



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER : JULY 2026

End of Year Message from Mr Morris

Another wonderful year has come to a close, and what a special journey it has been. Together, we have grown, learned, and shared many memorable moments as a Holy Name family.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

We also look forward with great excitement to welcoming new children who will be joining our Holy Name family in September.

We give thanks for the strong partnership between staff, governors, parents, and carers, whose continued support and commitment make such a difference to our school community and, most importantly, to our children.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” — *Psalm 107:1*

Dear Lord,

We thank You for all the blessings You have given to our Holy Name family this year.

For the learning, the laughter, and the friendships we share, we are truly grateful.

Watch over our children and families during the summer break, and bring us back together safely with hearts full of joy and hope.
Amen.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/27

First Holy Communion – Information for the Next Academic Year

Children who will be in Year 4 and above in the next academic year and who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are warmly invited to take part in the programme. Registration forms will be distributed within the first few weeks of the new term.

Please note that all children must be baptised Catholics. For those who are not yet baptised, there is still time to arrange this over the coming months. We kindly ask



that Baptisms are completed by the October half-term to allow children to fully participate in the preparation programme.

If you have any questions regarding the Sacraments, please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs Hughes, who will be happy to advise and support you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TOPIC – DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

This topic helps children to understand the importance of building positive relationships with others, inspired by the teachings of Jesus. It encourages them to engage in respectful dialogue, value the dignity of every person, and learn from different people, cultures and faiths. Through encounter and reflection, children are invited to grow in love, understanding and community, living out Gospel values of kindness, respect and openness.

TRANSITION DAY - Wednesday 1st July

Our recent transition day was a great success, and our Year 6 pupils returned full of excitement after spending the day at their new secondary schools. It was wonderful to hear about their experiences, and we know they are now feeling more confident and ready to take the next step in their learning journey.

Across KS1 and KS2, children also enjoyed meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classrooms. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and to share in their excitement as they began looking forward to September.

As always, please be assured that a great deal of care, thought and consideration has gone into class placements. Staff have worked closely together to ensure that each child has been placed in the class that will best support their learning, wellbeing and continued progress.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and look forward to welcoming them back in September for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

ALLERGIC REACTION UPDATES:

We are also updating all the medical, allergy, conditions etc. records on our management system, ensuring Alder Hey contacts and care plans are up to date and checking where children are up to with things like being on the milk 'ladder' or any changes in reactions etc. Please use the Arbor App to update any allergy conditions, symptoms and treatment. A meeting will be arranged with the parent to then complete an individual health care plan. Any issues, please contact school.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

Polite Reminder: Please ensure birthday cakes are cut, ready to be given out. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SEPTEMBER 2026:

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to remind all families of the importance of maintaining high standards of school uniform.

All children are expected to return to school in September wearing the correct uniform, clearly labelled with their name. Our uniform plays an important role in promoting a sense of pride, belonging, and equality within our school community.

Full details of the required uniform can be found on the school website. If you are unsure about any aspect of the uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

<https://www.holynamecatholicprimary.co.uk/school-uniform/>

We thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children look smart and feel ready to learn each day.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (OUT OF HOURS)

Please complete the online form the week before to ensure your child has a place. If possible, pay online. Ms Hunter 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. From September, cost for Breakfast club = £4. After school, 3.15pm-4pm =£4. 3.15pm-6pm = £8.

As stated in our new Debt Recovery Policy, which can be found on the school website, if a family's arrears amount to more than £75, we will be unable to offer your children any Out of Hours Provision until payment is made in full or a payment plan has been agreed with the School Business Manager.

JUNE ATTENDANCE

Group	Percentage
CLASS 1	88.7%
CLASS 2	88%
CLASS 3	91.1%
CLASS 4	96.2%
CLASS 5	93.6%
CLASS 6	90.6%
CLASS 7	92.7%
CLASS 8	88.9%
CLASS 9	90.5%
CLASS 10	93.8%
CLASS 11	91.9%
Total	91.5%



We are becoming increasingly concerned about levels of pupil absence across all year groups. The Government's expectation for school attendance is 97%. While we recognise that illness can sometimes be unavoidable, we ask that, if your child is well enough, they attend school.

From September, in line with updated Government regulations, schools are required to take action following the first unauthorised absence. An unauthorised absence is defined as any absence that has not been approved by the Headteacher or where a reasonable explanation has not been provided by the parent (DfE, May 2022).

Current research clearly highlights the link between poor attendance and reduced future opportunities, including earning potential. We are committed to securing the very best outcomes for every child and preparing them fully for life beyond Holy Name.

We will continue to work in partnership with families to support and improve attendance, with the aim of ensuring all children achieve at least 97%.

Our attendance policy is currently being updated to include a more structured and graduated approach to improving attendance. This will be shared with families shortly and will provide clear guidance on authorised and unauthorised absences.

Working together—home and school—will always achieve the best outcomes for our children, and we greatly value your continued support.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised under current regulations. The Education Welfare Officer (EWO), acting on behalf of the Local Authority, may issue Fixed Penalty Notices to families where children are absent from school for the purpose of a holiday during term time.

We kindly ask that you take this into consideration when planning and booking holidays for the next academic year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs McLoughlin (Miss Boote) on your wedding. We wish you both every happiness.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We say a fond farewell to Mr Aylmer this summer as his contract comes to an end and he moves on to an exciting new career opportunity. We would like to thank him for his hard work and the care and dedication he has shown to the children in Class 8. We wish Mr Aylmer every success and happiness in his new role.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

Key Dates – July 2026

- **Tues 7th July 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Mass @ 2:00pm in Church (families welcome)**
- **Wed 8th July 2026 – Sports Day**
- **Thurs 9th July 2026 – Holy Name Graduation 1.30pm**
- **Fri 10th July 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am**
- **Tues 14th July 2026 – End of Year Mass (Whole School) @ 10:00am in Church (families welcome)**
- **Wed 15th July 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Disco**
- **Thurs 16th July 2026 – Year 6 SATs Results**
- **Fri 17th July 2026 – School closes at 1:15pm**
- **Wed 2nd Sept 2026 – Children return to school @ 8:45am**