destinations by going on our website.
<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search/>

Activity 5

Complete the Christmas Emoji song challenge. You can find the challenge on the below website
<https://www.happinessishomemade.net/printable-emoji-christmas-songs-game/>

Activity 6

Get baking!
Have a go at some Christmas themed baking. Take a look at the website below where there are lots to choose from.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/kids_at_christmas

Activity 7

Get creative and make some decorations out of recycled materials. Check out the link below for some ideas. You could make a twig star, or a dried orange garland.
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/how-have-eco-christmas>



Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. Send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!