



Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Friday 5th September 2026



Welcome back! We hope that everyone has had a lovely summer. It is wonderful see everyone back....and our new pre-school too! We look forward to a busy term....as usual!

Attendance & 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/>



The Religious Life of School:

Our Stay & Prays start in school on the 15th September, all beginning at 9am:

Y6 – 15.09.26

Y5 – 22.09.26

Y4 – 29.09.26

Y3 – 13.10.26

Y1 – 24.11.26

Y2 – 26.11.26

EYFS (Reception & Pre-School) – 01.12.26

Also, this half term:

19.10.26: Y5 Celebration of the Word @ 9am. All Y5 parents are welcome.

Forest School....

This term, Y4 will experience our Forest School during the first half term as we are preparing for Mr Hassall's Forest School assessment. After half term, all classes will get to access Forest School sessions. The dates can be found on our Google calendar. The children will need to bring long trousers / joggers, a long-sleeved top, wellies, waterproofs.

Staff..... This term we welcome Miss Bush to Pre-School, Miss Cartwright, Miss Phillips and Mrs Atkinson as Teaching Assistant in Reception and Miss Bayley to Y2 who will be working alongside Mrs Appleton. Unfortunately, Miss Loveless is not back in school yet.

Healthy Lunchboxes.... Please can we remind you that the children should limit sweets and chocolate bars or fizzy/sugary drinks in their packed lunches. All children should bring a water bottle with them every day (containing water not juice) and KS2 can bring a fruit snack or cereal bar with them for playtimes. Tuck is on sale on Friday's but if children want to bring their own it should be similar to what is sold, cereal bars, brioche, dried fruit or small biscuits - no chocolate bars. Children may occasionally be given sweets / a sweet as a reward in class; however, this will only be occasionally not a regular occurrence.

Walking home:

Y6 are allowed to walk home. if you feel that they are mature enough. Please complete the form via the link below. Children will not be allowed home alone without informing school.

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/request-for-permission-to-walk-home-alone/>

PE Days – your child should come to school in their PE kit on their allocated PE days. Children must be in correct PE kit, no logos. Children will be given spare kit if necessary.

Reception – Wednesday

Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday (swimming) & Friday

Year 5 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday & Wednesday

Our Values of the Week:



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

Rule of Law

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/catholic-social-teaching/>

Care for God's Creation

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/y1-y6/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th September:

8.45-9.00: Children's University Market sign up in the hall
12.30: Swimming starts – Y4

Tuesday 8th September:

1-3.15: Y4 Forest School – Group A. *Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs*

9.00: Y4 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

Wednesday 9th September:

9.00: Y2 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

Thursday 10th September:

9.00: Y3 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

Friday 11th September:

9.00: Y1 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

Monday 14th September:

9.00: Y6 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

12.30: Y4 Swimming

Tuesday 15th September:

9.00: Y5 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

9.00: Y6 'Stay & Pray' – *please wait in the entrance*

1-3.15: Y4 Forest School – Group B. *Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs*

Wednesday 16th September:

9.00: Reception 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

Thursday 17th September:

9.00: Preschool 'Meet the Teacher' – *please wait in the entrance*

More dates up can be viewed on our Google Calendar:

<https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/diary/grid/2025/05/>

Communication from school:

Over the summer our website management changed which means our communications now look different. Everyone should have received an invitation today to access the Juniper Education App. Please download & follow the instructions to register as messages will be sent through the app going forward.



Payments:

We would also prefer parents to make payments online using the SchoolGateway app whenever possible, although you are still able to pay by cash or card at the office.



Photo permission & contact information

It is important we have up to date information in school for your child. Please complete the google form at the link below with any changes to the photo permissions we have

[photo permissions](#)

If you need to amend contact details please email us at admin.holyfamilyprimary@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Fran's Little Learners.....

Our wraparound care is open from 7.40am each morning until 5.30pm each evening & 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 school.

TAS (Team Around the School)...

Sam will be in school next Tuesday morning from 9.15am. If you would like to see her please let the School Office know.



Sefton Family Hubs
Support, Grow, Thrive
www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs

Incredible Years Pre-School Parent Programme

A guide to understanding and managing the behaviour of young children aged 3 - 12 years!

STARTS: September 2026

FOR 14 WEEKS

For more information, please contact:

Kathryn on 07815463249

Alison on 07967640421

"The course changed my life. My son was angry and difficult. Now, he is calmer and can tell me about his emotions. I have more patience for him and we have a happier household."

PARKING! Just a reminder to be considerate when parking (and driving) on the crescent, we know it can be chaotic at pick up and drop off but please be kind to each other and considerate of the residents.

Please do not pull into the staff car park.

Lost Property:

Just a quick reminder about naming everything you child wears and brings to school. Jumpers, water bottles, bags etc. This helps us return any lost items to the correct child and prevents clothing from getting misplaced

Contacts:

thornton.fwc@sefton.gov.uk

North Locality

01704 532343

Central Locality

0151 282 1405

South Locality

0151 286 7807



Incredible Years Parenting Programme

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme is designed to strengthen parent-child interactions and promote positive attachments and support parents to reduce harsh discipline measures.



OVERVIEW

The programme is based on a parenting pyramid where the positive interactions form the foundations.

The programme is designed to encourage parents to make changes to the way they interact with their children and to reinforce positive interactions. There is a strong emphasis on parents' coping strategies and the programme was underpinned by social learning theory, which guides parents to consider their own behaviour as role models to their children.

The programme does include behaviour management strategies, but these are introduced later in the programme to allow the positive interaction between parent and child to develop and in many instances this reduces the frequency of behaviour which requires intervention

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EQUINOX SWISH & STITCH

Drop • Dine • Swap • Socialise



Wed 16 Sep • 5–9pm • Southport Market

Drop 5–6pm

Go get something to eat & Drink

Swap Open – 6–9pm

Bring upto 10 clean, good condition items –
summer or winter – no money involved, purely swap

Sustainable Fashion • Music • Changing Rooms
• Great Company

THE HEARTH

