



### HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### NEWSLETTER: MAY 2026

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

#### **May – Month of Our Lady**



During May, we reflect on the life and love of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary cares for us as a mother cares for her children. She prays for us and brings our prayers to Jesus, asking Him to bless us. Through her example, she helps us grow closer to Jesus, guiding us to live as He taught, so that we may share in His eternal life.

We ask Mary to pray for us

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

#### **RE TOPIC**

Our RE topics for this term are:

EYFS – Year 3: To the ends of the Earth

Year 4 – Year 6: Pentecost

#### **ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORMS**

Please ensure your children are accessing the various online learning platforms we have available, especially Whiterose '1 Minute Maths', Doodle Maths, TT Rockstars and Reading Plus.

#### **SATS**

SATS take place during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May. Year 6 children will be invited to school from 8.15am, so that they can begin to prepare for the day's tests.

#### **HOLY NAME UNIVERSITY**

At Holy Name, we want to celebrate the efforts made by our children by acknowledging their commitment to the clubs and activities they participate in out of school hours. Activities can include clubs which run in school or separate outside agencies but they must take place outside the normal school day. For every hour children attend a club one credit is earned. To graduate from The University of Holy Name with a bronze award, children need 30 credits. For silver award it's 65 credits and for gold award it's 100 credits.



We want as many of our pupils as possible to experience our annual University of Holy Name Graduation Ceremony. Children can invite their families to the graduation in July where graduates wear a cap and gown, just like in a 'grown up' ceremony. Graduates are awarded a certificate in celebration of their resilience, their commitment to learning new skills and determination to succeed.

Please email details of clubs/activities attended by your child, including photographic evidence (such as certificates, medals, trophies) to Mrs Lane using the email uni@holyname.liverpool.liverpool.sch.uk by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

Those children who reach the required number of credits to graduate in this year's ceremony will be sent an invitation after the deadline. Please note that credits are carried over each year so if not enough credits are earned this year, they are used towards next year's total.

### **BRING A PLANT TO SCHOOL DAY**

It's that time of year again when Mrs Cormack, Mrs Quinn and the Holy Name Gardeners make the school look wonderful. In order to help with this, can we ask for donations of anything gardening related (plants, seeds, compost, gardening tools) to be brought in to school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May please. This will be a non-uniform day.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The First Holy Communion Service will take place on Friday 1st May. The children have worked hard to prepare for the big day. A big thank you to Mrs Hughes for her hard work in organising the service and in delivering the after school Communion Preparation Classes.

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS/GOOD DEEDS**

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to our worthy causes. You raised:

Red Nose Day	186.50
NSPCC Number Day	163.82
Save the Children	84.60
Children in Need	276.92
Macmillan	549.50

### **REPORTING ABSENCES**

Please phone school before 8.45am if your child is going to be absent, stating the reason for the absence.

### **APRIL ATTENDANCE**

Group	% Attend
CLASS 1	89.4



CLASS 2	90.6
CLASS 3	95
CLASS 4	93.4
CLASS 5	93.1
CLASS 6	96.4
CLASS 7	95.9
CLASS 8	93.8
CLASS 9	97.1
CLASS 10	93.8
CLASS 11	95.6
Totals	94

The government target for attendance is 97% and while we understand that there is a lot of sickness around at the moment, if your child is well enough, please ensure that they attend school.

### **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (OUT OF HOURS)**

Please use the Arbor App to ensure your child has a place and to make payments. Miss Hunter in the school office will provide the necessary details. If you are still in arrears for fees, we would be grateful if you could settle the amount owed. If you owe money, it could result in your child losing their place. Any monies owed will be credited to your account. Cost for Breakfast club = £3 and After School Club from 3.15-4pm = £3; from 4-6pm = £7 per day.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

As we are having warmer, sunnier weather, please can we remind parents to take the following sun protection steps to ensure pupils enjoy the sun safely during the next half term;

- Provide your child/children with hat/sunglasses to wear outside.
- Apply a minimum SPF 15 sunscreen, daily (preferably one which requires a once-a day application at home). For those children with sensitive skin who need to re-apply during the school day, please ensure sun cream is clearly labelled with their name and put into a bag with a note from yourselves giving permission for it to be re-applied.

Also, for pupils who suffer with hay fever, please make sure over the counter medication is managed daily at home unless symptoms are severe and require prescription medication at which point you should speak to a member of staff with regards to the management of medication in school.

**Please make sure your child's name is on cardigans, jumpers, PE tracksuit tops and caps.**

### **PARKING**

Thank you to everyone who still has children attending at the moment for parking safely and not across the zig zag lines and over people's driveways. Thank you.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 1 May, First Holy Communions**

**Wednesday 6 May, SEND Drop-in**

**Friday 8 May, Bring a Plant to School Day (non-uniform).**

**Monday 11 May, SATs Week**

**Thursday 14 May, Ascension Thursday**

**Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 May, Y1/2 visit Anglican Cathedral**

**Monday 18-Thursday 21 May Bikeability Training (Y5)**

**School closes on Friday 22 May at 3.15 pm.**

**School reopens on Monday 8 June at 8.45 am.**