



Half term already - it has come around so quickly! Have a lovely restful week and we will see you recharged and raring to go on Monday 4th November.



Take care, from Holy Family



Going For Green!

GOOD ACHIEVEMENT

Olivier, Tommy, Freddie, Cristiano, Joris, Darcie & Kacper

GOOD ATTITUDE

George, Arthur, Oliver, Elsie, Roisin, Lillie & Quinn

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Ava & Tyler

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Year 6 parents you need to apply now if you haven't done already as the closing date for high school applications is 31st October.

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

If you would like to look around school or know anyone else who has a little one due to start please contact the school office to make an appointment.

There is more information on our school website

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/starting-school-in-september-2025/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone for your harvest donations. Fr Kevin led a lovely service on Monday and Compassion Acts collected the food for the food bank on Tuesday.



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between 01/09/2020 and 31/08/2021?

If so, your child is due to start school in September 2025!



You MUST apply for a school place online before 15 January 2025

For more information or to make an application, scan our QR code or go to www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk



Welcome to Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Southport..... we can't wait to show you around!



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTHPORT CREST, SOUTHPORT, PR8 2JU



The Governors and staff will have to create prospective children and parents to our school and visit our school. They will need to be able to make an appointment on 0151 934 3590 or email us at admissions@holyfamilyprimaryschool.org.uk



Holy Family Primary is a warm and welcoming place where people enjoy learning. (OFSTED: 24)



They were last staff and then to learn with support from their home, long term. (OFSTED: 24)



Popular book club (OFSTED: 24)



Relationships between our school and the local community. (OFSTED: 24)



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We can't wait to meet you!



We have a limited number of poppies in school which will be on sale after half term at the office during playtime.

Paper poppies - 50p

Reflectors - £1

Wristbands - £2

Slap Bands - £2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - Half term

Monday 4 th November	First day of clubs for this half term
Tuesday 5 th November	School nurses - Y6 height & weight
Wednesday 6 th November	Y2 trip - Bring Yer Wellies
Thursday 7 th November	Diwali Workshops
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day

Friday 15 th November	Choose Respect workshops
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd November	Come Dine with Me!
Friday 22 nd November	BBC Children in Need
Monday 25 th November	Road Safety week
Monday 2 nd December	Own clothes day for Parish fair
Friday 6 th December	Y5/6 Class Mass
Monday 9 th December	Advent Worship with Fr Kevin
Wednesday 11 th December	Clubs finished for this term
Thursday 12 th December	Y3/4 Class Mass
Monday 16 th December	Infant Nativity 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December	Junior Carol Service 6pm
Friday 20 th December	Well-being Wednesday
	Christmas Party Day
	Own clothes day
	End of term 1.30pm finish

For more dates see our School App & google calendar

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/diary/grid/2024/10/>

OPPORTUNITIES IN SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest so far, we really appreciate it. If anyone else would like more details or to get involved just pop into the office and have a chat.

Casual Midday Assistants:

We are adding to our bank of midday assistants that we call on if we ever need extra help. If you are interested in working the odd hour here and there to help over lunchtimes please call into the office for an application form and job description. The pay isn't amazing at £11.92 an hour but its lots of fun, the children are great and we're a busy and welcoming team of staff.

Listening to children read in school:

If you can spare a morning, or an afternoon, or even just an hour at the same time each week and would like to sit in school and listen to the children read we'd love to hear from you. You will need a clear enhanced DBS check which is quick and easy (we email you a link to an online form and you bring photo ID and proof of address to school once you've completed it) and doesn't cost anything.

FOHF:

There will be lots of opportunities to help at events, more information coming soon but please contact the office if you'd like a DBS completing.

The Frantastic Club!

Our wraparound care is open from 7.40am each morning until 5.30pm each evening and currently has spaces available. If you are interested in finding out more either pop into speak to Zoe at the beginning or end of the school day or email

admin.holyfamilyprimary@schools.sefton.gov.uk

<https://thefrantastic.co.uk/>



October half term Challenge 2024

Activity 1 Autumn Leaf crafts The Woodland Trust has a range of ideas for art and craft activities such as leaf animal pictures, an autumn wreath, leaf mobile and leaf crowns click this link for inspiration and then get outside to start your leaf collection! Autumn Leaf Crafts and Activities for Kids - Woodland Trust	Activity 2 AUTUMN acrostic poem Use this template Free Printable: Make a Fall Poem - My Allotment Grant (or make your own) Then write a poem about autumn using the letters A-U-T-U-M-N as a starting point for each line of your verse. Here are some examples...but make up your own original version to gain your credit! Autumn Acrostic Poems For Kids (mavinink.com)	Activity 3 Autumn Fun Facts Imagine you are explaining what Autumn is to an alien from outer space when their spaceship lands. Design a poster with 5 fun facts about Autumn. Don't forget to decorate your poster and make it look as appealing as possible! There are lots of ideas to help here https://wellbeingwithalyasia.com/kids-autumn-facts/	Activity 4 Bonfire night treats Get ready for bonfire night by trying out one (or more) of these delicious recipes! There are lots to choose from here, like fruit rocket skewers, doggy hot dogs and fireworks chocolate bark. send a picture before your yummy food gets eaten! https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/kids/bonfire-night/
Activity 5 BBC 500 Words Write your very own short story and enter the BBC 500 words competition. Stories need to be submitted by Friday 8 th November. For all details of how to enter and some inspirational tips follow this link 500 Words (bbc.co.uk) When you send a photo of your completed story, you will get 3 credits!	Activity 6 Get moving! Click on this link for some inspirational ideas for physical activities to take part in over the holiday 50 Indoor Physical Activities for Kids - Active For Life There are lots of ideas to choose from such as dancing, juggling, 'hot potato' catch, yoga, balloon keepy ups...get someone to take pictures of you taking part in 3 activities to gain your credit!	Activity 7 Amazing Astronomy Children's University has partnered with the Schools Observatory at Liverpool John Moores University and they have 2 exciting and meaningful scientific tasks for you to complete, choose either or do both! 1 credit for each! Keep a moon diary https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/this-is-to-do/keep-moon-diary Count the stars https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/this-is-to-do/count-stars	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Miss Loveless - Designated Safeguarding Lead,
Miss Hilton & Mrs Scott

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/safe-and-secure/>

Polish School

Saturday Polish School is a big hit and proving to be a valuable addition to our community. For more information contact the Headteacher, Renata Mielnik at The Polish Bakery, 50 Ash Street, Southport or email polskaszkolawsouthport@gmail.com

Shining Stars



Well done
Cristiano who
has a swimming
certificate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To everyone who had a birthday this week.



Headlice - please use half term as an opportunity to check your child's head for headlice/nits. If living lice are found please treat them twice, 7 days apart and comb frequently between treatments.

Christmas Boxes - we are sending Christmas Boxes to the underground school in Ukraine that we have twinned with. If you would like to fill a shoebox please send it into school by 5th November so they can be sent in time for Christmas. If you have some items but not enough for a whole box please send them in and we will fill boxes in school. [There is more information on the letter we emailed home on the 15th October.](#)

Wednesday Word:

R.E.

Check out our school website for this week's Wednesday Word.

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/autumn-2024/>

Parish Links:

<https://holysouthport.org.uk/>

The latest Church bulletin is available here
<https://holysouthport.org.uk/index.php/latest-newsletter>

Children's Liturgy is every Sunday during the 9.30am Sunday Mass. No need to book ... just go along and join in!

F.O.H.F.

FOHF help pay for lots of things in school, including membership to Children's University (and the coach for graduation), Spanish tuition in the infants and all the Christmas parties and present. There is an easy way to help with fundraising at no cost to you, just download the easyfundraising app and register as a supporter for our school. You don't need to buy anything just register before the end of October and FOHF will get £2 for each supporter. Look out for the FOHF newsletter after half term with details of activities and other fundraising.



Parking Can we please remind parents to park safely and consider residents, pedestrians and other road users! Zigzags are there for a reason and should not be parked on and there is never any reason for abusive behaviour.



Attendance

A huge well done to Year 2 who had extra play today as they have 100% punctuality this term - nobody has been late!

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

The classes with the best punctuality this week are Reception, Y2, Y3 & Y5 - well done!
Year 3 have won Joy the lion this week with 98.33% attendance

Year 5 have the best attendance so far this year with 96.73%

